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ON THE COVER: Nate Rose joined the St. Mary's faculty this year, one of five new teachers for the 2019-2020 school year. Meet all of the new teachers in our article on pages 4 and 5.

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From the President



Gratitude. This word continually appears in the 134-year history of St. Mary's High School. As we look ahead to Christmas and the celebration of God's great gift to us, we take a moment to acknowledge the great things happening at St. Mary's, and we pause to express our gratitude for the remarkable goodness we continue to experience.

We should remember that our gratitude leaps from our commitment to being a *faith*, *knowledge*, *community* institution; and it is worth briefly addressing each of those areas.

Faith: Building virtuous leaders for the Church and community takes commitment. Our four theology teachers, regular Mass attendance, regular access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the integration of our faith into everyday life at St. Mary's are some of the critical elements in our faith journey. We are called to be people of God.

Knowledge: The data is compelling. Over the last 12 years at St. Mary's, average GPAs are up 21 percent, average SAT scores are up 14 percent, and average ACT scores are up 13 percent. St. Mary's has always been an outstanding academic institution, and we continue to improve on that greatness. We strive to be people of wisdom.

Community: The amount of time our students and parents commit to serving the school and local community continues to exceed 10,000 hours in any given year. Our students receive rave reviews when they serve at places like the Marian House and in our local parishes. We aspire to be people of charity.

As I interact with students, whether it is observing in a classroom, having a brief conversation in the hallway, or engaging in an in-depth conversation on a topic they are pondering, I am impressed with their virtue, intellect and awareness of others. Our St. Mary's students are being equipped to be the leaders of character and excellence our culture desperately needs.

As always, thank you for your support. We are certainly grateful for the traditional "T" supports: time, talent and treasure. We also realize that we are afloat on an ocean of your prayers. Please continue to pray for us, and please know how grateful we are for you.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Rysavy II

President, St. Mary's High School

PLTW Students Help MS Alliance

On Nov. 6, Dr. Christen Kutz of the Colorado Springs

Neurological Associates (pictured center) and representatives of the Multiple Sclerosis Alliance of Southern Colorado visited St. Mary's to honor Project Lead the Way students Cameron Baker '22 (left) and Justin Fauson'22



(right), who volunteered time to design and build 3D models of MS brain lesions. The students printed 100 models of the lesions. which the practices will use to help patients better understand what is occurring in their bodies. The students used the skills they learned as freshmen in their Introduction to Engineering Design class to compete the project.

Forensics Duo Wins at Novice Tourney

The forensics team thanks everyone who helped make the novice tournament in October a tremendous success. Special congratulations to St. Mary's winners, Grace Jenson'22 and Jonathon Lee'22 who received excellent in original oration.

Stinar Qualifies for Scotland Invitational

Peter Stinar '21 has qualified to play for the Colorado team in the Scotland Junior Golf Invitational. This is an exclusive competition between elite high school-aged players from America and Scotland, offering an the opportunity to play some of the most historic and beautiful courses in the world, including St. Andrews and North Berwick West Links.

Students Help at St. Peter Retreat

Ten student volunteers from St. Mary's helped with St. Peter's Confirmation First Year Retreat on Oct. 6. They were: Haley Morgan '20, Lauren Sauley '20, Paige Indovina '20, David Torrence '20, Marc Godec '20, Jacob Miller '20, Cooper Biggs '23, Katie Sauley '23, Fred Laugesen '23, and Jack Snyder '20. The volunteers led breakout discussion groups after each testimony and talk, but some also performed skits that reinforced the message of the talk. "They were energetic, positive and helpful in every way," said Jessica Sanderson from St. Peter. "They helped clean up and tear down and all in all were wonderful examples of Christian charity and faith for our middle school students!"

Fall Pirate Sports Update

Cross Country

The cross country boys team placed third overall at regionals to qualify for state. Individually, Dylan Brush '22 took fifth and Jackson Neppl '23 took eighth earning ribbons at regionals. Brush made the podium at the state championships, placing 10th overall for 2A. For the girls team Payton Kutz '22 took eighth place at regionals to qualify individually for the state meet. All of the runners posted personal records, both at regionals and again at state.

Football

The 2019 football team is thrilled to be playing home games on the new surface at The Grace Center. The team won its first homecoming game on the new surface in a highly-contested battle against Center High School on Oct. 18. On behalf of the project, Coach Archie Malloy thanks all who continue to support Pirate athletics!

Boys Golf

The boys golf team finished the season

as Tri Peaks League champions for the second consecutive year, and Peter Stinar '21 also secured his second league championship. Luke Calvin '21, JW Mills '20, and RJ Davis '21 all made first Team All-Conference. The boys placed fifth out of 14 teams at regionals, qualifying two golfers for the state tournament, where Stinar finished seventh and Calvin finished 32nd.

Boys Soccer

The boys' soccer team struggled to a 4-10 record overall, finishing 2-6 in league play. Eleven of the 20 roster members were new to the team. Leading scorers were Wyatt Barton '20 with 10 goals, followed by Owen Barton '22 with eight and Andon Mindrup '22 with five. The future is bright, with 15 roster members expected to return next year.

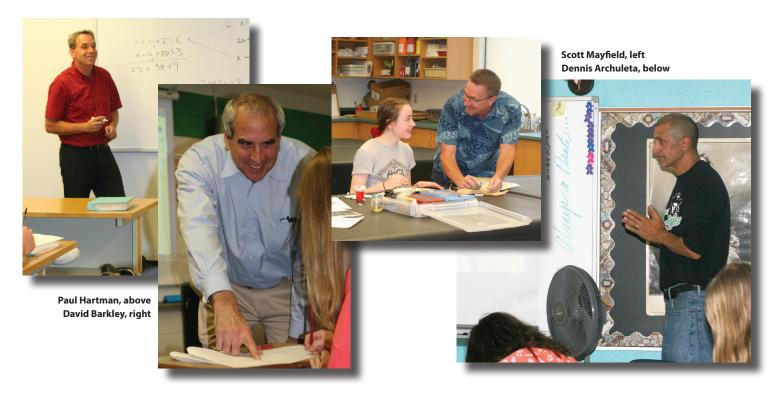
Softball

The softball team knew they had a tough job replacing their pitcher and three quarters of the infield that had led them to two state tournaments in

a row. But younger players stepped up and the team completed a successful season with a 12-12 record, finishing fourth of eight teams in the Tri Peaks League, qualifying for regionals for the fifth year in a row. The team was led by All-League pitcher Morgan Trechter '20 and All-League shortstop Katlyn Long '22. Catcher Yelena Valentine '21 and third baseman Kayleigh Wallis '21 were league honorable mentions.

Volleyball

The girls volleyball team finished second at regionals with the team playing well, but not quite overcoming the Sterling High School squad. They placed third in the Tri Peaks League with an overall record of 18-7. This year the team will graduate six players. They are: Sophia Nutter, Seneca Hackley, Alexa LaMack, Katie Morales, and Sarah Connors. "They have all contributed to the overall success of our program for the last four years. Good luck to all of them," said Coach David Barkley.



Imparting Knowledge New Teachers Excited to Join St. Mary's Family

hroughout St. Mary's 130-plus year history, its teachers have impacted generations of students. This year five new teachers have joined the St. Mary's family, bringing with them 140 combined years of teaching experience. While their areas of interest and expertise span a variety of subjects, they are united in their zeal for teaching.

The five new faculty members are Dennis Archuleta, who is teaching American government, world geography, and psychology; David Barkley, who is teaching English II and coaching the girls volleyball team; Paul Hartman, the new head of the math department; Scott Mayfield, who has taken over the art program, and Nate Rose, who is teaching the sophomore theology classes.

OUT OF RETIREMENT

Both Barkley and Mayfield had retired from teaching at public schools when the opportunity at St. Mary's presented itself to them. Barkley, who considers himself a teacher first, has also been coaching since 1979. His coaching experience spans all levels, having coached at Villanova University where he was the Big East Coach of the Year in 1991, to most recently spending 16 years teaching and coaching at Cheyenne Mountain High School. He retired from teaching in 2014, but

continued as the girls volleyball coach for three more years before finally retiring fully in 2017. However, after a couple of years, Barkley decided that retirement wasn't for him.

"I hated retirement," Barkley said. "I missed the kids. I missed the subjects. I missed the competition of sports. But I didn't want to go back to work just anywhere; it had to be a place that fit what I liked."

When the job at St. Mary's opened up, Barkley felt the school would be a good fit for him. His years at Villanova had taught him the value of Catholic education.

"What I like best about Catholic education is the emphasis on whole person education, not just academic education," he said. "Catholic schools are good at emphasizing what is important and it all comes from the heart."

Mayfield's connection to St. Mary's was through family. Mayfield's wife is a member of the Myers family; her uncle Father Rawley Myers served at St. Mary's for many years and 10 of Mayfield's in-laws have attended St. Mary's.

Still, when Mayfield relocated to Colorado Springs in 2018 after teaching in Alaska for 20 years, he didn't see himself returning to the classroom.

"Sometimes you have to recognize opportunities as God's path; He wasn't done with me sharing the gift of art with students. Ever since my family and I arrived in Colorado last year, everything has fallen in place for us and you can't look at

it any other way except it's God's will."

The foundation of faith at St. Mary's was important to Mayfield as well. He said he feels that students who have a spiritual connection with each other make better life decisions and are often more giving to others.

"St. Mary's has been amazing after working in public schools for 24 years," he said. "This is a tight knit community that often reaches out to encourage and support me and a provide loving environment for our students."

PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

Hartman's family connections with St. Mary's run deep. His wife and two older children are all graduates of St. Mary's. His third child is a sophomore this year. He also served on the St. Mary's Board of Directors for five years just prior to joining the staff. The fact that the St. Mary's community is grounded in faith is of the utmost importance to Hartman, who spent the last 24 years teaching

at Palmer High School in downtown Colorado Springs.

"The fact that St. Mary's is Catholic is the reason that I am here," he said. "Early in my career I taught at a Catholic school and I wanted to end my teaching career teaching at a Catholic school."

Rose was teaching fourth graders at Explorer Elementary School in Colorado Springs when his decade-long friendship with Father Joe Dygert brought him to the position at St. Mary's. Rose is enjoying sharing his faith with his sophomore students and helping them to explore their own faith.

"Public school education is about producing good citizens, and that always bothered me. It's so impersonal," he said. "Most kids have questions about life—like their purpose and what the value of life is, but when those questions were brought up, I had put them down because often those discussions are faith-based and that should be left to the families. I felt like I could never

focus on what mattered most, especially God, because you just can't go there in a public school."

Now Rose is free to, not only talk about faith, but how it applies to the lives of his students.

"I believe in creative orthodoxy, and look to Pope John Paul II a lot in that," Rose said. "We need to hold onto our truth, but how does that apply in our life? For me theology is like an art; it's the art of seeing things clearly."

For Archuleta, teaching at St. Mary's fulfills a wish he has had during his 39-year teaching career, having always wanted to teach at a school where he could share his faith and be surrounded by students and faculty of faith.

"I feel blessed to be here," he said.

"Being a Catholic and being a teacher are important fundamental aspects that help define who I am. Consequently, being able to teach here affords me the opportunity to interweave faith with academics."



Grace Center Turf Rededicated

he opening of The Grace Center in 2006 was a historic moment for St. Mary's High School—it was the first time in the school's then 121-year history that its outdoor sports teams had played on their own field. The original turf at The Grace Center—which played host to many wins, amazing moments, and life lessons—was replaced over the summer.

On Sept. 27, the culmination of this year's effort to replace the turf and track at The Grace Center occurred when the new surfaces were formally dedicated before the Pirate football team's first home game of the season.

Gathered to help celebrate the occasion was an important group of former Pirates and Pirate supporters. Joining St. Mary's President Rob Rysavy on the field were: Greg Garcia, Leroy Landuis, Father Gregory Golyzniak, Sherry Mason '74, Mick Pepper '92, Mike Garcia '07, and Maddie Francis '10. Each member of the group represented an important piece of The Grace Center's story.

Greg Garcia was the chair of the St. Mary's board of directors during the construction of The Grace Center and was a vital catalyst in making the facility a reality. Without the generous land donation by Leroy Landuis, The Grace Center, which is named in honor of his mother, would not exist.

The three former Pirate athletes on the field from multiple eras and sports represented the thousands of student athletes who have been educated and played sports for St. Mary's throughout the years.

Mason was chosen to cut the ribbon at the turf and track dedication. She was a member of St. Mary's first girls track team, and was the first female athlete at St. Mary's who was allowed to compete in the mile run.

"All of our young lady athletes to include, for example, our two-time defending state champion girls basketball team, have benefited from Sherry's pioneering courage," Rysavy said.

Pepper was a multi-sport athlete during his time at St. Mary's, and is currently serving as the chair of the St. Mary's High School Foundation. As the head of the foundation, Pepper continues to help fos-



photo: Diane Torrence

Present for the dedication of the new turf and track were, from left to right: Greg Garcia, Leroy Landuis, Father Gregory Golyzniak, St. Mary's President Rob Rysavy, Sherry Mason '74, Mick Pepper '92, Mike Garcia '07, and Maddie Francis '10.

ter a sense of community that attracts great families to St. Mary's.

Mike Garcia was also a multi-sport athlete during his years as a Pirate. His high school career included playing quarterback for the team's first year at The Grace Center, before going on to play at the University of Notre Dame.

Francis was a starter on the 2009 St. Mary's girls soccer team, which earned the state title that year, and she captained the 2010 team to a repeat state championship. Today she continues to contribute to St. Mary's as an assistant coach for the girls soccer team.

"We truly stand on the shoulders of giants," Rysavy said. "Countless thousands of students and family members have left

their fingerprints on our school over the decades, and the people here with me on the field are representative of the tremendous heritage of faith and excellence embodied in our school."

Additionally, Rysavy thanked others who contributed to the project. Those

included general contractor GE Johnson and GE Johnson Chief Financial Officer Peter Speiser '87, who was instrumental in GE Johnson's involvement in the project; project managers, Daniel Gibbons and Joe Opyd who supervised the work; Matt Walter, who was St. Mary's director of Development during the original construction of The Grace Center and championed the completion of the facility; and current directors Joe Trechter (director of Development), who spearheaded the fundraising effort for the turf and track replacement, and Raquel Krasovec (director of Events), who organized the dedication ceremony.

Once the ribbon cutting ceremony was finished, Father Gregory blessed and re-dedicated the field. ●





2018-2019 **Annual Report on Giving**

During the 2018-2019 school year, 667 supporters gave a total of \$879,405.90 (for all gifts combined) as of June 30, 2019. Giving happens in a variety of ways, including gifts to the Annual Fund, endowments, The Grace Center Turf and Track campaign, the Annual Gala and more.

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The Ertel Family Endowed Scholarship

On an ordinary Friday afternoon in the spring of 2002, Patrick Ertel '68 walked into St. Mary's High School and made an extraordinary gift.

"I want the school to have this for scholarships for those in need," he said as he handed over an envelope. "These are some investments I inherited from my family. I managed them for some time, but have lost interest in them and have decided that they would be best used for this purpose."

Upon graduating, Ertel entered the seminary, but ultimately discerned that he did not have a calling to the priesthood. His love for the church and St. Mary's, however, continued to grow as he spent the next 35 years in various forms of service to others, first in the Peace Corps and then as a community volunteer. Grateful for the education that he received St. Mary's High School, Ertel decided to create an endowed fund in his family's name. The Ertel Family Endowed Scholarship Fund provides a lasting revenue for financial aid. Ertel hopes to add to the fund in the years ahead.

The Ernest J. Golobic Endowed Scholarship

Ernest J. Golobic moved to Colorado Springs more than 20 years ago upon retiring from the USPS in Chicago. Though he and his wife, Catherine, had no formal connection to SMHS, they valued Catholic education and supported the school with yearly gifts to the Annual Fund.

When Mr. Golobic's sister-in-law, Margaret A. Rick, passed away she left him a modest inheritance. To honor his sister-in-law for her generosity and his wife's commitment to Catholic education, Mr. Golobic chose to create the Margaret A. Rick Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund to support the school's financial aid program. This permanent fund provides the school with revenue to help ensure that SMHS will be available to those in need.

Shortly before his death in 2004, Mr. Golobic contributed some of his own assets to the scholarship fund and, with his daughter's encouragement, changed the name of the fund to The Ernest J. Golobic Family Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The Ernster-Blichmann Family Endowed Scholarship

Greg Ernster '77 and his wife, Suzanne Blichmann Ernster, parents of Lauren '06 and Paul '08, established the Ernster-Blichmann Family Endowed Scholarship to provide need-based tuition assistance to students, particularly those interested in math, the sciences, sports, and/or debate. When possible, the gifts follow the receiving students for their entire time at SMHS so long as their need is proven to the foundation each year.

The Tom Kelly Scholarship Fund

The St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation has established the Tom Kelly Scholarship Fund in memory of Tom Kelly, who faithfully served the St. Mary's High School community as a member of the school board, foundation board, and in

advisory capacity for more than 25 years. The fund benefits scholarship and financial aid programs of St. Mary's High School.

The Clergy Fund

The St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation established the Clergy Fund to assist with the funding of the clergy office at St. Mary's High School, including the salary of a school chaplain and supplies needed to carry out the office's mission.

The Good Sisters Fund

Named in honor of Srs. Valerie and Ann Monica Pierce, the Good Sisters Fund supplements funding of the school's curriculum and teacher development. Each semester, the departments heads submit grant requests to the principal for funding of curriculum or programs that would not otherwise be available. In creating the Fund, Sr. Valerie hoped that it grow through additional gifts from SMHS families, friends, and alumni.

The Tafolla Family Fund

Patrice and Jerry Tafolla established the Tafolla Family Fund endowment in gratitude for all SMHS has provided their family, including an excellent education for their daughter, Sarah '13, and son, Michael '15. Their association with the school is a lifelong relationship rooted in faith, community, and a sense of belonging.

The Tafolla Family Fund is a legacy gift, providing permanent funding for debt relief and tuition assistance. At the end of each fiscal year, 5 percent of the balance of the fund is available to the school for the following school year.

The Tafollas intend to be lifelong supporters of SMHS, through the Annual Fund and events like the Golf Classic and the Gala, and by adding to the endowment fund. They encourage other families to consider a gift that will provide for the financial future of the school.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund is the endorsement of the school's mission by people who value the importance of affordable Catholic, college preparatory education for Southern Colorado. The Fund supports all facets of student life at St. Mary's, from academics to athletics to the arts, by filling the gap between the tuition paid by St. Mary's families

and the amount of money it actually takes to educate each student. Without the Annual Fund, tuition would be much higher. For more information about the Annual Fund or to make your gift to St. Mary's, visit www.smhscs.org or contact the Development Office by phone at 719.635.7540 ext. 38 or by emailing development@smhscs.org.



Emily Tait '12 with her husband, Ryan Mason.



Carina Friend '14 graduated this summer from the Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences Medical Laboratory Science Program.



Football reunion with Dylan Tait '16, Ryan Detert '15, and Ryan Englert '16



Joseph Sabish '19 and Joe Clavenna '19 finished Navy ROTC training.

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Emily Tait '12 married Ryan Mason on April 28 in Estes Park.

Earlier this summer, Carina Friend '14 graduated from the Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences Medical Laboratory Science Program in Rochester, Minnesota, and received national recognition from the American Society of Clinical Pathology. She earned her bachelor's degree in biology and biochemistry from St. Mary's University in Minnesota. Carina passed her board certification examination following graduation and began working for the Mayo Clinic in the Laboratory Medicine Department in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in July.

Michelle Moure '15 graduated from Colorado State University-Pueblo on May 4 with a bachelor of science degree in biology with a biomedical sciences emphasis, and a minor in chemistry. Michelle played soccer for CSU-P and helped lead her team to three Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference tournament appearances and one NCAA Division II berth. She was named to the RMAC All-Academic Honor Roll all four years. In addition, Michelle was a research fellow for CSU-P's Communities to Build Active STEM Engagement and was inducted into The National Society of Leadership and Success. Michelle is currently in Louisville, Kentucky, attending the University of Louisville School of Dentistry as a member of the class of 2023.

This fall Patrick Calhoun '15 was hired by Oertli Instruments Inc., a medical device company based out of Switzerland. He will run and develop the US market for Oertli. The company is the second largest manufacturer of ophthalmology surgical platforms in the world. Calhoun spent a month in Berneck, Switzerland, and South Africa training with the company.

Jimmy Velten '16 was named the Naval Academy's "midshipmen of the month" for the last month of the 2018-2019 school year. He is currently a senior at the academy in Annapolis.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, Dylan Tait '16, Ryan Detert '15, and Ryan Englert '16 took the field when Tait and Englert's Colorado Mesa University team faced Detert's Western State University team. This year Western State came out on top; final score Mesa, 28, Western 30. They are joined in the photo by former St. Mary's coaches Coach Nic Olney, left, and Coach Chris Detert.

Joseph Sabish '19 and Joe Clavenna '19 finished their Navy ROTC training this summer. Sabish is attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and Clavenna is attending Washington State University.

Classes Celebrate Reunions

everal St. Mary's classes celebrated milestone reunions this year, five of which are highlighted below. If your class is celebrating a milestone reunion in 2020, St. Mary's would be honored to support it. Contact Joe Trechter, director of Advancement, at jtrechter@smhscs.org or 719.635.7540 ext. 38.



Class of 1969

The class of 1969 held its 50th reunion in July with 54 classmates and spouses attending the planned events. A mixer at Panino's East and dinner at Bourbon Brothers provided wonderful opportunities for old friends to catch up. "We had so much fun," Donna Ross said. "We're planning reunions more frequently."

Class of 1974

The class of 1974 gathered for their 45th reunion in October in conjunction with Homecoming. "It was so much fun," Sherry (Johnson) Mason said. "I was awarded my letter after 45 years for being the first female one miler and Paul Weatherly was given his plaque with 10 letters in athletics." About 20 people attended the reunion at The Grace Center, which was organized by Mason and Sherri (Van Alstyne) Nordstrom.

Class of 1979

The class of 1979 had 38 or so class members in attendance for its 40th reunion, which was held in September in conjunction with the turf and track dedication at The Grace Center. "It was a great time of reminiscing and catching up with old friends," Brian Farrell said.

Class of 1989

The class of 1989 held its 30th reunion in July. Tara Shannon said events included cocktails at Phantom Canyon Brewery, a visit to The Grace Center, and a meal and live music at the home Krista and Kevin Heinicke.

Class of 1999

The class of 1999 had its 20-year reunion with 35 people attending events at The Grace Center and dinner at Fox & Hound. "It was a blast catching up with everyone and hearing about their families, their businesses, what everyone has been up to—different hair and fashion, but otherwise everyone pretty much looks the same 20 years later," Jeremy Feldman said. ●









Participation, Proceeds Up at 43rd Golf Classic

emories abound from St. Mary's 43rd annual Golf Classic. The day of fun, fellowship and fundraising occurs each September with all proceeds supporting St. Mary's tuition assistance program.

This year both Roy Clennan and Rob Clennan of Mortgage Solutions Financial, longtime Golf Classic tournament sponsor, attended the tournament. St. Mary's is always appreciative of their steadfast support for our students and the golf tournament.

Also attending this year's tournament was Joe Moroski, former St. Mary's coach, teacher, and Hall of Fame inductee. In addition to having a chance to chat with many the golfers, which Moroski knew from his 14 years teaching and coaching at St. Mary's, Moroski assisted his son Eric, a business partner of Weissburg Landscaping, which sponsored a hole at the tournament. Moroski taught typing at St. Mary's, among other classes, and had fun catching up with Tim Raskob, Bill Raskob, Kevin Murphy, Brian Murphy, Mark O'Donnell, Rocco Vilanni and many others when their groups played the Weissburg hole.

The 2019 event was one the most successful tournaments in recent years, with the number of golfers participating up by approximately 25 percent and the proceeds brought in through sponsorships up approximately 15 percent.

"We are always grateful for the way our Pirate family invests in our St. Mary's students by supporting events like the Golf Classic," St. Mary's President Rob Rysavy said.



The winning team, above, was Team CB Insurance: Todd Morris, Brian Budreaux, Taylor Willson and Steve Shear. Kissing Camels Golf Course provided the perfect setting for the 43rd annual tournament. Dinner at the Garden of the Gods Club followed the tournament.





2019 Prize Winners

1st Place Team:

Todd Morris, Brian Budreaux, Taylor Wilson, Steve Shear

2nd Place Team:

Ray Kristinsson, Joe Bunecke, Dean Gonzales, Cris Riggs

3rd Place Team:

Jay Hafemeister, Matt Ball, Aaron Pring, Nate Banet

Longest Drive:

Debbie Hendrix, women; Chris Behan, men

Closest to the Pin: Greg Garcia

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Dec. 26 Alumni & Friends of St. Mary's Christmas Social

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April 18 Gala

May 6 Alumni Luncheon
May 6 Senior Mass

May 18 Graduation, Class of 2020 & Marian Award Presentation

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 Estate Plan and/or have made a sustaining gift to the Foundation.

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 the only Catholic high school in Colorado Springs.

What Can You Do for the 1885 Society?

By remembering SMHS in your Estate Plan with a gift of assets, you can craft a life-changing legacy that will impact St. Mary's, Catholic education, and deserving students long beyond your lifespan.

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!

Mick Pepper '92, President Randy Cloud, Secretary

Mackenzie Barta '13, Treasurer

John Stinar, Legal Counsel

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