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**ON THE COVER:** At the end of the 2016-2017 school year, St. Mary's said goodbye to several longtime faculty members. (Photo: Amy G. Partain)

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## From the President



As we conclude the 2016-2017 school year and look forward to 2017-2018, I am reminded of several quotes about change. President Kennedy once stated that, "Change is the law of life. Those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." In 2017 we celebrate our history, we commit to being great daily in all that we do, and we strive to lay the foundation for success for decades to come.

While it is sad that numerous staff and faculty have moved-on to pursue the next chapter in their lives, it is exciting to welcome so many incredible people into our family (please see page 8). We are blessed to welcome home [Mary Anne \(Grantz\) Aragon '67](#) and [Joe Muehlbauer '79](#) who have joined fellow alumni [Mike Biondini '66](#), [Tommy Darneal '99](#), and [Dr. Rebecca Keith '99](#) as members of our St. Mary's staff.

We remain committed to providing the highest-quality college-preparatory education (please see page 6) while reinforcing our Catholic identity (please see page 5), and we are resolved to providing the tools for our students to succeed as they move forward with their endeavors. Margaret Meade wrote, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

We strive to change the world by empowering young men and young women with the knowledge and tools to enact the needed change in our world. As St. Teresa of Calcutta once wrote, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." Let us all cast forth our stones and create the ripples of change to better serve our Lord in our chosen vocation.

In Christ,

Patrick Carter

President, St. Mary's High School



## Hyland Named New Principal



St. Mary's President Patrick Carter announced in May that Dave Hyland will assume the role of principal of St. Mary's High School. Hyland has been a member of our Pirate family for 22 years as a parent, softball coach, teacher, assistant principal/finance director, vice principal, and scheduler. "His experience, humility, and dedication to St. Mary's are irrefutable," Carter said.

## St. Mary's Voted Best Springs High School

St. Mary's High School was once again named the best high school in Colorado Springs in *The Gazette's* Best of the Springs Contest. This was the third year in a row that St. Mary's made the top three; finishing first in 2015 and third in 2016.



St. Mary's qualified eight students for the National Speech and Debate Tournament this year, which was held in Birmingham, Ala., in June.

## Forensics Qualifies Eight for Nationals

This year eight St. Mary's students qualified for the National Speech and Debate Tournament in Birmingham, Alabama, in June. Leah Hickert '17 finished third overall in World Schools Debate, while Colton Barta '17 finished 7th. Also competing at nationals were Anna Wahl '17 and Hannah LaMack '17 in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking, Brennan Zill '18 and Anna Snizek '17 in Congressional Debate, and Andrew Beaudoin '18 and Bradley Baker '18, who were alternates but both moved up to compete. Cole Ricke '17 was a second alternate.

## Baseball Team Visits Hospital

The St. Mary's varsity baseball team and coaches visited Children's Hospital in Denver on March 17. They met with children undergoing treatment and provided goodie bags for the patients they visited with.

## NAHS Entry Wins Third Year in a Row

The entry by NAHS officers and art teacher Karen Simkiss in the Pikes Peak Western Heritage Art Project Contest again won first place in May. It was the third year in a row that St. Mary's has taken first in this contest. Participating schools are provided a 6-foot plywood silhouette depicting a cowboy with his horse and must design their piece based on a specific theme. This year the NAHS used a variety of media to give the piece a three-dimensional look.



photo: Diane Torrence

The Art Honor Society won the Pikes Peak Western Heritage Art Project Contest in May for the third consecutive year.

## Drama Club Tackles 'Singin' in the Rain'

The seniors in the Drama Club decided they wanted to go out big by doing "Singin' in the Rain" as their spring musical. The production required several cast members to learn to tap dance and to engineer the technical aspect of the rain scene. What they produced was a feel-good, toe-tapping musical that audience members thoroughly enjoyed.

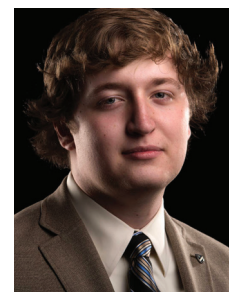


photo: Diane Torrence

Gilbert Noel Jr. '17, Isabella Recca '17, and Rohan Merrill '17 spread cheer with their "Good Mornin'" number.

## Kurtz Young Ambassador Finalist

St. Mary's Bradley Kurtz '18 was selected as one of eight finalists in the Colorado Springs Young Champion Ambassador program. As a finalist, Kurtz had to present a speech, personal portfolio, and an original creation representing his vision of Olympic City USA to a panel of civic and community leaders. The top selected Young Champion Ambassador will represent Colorado Springs in Ancient Olympia, Greece, in November as part of the Olympic Torch Lighting Relay in anticipation of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games.



## On Campus

### Students Help Nonprofit Make Toys for Children in Crisis

Students from St. Mary's Intro to Engineering Design class spent several weekends during the spring semester working with Wheels of a Dream making wooden toys.

Wheels of a Dream provides traditional, handmade wooden toys for children in need by giving the toys to area hospitals, the police department, the fire department, and TESSA. In less than a year, Wheels of a Dream has provided about 1,000 toys for children in crisis.

"Working with Wheels of a Dream combines our engineering skills with our broader Catholic identity to help those in need," said Mike Kloenne, STEM teacher. "I think it's key to bring those things together."

Working with Wheels of a Dream was optional for Kloenne's students, but one he felt was valuable to them. Not only did it mesh their education with their Catholic identity, it also allowed the students to gain hands-on experience in toy making that helped with their end-of-semester project.

Those who participated spent several Saturday mornings with Jim King and Otis Moreland, who run the nonprofit. King and Moreland taught the St. Mary's students how to use safely the woodworking equipment and suggested fresh ways to get quality results.

"I think working with Wheels of a Dream helps the students understand the total process by seeing it in action. They see the toy being made from A to Z," Kloenne said. "That's what our class does—brainstorm ideas, decide which ideas to pursue, research to support our decisions, design it on a computer, then make it. It's always more satisfying to hold something in your hand and say, 'I made this,' than it is to just show a computer model."



Jim King, second from left, of Wheels of a Dream shows St. Mary's engineering students the best way to sand down the toys they made.

### National Chemistry Olympiad



St. Mary's again qualified two student as National Chemistry Olympiad finalists. St. Mary's has qualified the maximum number of students (two) in seven of the last eight years. This year's finalists were Halle Smith '18 (left) and Danielle Loftis '18 (right).

### Spanish Students Visit Argentina

The trip included spending a day at a high school, El Colegio de San Martin, said to be the highlight of the trip. The final couple of days of the trip were spent at Iguazu Falls near the Argentinian border with Brazil and Paraguay. These falls are some of the largest in the world and were another highlight of the trip.

### Students for Life Club Collects Baby Items

Rich Bennett, president/CEO of Life Network, attended the St. Mary's Students for Life April meeting to talk to the students about Life Network's mission and to thank the club for the donations that were collected during this year's Baby Drive.

### 30 Participate in March for Life

St. Mary's was well represented at the March for Life in Washington, DC, in January. Thirty students, including six members of the school's Students for Life Club, participated. There were also several St. Mary's freshmen, who last year as eighth graders at Divine Redeemer won Bishop Michael Sheridan's Respect Life contest. While in DC, the Students for Life Club members attended the East Coast Students for Life America Conference. The St. Mary's club was nominated for the Students for Life of America High School Group of the Year Award. While they didn't win, the club members said it was wonderful to meet so many other great groups.



St. Mary's and the Diocese of Colorado Springs was well represented at the March for Life in Washington, DC, with 30 students participating.



# St. Mary's Hosts Vocation Day for Teens

Living one's faith is the top priority for Christians everywhere. However, busy lives and an array of choices can make it difficult to know the best way to live that faith. That's why St. Mary's High School hosted Embrace 2017: Vocations Day in January. The event, held as part of Catholic Schools Week, sought to help the Catholic youth of Colorado Springs learn to discern God's will for their lives as they continue their faith journey.

Through activities and speakers, Embrace 2017: Vocations Day showed students in fifth through 11th grades ways to live out their Catholic identity, how to connect with God on a deeper level, and how to say 'YES' to Him regardless of which Catholic vocation (single, married, or religious) they pursue in life. The event was free and open to all students, including those who are home schooled or attend public school.

While a new event for St. Mary's High School, Embrace events have been blessing the students at St. Peter Catholic School in Monument for four years now. Embrace 2017 was spearheaded by Patti Morgan, who also planned the events at St. Peters. This year Morgan and her daughter, a freshman at St. Mary's, were excited to bring Embrace to high schoolers as well as middle schoolers.

"We ask our kids what they want to be when they grow up, and expect answers like a teacher or doctor," Morgan said. "How about becoming a saint? That's what God wants each of us to be. Our youth need to understand that it is how they live their lives (and God's grace) that will get them into heaven where they'll be saints."

The theme of Embrace 2017: Vocations Day was: "Being Catholic isn't just my religion, it's my identity. Learn it! Live it! Embrace it!" Morgan said the theme was carefully chosen, and the speakers'

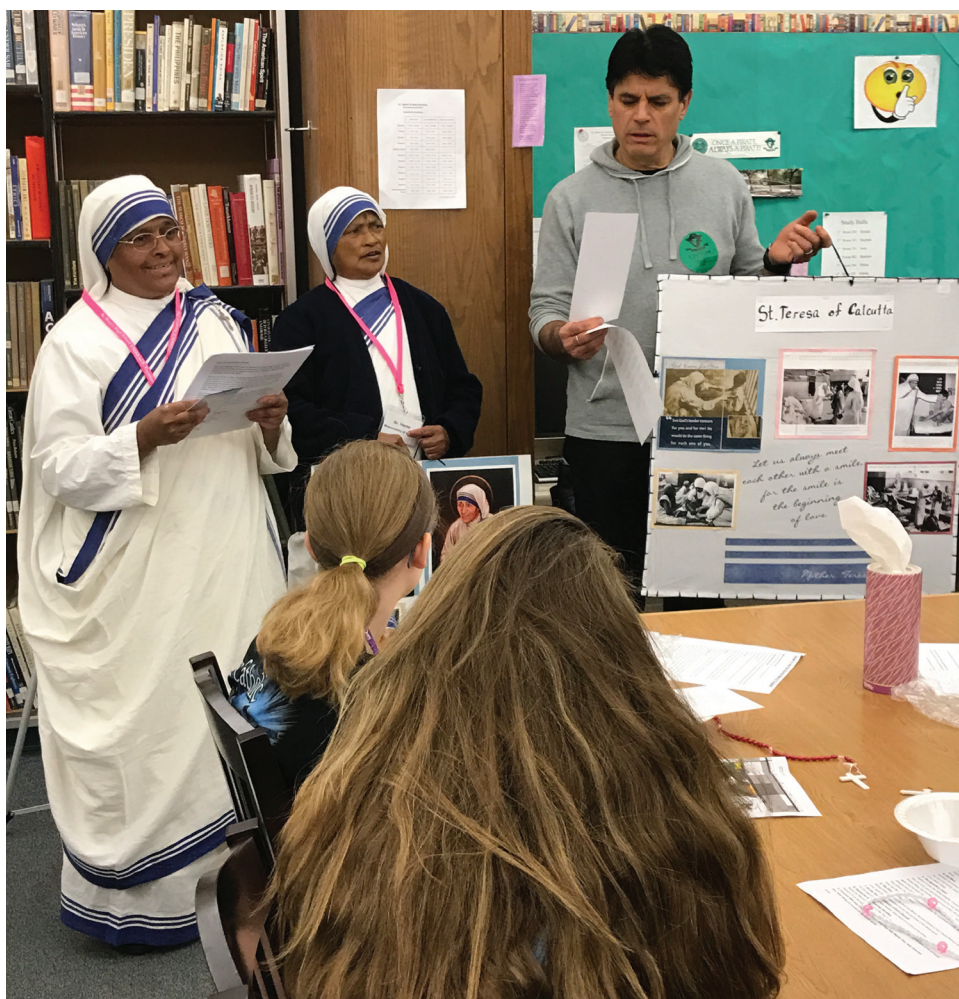


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**In one of the Embrace activities, students made rosaries, which were then taken by the sisters to distribute throughout the community.**

presentations and activities were built around it. Students heard a deacon, a married couple, and consecrated women speak about how they embrace their Catholic identities.

Priests and sisters spoke about their different religious orders, their charisms—including telling personal stories about how they were called—as well as helping students understand how to listen for God's call in their own lives. Students also heard about Divine Mercy—learning to fear not and trust in Jesus, praying and discerning with the scriptures, and chastity.

Embrace 2017 began with Mass and ended with Adoration and Benediction. The Adoration and Benediction included traditional Latin, which was taught to the students in a session on "how to properly adore."

"As Catholics, we are responsible to know the scriptures, our faith, and our traditions—and to live out and embrace that faith by being Christ to others," Morgan said. "If we do that, we can change the world! It is through events like Embrace that youth gain a deeper understanding of their faith and make it who they are. It was a powerful, Holy Spirit-filled day!" ●



# Super '17

*The 66 members of the Class of 2017 will spread across the U.S. in the fall, but they will always remember their last days as Pirates*

**T**he St. Mary's High School Class of 2017 finished their high school careers in May, earning a record high \$12.6 million in merit scholarships. In the fall, members of this class will attend colleges or universities in 17 states across the U.S. majoring in everything from English to economics.

At the Baccalaureate Mass, Bishop Michael Sheridan reminded the graduates that as they go out into the world, it is more important to answer the question of "who I am" than it is "what I will be."

"I am confident that each of you know that you are the beloved son or daughter of God," he said. "Whom you continue to grow into will color all that you do."

Ozzie Grenardo '91 was the commencement speaker. He said that there are three

things he thinks on each day: passion, service, and hope. When talking about passion, Grenardo said that a Jim Valvano quote resonates with him.

"Jimmy V once said, 'If you laugh, you think, and you cry, that's a full day. That's a heck of a day. You do that seven days a week, you're going to have something special,'" Grenardo said. "I hope you each find something you love to do—that you're passionate about—that allows you to build a full life."

Grenardo said the graduates will have a more rewarding and fulfilling life if they develop a sincere desire to serve and encouraged them to find something that "fills up your bucket."

And while the scriptures say that of these three—faith, hope, and love—the greatest

is love, Grenardo said he personally loves hope. He said often you have the most hope at the beginning of new opportunities

"Hope is the great equalizer," he said. "In both good and bad situations, you get through it with hope. God has a calling for you, and we need to understand that when we have hope, we have a future."

Valedictorian Leah Hickert related to her classmates how everything she needs to succeed she learned at St. Mary's, using personal anecdotes to highlight the fun times she's had with the Class of 2017.

"Life after today won't be like high school," she said. "But thanks to the lessons taught at St. Mary's, it doesn't have to be. Remember where you come from. And remember that, no matter where you go, it is always best to go out together." ●



photo: Diane Torrence

St. Mary's class of 2017, with its 66 students, earned more than \$12.6 million in merit-based scholarships.



## Class of 2017 Student Leaders



Co-salutatorians Hannah LaMack, left, and Anna Wahl, right, with valedictorian Leah Hickert, center.



Senior class officers were, from left: Isabella Recca, vice president; Olivia Florek, secretary; Joseph Trechter, president; Natalie Godec, treasurer.



Senior Senate officers were, from left: Anna Sniezek, secretary; Emily Hourigan, president; Nelson Hogan, treasurer; Sarah Hwang, vice president; and Anna Wahl, adviser.



Prom Queen and King were Rohan Merrill and Solange Nutter

**Sydney Danielle Ballweber**

*University of Denver*

**Brianna Nicole Barney**

*University of Colorado — Boulder*

**Colton Dean Barta**

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**Brendan Wright Bell**

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*Lake Forest College*

**Kestrel Elizabeth Bower**

*Santa Clara University*

**Emily Lynn Broerman**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**Benjamin Lee Chamberlain**

*Western State University*

**Ryan Matthew Combs**

*Undecided*

**Kerry Marie Corbett**

*Grand Canyon University*

**Jacqueline Isabel Almelo Delfeld**

*College of William and Mary*

**Alyssa Nicole Dunbaugh**

*University of Northern Colorado*

**Michaela Claire Elliott**

*Grand Canyon University*

**Madelynn Rae Ellis**

*University of Alabama*

**Thomas Raymond English Jr.**

*Tabor College*

**Olivia Teresa Florek**

*Georgetown University*

**Matthew Cullen Garduno**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**Natalie Josephine Godec**

*University of Colorado — Boulder*

**Summer Lynn Golia**

*Colorado State University*

**Erica Renee Gonzales**

*Gonzaga University*

**Jacob David Gonzales**

*Grand Canyon University*

**Christina Lynn Haile**

*Saint Mary's University of Minnesota*

**Brigid Helen Heaney**

*University of Colorado — Boulder*

**Elizabeth Jocelyn Heimbuch**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**Saba Luz Herrera**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**Leah Lynn Hickert**

*Boston College*

**Nelson James Hogan**

*Colorado School of Mines*

**Alexander James Hollingsworth**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**Alexandra Kathleen Holt**

*Creighton University*

**Emily Anne Hourigan**

*Regis University*

**Andrew Philip Hrovat**

*Northwestern Community College*

**Sarah Yuna Hwang**

*University of Notre Dame*

**Makayla Rose Ihlefeldt**

*Franciscan University of Steubenville*

**Jacob José Kerkhoff**

*Colorado School of Mines*

**William Sian Kittrell**

*Colorado State University*

**Ryan Christian Kreigler**

*Colorado School of Mines*

**Hannah Marie LaMack\***

*University of Oklahoma*

**Anthony Richard Lavezzi**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**MaryRuth Elizabeth Long**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**William Doogan Martin**

*Benedictine College*

**Rohan Brian Merrill**

*Seattle University*

**Gilbert Noel Jr.**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**Solange Thérèse Nutter**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**Patrick Hoang O'Connor**

*Colorado State University*

**Thomas Shintaro O'Connor**

*Creighton University*

**Jacob Jackson Payne**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**Madison Riley Pepper**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**Gabriel Michael Perry**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**Mary Samantha Piedad**

*Creighton University*

**Chancellor Erwin Podoll**

*University of Wyoming*

**Elysees Yasmine Pomaes**

*International Salon and Spa Academy*

**Isabella Clare Recca**

*University of Denver*

**Tyler Anthony Richter**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**Garrett Cole Ricke**

*Grand Canyon University*

**Anna Elizabeth Sniezek**

*Creighton University*

**Taralynn Erin Sweeney**

*University of Colorado — Colorado Springs*

**Skyler Rose Tait**

*Colorado Mesa University*

**Carter Anne Terry**

*University of Alabama*

**Abigail Carrlynde Torrence**

*Chapman University*

**Joseph Matthew Trechter**

*United States Naval Academy*

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# 7 Faculty Members Say

Ask teachers at St. Mary's what the best thing about the school is, and you'll hear "the students." Ask parents with students at St. Mary's the same question and you'll hear "the faculty!" The school will look a little different next year after St. Mary's High School said goodbye to seven faculty and staff members at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

## Karen Simkiss

Simkiss has taught art at St. Mary's for the last 14 years, and is retiring to spend more time with her family and to pursue new opportunities. She said the decision to leave St. Mary's was a difficult one.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience at SMHS, and I will cherish them for a lifetime," she said. "I love St. Mary's. I will miss all the wonderful teachers that have been very dear friends. I will miss the students...they are all so wonderful. Knowing them has been a blessing in my life."

Her plans for next year include working as a full-time artist, and filling her free time with reading, golfing, gardening, and spending time with her grandchildren. She hopes to find a gallery in Colorado Springs to sell her work.

Simkiss said that one of the highlights of her career at St. Mary's was being recognized as the Private School Art Teacher of the Year by the Colorado Art Education Association in 2013.

"It was such an honor to be recognized for doing what I love," Simkiss said. "I'm proud of the strong Art Department that we've built at St. Mary's. The students have been successful in so many competitions, which has brought recognition to the school."

## Tom Harder

At the end of the 2016-2017 school year, Harder completed his

30th year of teaching. During the last nine years he has taught math and engineering at St. Mary's High School.

"The nine years I've spent at SMHS were by far the most rewarding of my career," Harder said. "Every minute I've spent in the classroom has been the highlight of my time here. I'm most proud of my desire to try to make each student know they are important."

Harder said he's most going to miss the people at St. Mary's—the students, teachers, and families. He's not completely sure how he'll fill his time next year, but he wants to work with his hands.

## Robyn Cross

Cross just finished her eighth year at St. Mary's during which she served as a math teacher, director of admissions, and dean/director of Student Life. Overall she's been in Catholic education for 28 years, including six years teaching at Pauline Memorial (now St. Paul's) before coming to St. Mary's.

"The highlight of my time at St. Mary's has been working with the students in Ambassadors, Link Crew, SHINE, and NHS," she said. "It has been my pleasure to work with them through their four years, watching them develop into amazing young leaders."

Cross is especially proud of working with students to create St. Mary's Back on Track Program, which is the way the school helps students who have missed class time catch up on work.

"My prayer as an educator has been that every student knows I care," she said. "I will miss the many wonderful students, parents, and faculty members of St. Mary's. I truly think of them as my family."

She looks forward to having time to travel with her husband, Tommy, and time to visit their three daughters (Nicole '08, Lauren '10, and Lindsey '12) and first grandchild.



Karen Simkiss helping Rachel Wilcox '20 earlier this year.



Tom Harder was a dunk tank favorite at the Red Rose Rose.



Before the 2016-2017 year started, Rick Wilson went over schedules with Sydney Ballweber '17.



Jim Felice presenting an award to Joseph Trechter '17 at 2017 graduation.



# Goodbye to St. Mary's

## Jim Hopkins

Hopkins has spent his five years at St. Mary's teaching English, AP Language, AP Literature, writing lab and speech, and journalism. A highlight of his time at St. Mary's has been seeing the success of the forensics team. Especially fun, Hopkins said, was watching **Matt Heery '15** and **Joe Wahl '15** defeat the Cherry Creek team to win the state championship in Public Forum Debate in 2015.

"St. Mary's reinvigorated my spiritual, Catholic beliefs," Hopkins said. "Teaching here has brought me so much. St. Mary's has given me far more than I've given it."

While Hopkins said he'll miss the amazing students and the awesome faculty and staff at St. Mary's, he is looking forward to reading, traveling, and spending more time with his family.

## Rick Wilson

Wilson has been a counselor at St. Mary's for the last five years, and after 38 years in education, including 34 years coaching, he plans to devote his time to helping his mother and mother-in-law, spending time with his granddaughters, traveling with his wife, and learning some new hobbies.

"I'm going to miss the Pirate Community," he said. "Teachers and students have a common bond that is caring, strong and memorable. People here genuinely care for each other. The student body makes itself stronger by competing with each other and people build lasting relationships that will be remembered forever."

A highlight of Wilson's years at St. Mary's has been having the opportunity to go to Mass. He said that after 32 years in public education it's been refreshing to be able to share, pray, and talk about God with fellow faculty members and students.

## Christine Baldwin

Baldwin has been teaching Spanish and English as a Second Language at St. Mary's for four years. Upon leaving St. Mary's she took a position with the Colorado Springs Young Champion Ambassador program, a youth leadership program for high school students in our area. She said it is a blessing that this opportunity combines her 28 years in education with her interest in all things international.

"I will absolutely miss many things, among them the amazing students who pop into my room throughout the day just to say hi, check in, or leave a friendly note on my board," she said. "My family has been part of the St. Mary's community for the past eight years, and my youngest child will keep us directly connected for another two years. Then our experiences and relationships will keep us connected beyond that."

Baldwin said that it has been a privilege to see uncertain freshmen grow into confident students who are ready for their next chapter in life. She has cherished the opportunity to foster in her students respect and affection for foreign language and people of different cultures, as well to share a few life lessons along the way, encouraging thought and perspective among students.

## Jim Felice

Felice started at St. Mary's four years ago as the athletic director, and after one year, he moved into the principal's office.

While he is looking forward to traveling with his wife and spending time with his grandkids during his retirement, he said he will miss the faculty and students at St. Mary's.

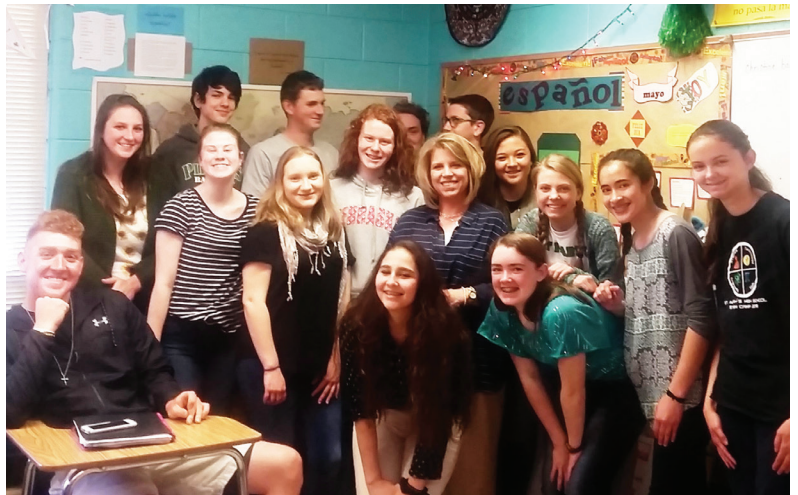
While it is difficult to say goodbye to these beloved staff members, they will forever be a part of our family. Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate! ●



Jim Hopkins with **Matt Heery '15** and **Joe Wahl '15** after their state title win.



Robyn Cross, center, after graduation in May 2016 with Kim O'Donnell, left, and Jeanne Cichon, right



Christine Baldwin in a group shot with her students.

# Tourneys Keep Alumni Competition Alive

This year St. Mary's alumni had two chances to revive their competitive Pirate spirit. In addition to the 16th Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament, held in April, football fans had an opportunity to compete at the first Alumni Flag Football Tournament in December.

The flag football tournament was set up in two divisions—an alumni division and a family division—with a four-on-four format and teams consisting of four to six players. The event took place the day after Christmas.

Nine teams competed in the tournament. Team Cristelli's Boys won the alumni division, while the Trechter Family took the prize for the family division. Members of Team Cristelli's Boys were: Kevin Garcia '05, Sean O'Keeffe '07, Burton Crosby '09, Nick Murray '07, Michael Garcia '07, and Rene Viscarra '07. The Team Trechter Family included Joe Trechter, associate director of advancement, and his children Joseph '17, Morgan '20, William, Carlos, and Michael.

You can view an album of photos from the event on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SMHSColoradoAlumniFlagFootball/](http://www.facebook.com/SMHSColoradoAlumniFlagFootball/) or by searching @SMHSColoradoAlumniFlagFootball on Facebook.

As has been tradition, the Alumni Basketball Tournament took place on Holy Saturday, April 15. Ten teams participated in the event.

This year's winning teams were Different Animal, Same Beast in the men's division and The Bell's of St. Mary's in the women's division. Making up Different Animal, Same Beast were: Jacob Raedel '13, Keion Mitchem (St. Mary's assistant basketball coach), Matt Johnson '06, and Derrick Raedel '05. The Belles of St. Mary's included: Monica Bussell '03, Kelsey Vance '03, Mollie Garrett '03, and Colleen Paap '01.

Ozzie Grenardo '91 headed up the planning committee to organize the basketball tournament again this year.

Next year the Alumni Basketball Tournament is moving to Palm Sunday; so mark your calendars for March 25, 2018.

You can see photos from the tournament on the event's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SMHSALUMNIBBALL/](http://www.facebook.com/SMHSALUMNIBBALL/). 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/). And look for information on more upcoming alumni events on social media. ●



Team Cristelli's Boys, Alumni Flag Football alumni division champs



Team Trechter Family, Alumni Flag Football family division champs



Different Animal, Same Beast, Alumni Basketball men's division champions.



The Belles of St. Mary's, Alumni Basketball women's division champions.



# Two Basketball Teams Enshrined as Exemplary Sports Teams

Lessons taught by playing high school sports span generations. On Feb. 4, several generations of Pirate athletes gathered at the St. Mary's High School gym to honor two of the school's outstanding basketball teams as well as cheer on the current Pirate basketball teams. That afternoon the 1933-1934 and 1960-1961 basketball teams were inducted into the St. Mary's High School Exemplary Sports Team Enshrinement.

The 1933-1934 team brought home the league and state titles that season, both firsts in the history of the school. Finishing the season with 26 wins and only 2 losses, the 1934 Pirates wrapped up the year with the most successful record in the history of St. Mary's sports programs. Team members were Danny Rogers '34, Thomas "Foose" Albin '34, James Udovick '35, Tim Rogers '35, Joe Barron '34, Bill "Chick" Collins '34, Swede Woods '34, and Jimmy "Scully" Welsh '34.

Twenty-seven years later, two more Welsh family members—Mike and Richard—joined with Joe Trujillo '62, Lefty Stecklein '61, Bill Pfalmer '62, John O'Connell '63, Don Martin '61, Richie Jewett '63, Jim Flynn '61, and Dick Elliott '61 as the 1960-1961 Pirate team that would again bring the state parochial championship title to St. Mary's. They finished the year with a record of 24-4, which is the third best in school history.

For twins Mike Welsh '61, who lives in South Carolina, and Richard Welsh '61, who lives in Texas, attending the induction ceremony was a way to not only remember their 1961 team's success, but also to honor their father.

Mike Welsh said his father rarely talked about his basketball days at St. Mary's or his other life experiences. But he did shoot baskets in the back yard with his sons and once told them about the team's lost opportunity



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**The 2016-2017 Pirate basketball teams congratulated former Pirates and their families who represented the 1933-1934 and 1960-1961 teams at the induction of the teams into the Exemplary Sports Team Enshrinement in February.**

to play in a national tournament.

"He and his team were all part of that World War II generation that never talked about what they'd seen and done," Mike said. "But he did tell us that after the 1934 team won the state parochial title, they were invited to play in a national parochial school tournament in Chicago, but Monsignor Kelly wouldn't pay for the trip because of the Great Depression."

Richard Welsh said he has great memories of his state championship season, including learning they wouldn't have to play Regis Jesuit High School in the final.

"When we heard that Regis had lost and we wouldn't have to face them in the final, we knew we had it," Richard Welsh said. "We had great team chemistry and when we played our best, no one could stop us. It was just one of those teams that when we played you sensed something wonderful was going happen."

Trujillo also attended the ceremony. For him, some of the best memories of the 1961 season involved playing for Coach Ed Murphy.

"Coach Murphy was such a fun man to play for," Trujillo said. "He made you take

responsibility and held you accountable, but he was one of those coaches that you never wanted to disappoint. We had a lot of motivation to do our best."

The 1934 and 1961 basketball teams joined the 1956 St. Mary's hockey team and the 1962 football team as the first members of the Exemplary Sports Team Enshrinement, which was established in January 2016 to ensure the history and tradition of the school, as well as the contributions of its sports teams, are celebrated. The hockey and football teams were inducted during the Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony in October 2016.

Attending the February ceremony were six players and 13 family members and classmates of the 1960-1961 team, and 12 sons and daughters, along with five grandchildren and five other family members representing the 1933-1934 team.

"During the boys game, several of us were trying to figure out who would win if our 1961 team could play this year's Pirate team," Mike Welsh said. "We came to the conclusion that this year's team would win, partly because there was no three point line when we played." ●

## Class Notes

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

**Michael Selden '76** returned to the area and started an independent publishing press in Woodland Park in 2013, called Woodland Park Press. Since then, he has published four novels, the latest of which was *Bosworth* published in March 2017. His first book, *The Boy Who Ran*, won a gold medal, the 2014 IPPY for juvenile fiction, and his book from last year was a finalist in another competition in the science fiction category. Selden was a research physicist for 30 years, during which he worked on several interesting projects. Now he strives to make sure the physics portrayed in his novels is correct.

### ..... 1980-1989.....

**Janet (Singleton) Fieldman '86** was honored to have her investment company voted Best of Pueblo for 2015 and 2016. She provides retirement, investment, college planning, and many other services throughout Colorado, California, and Florida. You can check out her business at [www.FieldmanFinancial.com](http://www.FieldmanFinancial.com).

### ..... 1990-1999.....

**Erin (Kelly) Thielman '99** lives in northern Virginia with her husband and two children. Erin has made a career switch from being an IT business analyst to becoming a middle school religion teacher for St. Mary's School of Alexandria, Virginia. Check out her blog at [www.thinkingcatholic.net](http://www.thinkingcatholic.net)

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

**Lauren Billing '07** recently received her PhD from the University of Minnesota in kinesiology with a specialization in sport and exercise psychology. Her doctoral work focused on the affective response to physical activity and its relationship with physical activity participation. She will serve as a visiting instructor at the University of Auckland in New Zealand this fall.

**Lauren Ernster '06** and **Logan Niebur '05** were married on Dec. 3, 2016, at St.



Mary Catholic Church in Littleton, Colorado. Lauren is a manager of financial analysis for Coorstek in Golden, Colorado, and Logan works in manufacturing sales. They reside in Wheatridge, Colorado.

**Genevieve Skinner '07** married Corporal



Steven Prater of Tucson, Arizona, on November 25, 2016, in Las Vegas Nevada. The couple will reside in Colorado Springs where Genevieve teaches second grade at Centennial Elementary School and

Steven is a medic with the Third Brigade Combat Team.

**Stephen VanGambleare '08** finished 37th overall at the Boston Marathon on April 17.

### ..... 2010-2017.....

This fall **Jordan Burns '11** will leave her fellowship at the World Bank to attend graduate school at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She will pursue a fully-funded master's in public affairs with a concentration in international relations.

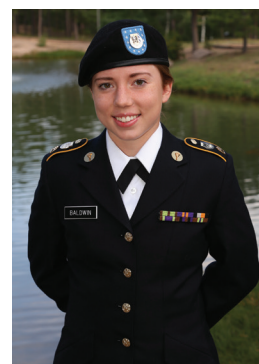
**Colton Calandrella '13** has been named one of the 100 Best & Brightest undergraduate business majors of 2017 by Poets & Quants. Calandrella attended Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis, which was ranked as the No. 1 business school by Forbes.

**Maria Font '13** graduated from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs

this spring. She was accepted to Cornell's graduate school to complete her PhD in Immunology. Font has been working with exosomes, which are bubbles of cell membrane components with essential roles in cell-cell communication, particularly within cellular immune responses. For the past two and a half years, Font has worked on a system to modify exosomes to make them carry special messages researchers create. These messages would tell a person's immune system to fight more vigorously against a disease, specifically in the case of Font's lab, cancer.



**Morgan Baldwin '14**, a senior US Army ROTC Cadet at Creighton University, has been selected by the US Army to complete a summer ROTC internship at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, DC. Baldwin is majoring in exercise science and pre-health professions with minors in Spanish/Hispanic studies and military science. She has earned recognition on the Dean's Academic List, is a member of the Dean's Fellows Program, and is currently working on a research grant in the field of exercise physiology. She was also selected to take part in a multi-national NATO exercise in Estonia last summer. Baldwin is a two-year member of the Creighton Army ROTC Ranger Team and Color Guard.







**Rachel Craft '15** made All Academic League in soccer for the second straight year in the Kansas Jayhawks Community College Conference while attending Barton Community College. Also, Rachel signed a letter of intent to continue playing soccer at Bethel College in Newton, Kansas.

**Nicholas Baldwin '16** has completed his freshman year at the University of Portland. Majoring in mechanical engineering and minoring in military science, he is also involved in Campus Ministry, Service Plunge, and



Intramural Sports. Baldwin is a US Air Force ROTC Cadet and was selected to participate in the Ops Air Force Summer Program at Lackland AFB, Texas, this summer as part of a program for aspiring military officers.

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

**Thomas (Tom) Lueb '51** of Dallas, Texas went home to God on October 28, 2016.

**Mike Elliott '77** died on April 14, 2017. He was described as being a great son, husband, and father.

Former SMHS assistant football coach Norman Hale, 52, died in a two-vehicle accident in on April 5, 2017. Hale is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and sons, Ethan and Logan.

Michael J. Murphy, 32, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2017. Michael attended grade school at Corpus Christi Catholic School and high school at St. Mary's High School and Palmer High. He worked in construction for the family

business, Murphy Constructors, among others. He is survived by his daughter, BaileyAnn Murphy; parents, Kevin Murphy and Diane Krtinich Murphy, and step-mother, Aileen Berrios; sister, Megan Murphy; brother, Kelly Murphy; and grandparents, Chuck and Marylou Murphy.

Leonard L. Buresh, 98, a strong supporter of St. Mary's, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2017. He is survived by his two children, Larry P. Buresh and Diane K. Ziemer-Hodgins; three grandchildren; and several extended family members.

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PTM editor, at [apartain@smhscs.org](mailto:apartain@smhscs.org).

## From the Archives

In this issue we thought it would be fun to look back at the Class of 1917 with a photo that is already identified. Recently, **Carol Stuart Gould '55** shared her mother's St. Mary's memorabilia. Her mother, **Helen Myles Stuart**, was one of the nine students who graduated in 1917.



Thanks to **Maxine Linn Green '48**, Rosemary Healy Tynan, and Catherine Rebro Culp for helping identify the archive photo from the 2016 Fall/Winter issue. It was determined that this is the class of 1947 in May 1945 at the Coronation of the Blessed Mother. Girls pictured, right to left, are: (front row) Elizabeth Sue McHugh Rebro (who was May Queen), Rosemary Healy Tynan, Dolly Wittges, Marjorie Howard, Betty Thieler, unknown; (back row) unknown; MaryAnn Singer McCaw, Jeanne Moomaw Zecha, Evelyn Roecker Hyatt. Boys pictured, right to left, are: (front row) Dean Kumba, Don Hanneman, Keith Singer, CJ Loetscher, unknown; (back row) unknown, Juan Green, unknown, Tom Zecha, unknown.



In addition to senior pictures of six members of the Class of 1917, Helen's "The Girl Graduate" book contained the above photo of the Class of 1917 as sophomores in 1915. Pictured are (names in green denote 1917 graduates): Joseph Lynch, **Mae Mahoney**, Mary Whitney, **Lucille Roberti**, **Frances Jenkins**, Sister Mary Minadora, **Elsie Burrows**, **Agnes Flanagan**, **Helen Hartnett**, **Evelyn Rush**, **Helen Myles**, and **Harvey Dunn**. School yearbooks were not produced until 1926 so graduate books filled the role of recording the school year for graduates. If you have SMHS memorabilia that you'd like to share (or donate) to the school, please contact Amy Partain at [apartain@smhscs.org](mailto:apartain@smhscs.org).

## Sports

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### General

Three Pirates—[Nathaniel Bodnar '17](#), [TJ English '17](#), and [Emily Broerman '17](#)—committed to collegiate sports. Nat will run cross country and track for Lake Forest. Emily will play volleyball for UCCS. And TJ will play baseball for Tabor.

### Baseball

The baseball Pirates had a strong season that ended with a tough loss in Regionals. They finished 7-2 in the Tri Peaks League. After Spring Break, the team lost only to Lamar and finished second overall. [Jacob Brummel '17](#) made first team for the Tri Peaks All Conference team and received an honorable mention to the All State team. Also making the Tri Peaks All Conference first team were: [TJ English '17](#), [Sascha Obermayer '18](#), and [Josh White '19](#). [Gavin Sturtevant '18](#) and [Matt Haines '18](#) received honorable mentions from the All Conference Team. And, Coach Bill Percy was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Jan. 6 at a ceremony in Anaheim, California.

### Girls Basketball

The Lady Pirates enjoyed another successful year led by captains [Olivia Florek '17](#), [Mary Piedad '17](#), [Natalie Godec '17](#), and [Emily Broerman '17](#). The team finished with a 21-4 record, winning league and regional championships. They played in the elite 8 in the Colorado championships finishing fifth in state. Florek finished her career as the fourth best three-point shooter in Colorado history. She was also selected for all state honors. Florek, [Makenna Bodette '18](#), [Josephine Howery '20](#), and [Mary Cummings '18](#) all were named to the Tri Peaks All Conference and were selected for Gazette all area honors.

### Girls Golf

With only two girls playing this season, the team couldn't compete in team events, since at least three golfers are required. However, the Pirate golfers gained momentum with [Sarah Hwang '17](#) winning the first league tournament of the year and [Sydney Ballweber '17](#) finishing tied for second. At Regionals, Hwang pulled off another win, this time with a bogey-free four-under par 68—the first under par round of her career. Ballweber won the final tournament of the year in Trinidad, beating second place by 32 strokes. Both players qualified for the State Championship, but missed the competition to attend graduation. Ballweber was selected as the lone recipient for the Pikes Peak Women Golfer's Scholarship as well, a \$2,500 prize.

### Swim and Dive

The swim and dive team was small but mighty this year. This season they had four dual meet victories, and at the Colorado State Swim Championships eight swimmers and one diver broke

into the top 10 and placed eighth overall out of 39 teams. At this meet nine athletes broke school records in six of the 12 events. The top performances were: [Caitlin Cairns '20](#), second place at state in 100 butterfly; [Retta Smith '18](#), second place in state diving; [Kennedy Terry '19](#), top eight in two events at state; and [Ruthie Long '17](#), [Carter Terry '17](#), Cairns, and Kennedy Terry, top eight at state in the 200 medley relay. Dusty Campbell will step down after three years at the helm and Brigid Webb will take over.

### Girls Soccer

The Lady Pirates soccer program won the 3A regional title with a perfect league record of 6-0, scoring 55 goals and giving up zero; their overall record was 11-4. All Region honorees include first team [Faith Heery '18](#), [Marisa Shigio '18](#), [Sydney Silver '18](#), [Katie Fowler '19](#), [Mary Brummel '19](#), and [Brooklyn Valdez '20](#). Also recognized were honorable mentions [Tara Thomas '18](#) and [Cassidy Sorensen '20](#). Heery was named second team 3A All State, while Shigio and Silver received all state honorable mention.

### Tennis

Girls tennis had a great season even though the team lost seven players from varsity last year. [Allie Dunbaugh '17](#) played No. 1 singles all year and had some amazing wins, putting forth a great effort against each school's best player. Half of the Pirate doubles teams were girls who had never played tennis, but all the girls picked up the game well and had seasons they could be proud of. Overall, the team finished fourth in the region, with six of our seven spots finishing with fourth place ribbons at regionals.

### Track and Field

Pirate track and field season culminated in 14 student-athletes qualifying for state. State qualifiers were: [Seneca Hackley '20](#), [Mary Piedad '17](#), [Lauren Bishop '19](#), [Jackie Delfeld '17](#), [Katie Fowler '19](#), [Ana Muehlbauer '18](#), [Hannah McReavy '18](#), [Sean Hiramatsu '18](#), [Jonathan Padrnos '18](#), [Nat Bodnar '17](#), [Adam Maal '19](#), [Jose Barrera](#), [Sam Wahl '20](#), and [Jeremy Uhl '19](#). At state, McReavy finished fifth in the 3200m and seventh in the 1600m and Maal finished ninth in the 3200m. Both reached the podium with top nine finishes, while four other team members finished in the 10th or 11th spots.

### Boys Basketball and Lacrosse

Boys basketball and lacrosse both were rebuilding this past year and both programs have new coaches going into the new year. Jim Masterson will take the reins for boys basketball and Joel Kasten is the new lacrosse coach. We are looking forward to both programs having a resurgence and both are loaded with young players that we are counting on and hoping to make that happen.



# Annual Gala Auction Goes High Tech

**A**hoy, mates! In April, hundreds of swashbucklers gathered at St. Mary's High School's Annual Gala. These buccaneers grabbed some grub and brought their coffers, ready to trade their doubloons for some amazing booty. For the first time, those unable to attend the event in person were still able to get their hands on some booty, thanks to an online component of the silent auction this year.

This year's Caribbean Castaway Gala featured activities that have traditionally been associated with the event, including a silent auction, a live auction, the raffle drawing, dancing, the Gift from the Heart special appeal, and the Dessert Dash. Funds raised at the Gala support the school's Tuition Assistance Program.

Add a new wine pull to all of those traditional activities, and you have an event that had guests exclaiming, "Shiver me timbers!" Here's how the wine pull worked: a collection of bottles were displayed at the wine pull table, each worth at least \$15; some were worth much more. For a fee, guests pulled a cork and received the bottle of wine with the number matching the cork. The wine pull was a huge success!

Colorado Springs Mayor **John Suthers '70** opened the event talking about how St. Mary's has long been a part of Colorado Springs history.

"St. Mary's opened in 1885," Suthers said. "That year General Palmer was in his prime and it would be seven years before Spencer Penrose would come to the Springs. St. Mary's has been part of the fabric of the Springs for a long time."

Suthers said that St. Mary's continues to produce quality leaders, and the Catholic values taught at St. Mary's are still very important today.

Bishop Michael Sheridan said Catholic schools are fundamental to raising the next generation of Catholics and that he is happy to support the mission and work of St. Mary's High School in any way he can.

"There is no greater gift that a Catholic parent can give a child than a Catholic education," he said.

Over the years the Gift from the Heart appeal has provided Gala goers with some of their most memorable moments. The Gift from the Heart appeal provides all attendees the opportunity to help fund an important initiative for the school. This year's Gift from the Heart raised \$72,000 for transportation and updating the school's bus and van fleet. ●



Event co-chairs Dolly Ciccarelli, Molly Bodnar, and Steve Bodnar joined other attendees in getting into the pirate spirit with full pirate costumes.

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## 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).

### 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 \$250,000 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 Joe Trechter know you'd like to support the 1885 Society and endowment giving for St. Mary's High School. We will help you find the best way to help our beloved St. Mary's High School!

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