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ON THE COVER: St. Mary's class of 2019 will spread out across the US this fall, having earned more than \$9 million in college merit scholarships. (photo: Diane Torrence)

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From the President



Please allow me to continue the theme of the last two issues of the *Pirates' Treasure Magazines* and start by saying thank you to all of you, the amazing St. Mary's High School community.

It has been a remarkable year filled with remarkable accomplishments, and as a St. Mary's community, we have much for which we can and should be grateful.

We finished this past academic year by watching 48 very accomplished seniors walk across the stage at graduation. As a class they qualified for more than \$9 million in merit-based scholarships, and once again every member of our graduating class was accepted to a four-year college. That number includes five students who earned four-year ROTC scholarships. That means this year's graduating class earned more ROTC scholarships than any high school of any size in our four-state region.

The list of academic and extracurricular accomplishments achieved by all of our students this year is much too lengthy for me to detail in this space, so please read up on the great successes earned by the students in your St. Mary's High School.

As I write these words, we are finishing up the updates to our magnificent Grace Center athletic facilities. Please join us at The Grace Center on the evening of Sept. 27 for an "unveiling" followed by a football game against our longtime rivals, Manitou Springs. The facility looks fabulous, and we have the generous supporters of St. Mary's to thank for that.

Connected to the remarkable community outpouring of support for The Grace Center project was a very successful Annual Gala this past April. It was our most financially successful event in recent years, and you, the St. Mary's community, contributed \$100,000 to upgrade and improve our science labs. As we look to a future of growth and expansion, we are also taking care of our students today.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the continued faith excellence of our students and community. We are sending one of our graduating seniors off to seminary; we had a strong group of students make a big faith commitment at the June Steubenville of the Rockies conference; we welcomed 17 priests to the school to hear student and staff confessions during our spring reconciliation day; and we continue to be blessed with superb clergy leadership from Fr. Brian Roeseler and Fr. Joe Dygert.

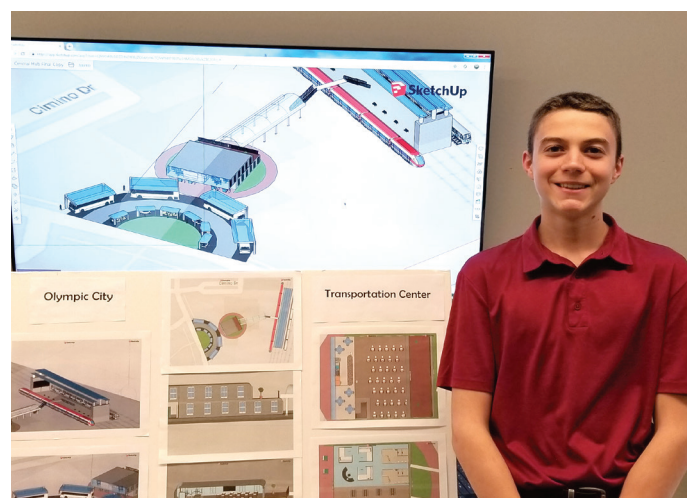
Finally, those of us privileged to work here and serve the next generation of virtuous leaders for our Church and community never forget that the incredible Faith, Knowledge and Community goodness here in St. Mary's would not be possible without your continued prayers and support. We are grateful for you!

Respectfully,

Robert J. Rysavy II
President

Limb Participates in Architectural Program

Jacob Limb '22 spent 10 weeks during the spring semester participating in an architectural program for high school students through RTA Architects, a premier architectural firm in downtown Colorado Springs. Jacob was the only St. Mary's student selected, and gave his final project presentation on May 1. His final project was the design of a regional transportation hub to be located on a vacant lot adjacent to the new Olympic Museum. He blended high speed rail with a building and access to local bus and taxi transportation. After his presentation, the lead architect from RTA complimented Jacob for his clear and articulate presentation, and stated there was no doubt in his mind exactly what Jacob's design and plan were. No other students received such high praise.



Jacob Limb '22 completed RTA Architects high school program this spring.

Two Qualify for National Chemistry Olympiad

In April, St. Mary's again qualified two students for the National Chemistry Olympiad; this year's qualifiers were Erin Berson '20 and Katie Morales '20. When Suzanne Tibbits began teaching at St. Mary's, she set a goal to qualify students for the National Chemistry Olympiad, which at times seemed daunting given the larger schools that usually qualify. St. Mary's qualified its first students for the National Chemistry Olympiad in 2010. Since that time, we have had 17 students qualify for the Olympiad, and have had only two years in which two students didn't qualify. Each school is only allowed to qualify two students each year.



Erin Berson '20 and Katie Morales '20 qualified for the National Chemistry Olympiad in April.

Pirate Theater Sells Out Spring Musical

This spring our Pirate Theater group staged "Disney's Beauty and the Beast" as its spring musical. The cast played to sold out audiences each night. Ben Bodnar '20 and Daniel Zill '21 shared the lead roles of the Beast and Gaston, while Cynthia Trujillo-Castillo '21 and Rebecca Heimbuch '20 shared the role of Belle. You can see photos and video from the performance on the St. Mary's Facebook page (search SMHSColorado).

St. Mary's Tops Manitou in Food Drive

In January the annual Senate-sponsored food drive competition against Manitou Springs wrapped up with more than 7,000 pounds of food being donated to Westside Cares' food banks. St. Mary's students collected 5,880 pounds of food. St. Mary's has never lost the food drive competition.

Students Lead Meeting Prayer Service

On Feb. 6, St Mary's students were invited by the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers to lead the prayer service during NFCYM's annual membership meeting attended by directors



Choir leads prayer service for national youth ministers meeting in February.

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Sports

Baseball

The baseball team entered the Elite 8 of the state tournament with a 17-6 season record. They faced two tough opponents, falling to both in the double elimination tournament, finishing 19-8 overall and 8-1 in league play. Named first team 3A all-state are [Josh White '19](#) (OF) and [Anthony Depner '20](#) (pitcher). [Samuel Baldwin '19](#) and [Edwin Romo '19](#) received all-state honorable mention. Four baseball Pirates represented St. Mary's in the 2019 3A All-State Game and four played on the Tri Peaks All-Star Team at All-City Stadium in Denver. They are: White, Baldwin, Romo, and [Nick Baca '19](#). Additionally, Coach Bill Percy was named Baseball Coach of the Year for the Tri Peaks East Division.

Boys Basketball

The boys basketball team had a successful season finishing 17-6 overall and 10-2 in league play. They beat Manitou Springs by two points to take third place in the Tri Peaks League tournament to advance to the state tournament, where they lost in the first round to Roaring Fork.

Competitive Shooting

In its second year in existence, the competitive shooting team claimed its first state championship. At the 2019 SCTP Colorado State Championships in June, St. Mary's took first in trap ([Cole Ciccirelli '19](#), [Andrew Sorensen '20](#), [Mark Rysavy '20](#), [Kaden Westfall '20](#), and [Matt Raskob '20](#)) and skeet (Westfall, [Jack Rydland '20](#), and [Raskob](#)). In the individual events, Westfall placed first in the high overall score for men, and in trap and sporting clays. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams had great showings. Varsity team members placed second in sporting clays, third in skeet, and fourth in trap. In the individual events, Rysavy placed third in high overall for men, in trap and in skeet. [Cassidy Sorensen '20](#) placed third in high over all for women, in trap, in skeet, and in sporting clays. The junior varsity team placed second in sporting clays and third in trap and in skeet.

Girls Golf

The girls golf team had a solid season, which culminated with [Corinne Logeman '21](#) qualifying for the CHSAA 3A Girls Golf State Championship in late May. Earlier in the season, the team finished third overall and [Lydia Yi '20](#) finished second individually at their first varsity tournament.

Lacrosse

The lacrosse team had a winning season overall at 8-6, but struggled in league play, finishing 2-4. Two lacrosse players received post-season honors. [Luke Stockelman '21](#) was named to the all-state Lacrosse second team while [Peter Stinar '21](#) was named honorable mention all conference this year. Stockelman played in the state game on May 23.

Girls Soccer

The girls soccer team went undefeated in league play, advancing to the state tournament. They beat The Academy in the first round of the state tournament, then tied Peak to Peak in the second round but lost on the tie breaker. They finished 12-5 overall.

Swimming/Diving

The swimming and diving team sent nine girls to the state swim meet this season. [Caitlin Cairns '20](#) was a multi-event league champion and finished second at state in both the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly, breaking her own school record in the latter. [Adelle Rank '22](#) and [Morgan Hughes '22](#) qualified for the state meet as alternates, showing the depth of the young team.

Tennis

The St. Mary's girls tennis team tied with Vanguard for the regional tennis title this season and sent nine players to the state championships in Greeley.

Track and Field

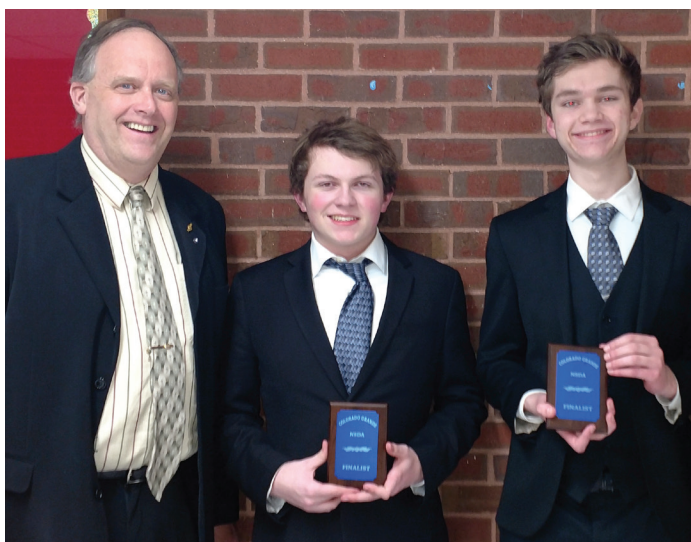
At the state championships, the boys 4x100 team ([Joon Shin '19](#), [Paul Elstad '19](#), [Dom Hartman '19](#), and [Owen Barton '22](#)) placed second with a PR time of 44.48. [Adam Maal '19](#) finished third in the 1600 M, and the boys 4x200 team (Elstad, Hartman, Barton, Maal) finished fourth.

Boys Volleyball

In its first year as a pilot program, the boys volleyball team advanced to state. This spring, boys volleyball was sanctioned by the Colorado High School Activities Association as a full high school sport for the 2020-2021 school year. The sport will return to St. Mary's again next year as a pilot program.

More Spring Sports News

In May, [Mackenzie Pepper '19](#) was awarded the Rotary Champions' Softball Medallion, besting nominees from 20 area high schools. Fifteen St. Mary's students were nominated as Rotary Champions for the 2018-2019 school year. They are: [Gabriela Coronado '19](#), girls tennis; [Alexa LaMack '20](#), girls volleyball; [Claire O'Connor '19](#), girls soccer; [Madeline Simmons '19](#), girls track; [Marie Resman '19](#), cross country; [Pepper](#), softball and girls basketball; [Caitlin Cairns '20](#), girls swimming; [Lydia Yi '20](#), girls golf; [Samuel Baldwin '19](#), football; [Joseph Sabish '19](#), baseball; [Eddy Ferrara '19](#), boys basketball; [Sean Wassinger '19](#), boys soccer; [Paul Elstad '19](#), boys track; and [Nick Baca '19](#), boys golf. The Rotary Champions program, presented by the Pikes Peak Area Rotary Clubs, honors outstanding student-athletes in the Pikes Peak Region.



Ben Bodnar '20 and Daniel Zill '21 with Coach Jeff Borst.



Olivia Nunez '20 was elected co-captain of the Pikes Peak Rangerettes.

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of youth ministry from across the country. The annual meeting is attended by between 250-300 members, and this year featured the Nuncio of the Vatican, Archbishop Pierre. Our students led a joyful prayer service and youth ministers were lining up afterward to thank them for leading the prayer service.

Bodnar, Zill Place 4th at State Tournament

Congratulations to Ben Bodnar '20 and Daniel Zill '21 for finishing fourth at the Colorado State Forensics Tournament. The state finish culminated a successful season for the forensics team. In March at the National Qualifying Tournament in Pueblo, Bodnar and Zill broke into finals in Duo Interpretation and were alternates to nationals, which was held in July. Thomas Jasper '19 qualified for nationals in Congressional Debate and together with Sydney Wilkinson '19 made it to semi-finals in Duo. Other members breaking into out-rounds included Katherine Chartier '20, Ronnie Hennessey '21, and Aston Medellin '21. Coach Jeff Borst was also recognized at the District Coach of the Year.

Nuñez Elected Co-Captain of Rangerettes

Olivia Nuñez '20 has been elected co-captain for the Pikes Peak Rangerettes; Nunez has been with the team since 2015. This group of 20 young women, ages 12-20, promotes western heritage and supports the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo. The Rangerettes perform in parades and rodeos throughout the State of Colorado, including the Colorado Springs St. Patrick's Day Parade, which is pictured here. The photo at left shows Olivia on her horse, Elvis.

Girls Basketball Wins 2nd State Title

The St. Mary's girls basketball team claimed its second consecutive state title in March, and made it look easy. In many ways the 2018-2019 season mirrored the 2017-2018 season with the team losing only one game all season. That loss again came at the hands of the Colorado Springs Christian School Lions.

The Pirates rebounded defeating CSCS 40-34 to take the Tri Peaks district title, avenging the earlier regular season loss.

Once they entered the state tournament as the No. 1 seed, they put on a show. They defeated Riverdale Ridge 82-22 in regionals, then topped Salida 77-27 in the Sweet 16, Alamosa 53-38 in the Great 8, and Eaton 54-20 in the Final Four to set up a rematch with CSCS for the state title.

The Pirates took the lead early in the state title game and easily defeated CSCS 56-34 to become the 2019 state champions. The team finished with an overall record of 26-1 and were 9-1 in league play.





Community Rallies for Turf,

Since it was dedicated in 2006, The Grace Center has always been about community. In fact, the community aspect of the center was so important that it is part of the facility's proper name: The Grace Center for Athletics and Community Service.

Over the last 13 years, The Grace Center has provided an amazing venue for community gatherings, not just for the St. Mary's family but also for the greater Colorado Springs community. This year the St. Mary's community, as well as the local community, rallied to help keep The Grace Center in tip-top condition by helping St. Mary's fund its turf and track replacement project.

Work started on May 20, with some necessary landscaping to mitigate erosion on the hillside above the field. Removal of the existing turf started on June 10 and was completed that week. Then the track was resurfaced and the new turf was installed, with the project finished by the end of July.

St. Mary's President Rob Rysavy is thrilled with the updates and improvements

**Join us for the
official turf
dedication
ceremony at
The Grace Center on
Sept. 27 before our
first home football
game against
Manitou Springs!**

being made to the facility.

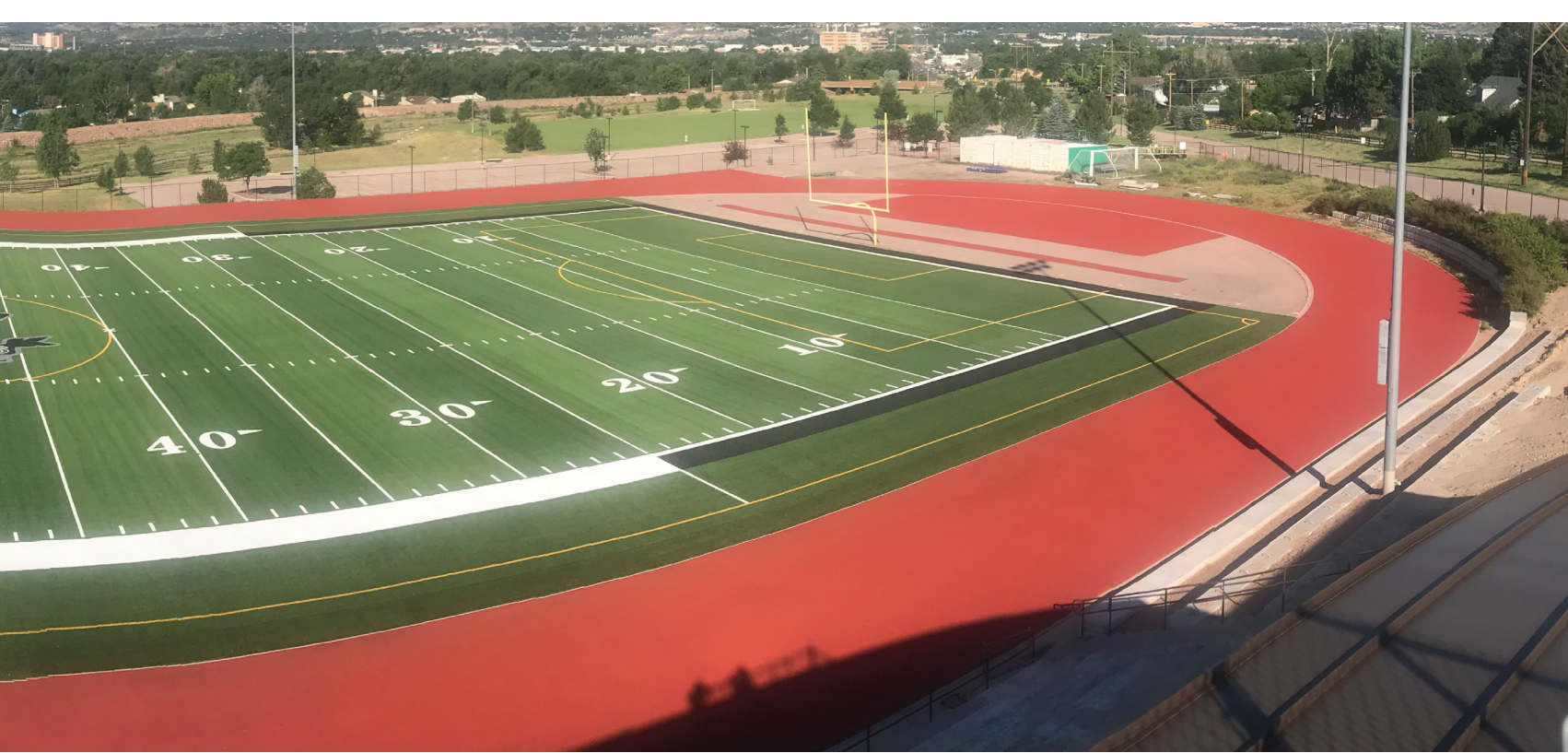
"Our family's journey at St. Mary's began in 2006, the year The Grace Center opened. Over the last 13 years, my two grads and two current students all competed at The Grace Center," he said. "With two more kids still on the way, my family is thrilled that The Grace Center will now remain one of the premier high school athletic facilities in the state of Colorado for many years to come."

The girls soccer team was both the first and the last to play on the original turf at The Grace Center. In the spring of 2006, the girls hosted Coorado Springs Christian School in the first game on the field in the facility. The stadium was added over the summer of 2006, and the facility officially opened in the fall of 2006. On May 2, the girls soccer team secured a 5-0 victory over James Irwin in the last athletic contest to take place on the original turf.

Through the exceptional stewardship of Jim Cristelli and his facility crew, the original turf exceeded the normal expected lifespan of the surface material. Most turf fields must be replaced after eight to 10 years of use, but St. Mary's turf has lasted more than a decade.

In January, St. Mary's asked our community to help fund the turf and track replacement project and you responded with overwhelming generosity. In just a few of weeks, almost 90 families committed to give \$205,470, helping us surpass our goal of \$200,000.

Then this spring St. Mary's learned that



Track Replacement Project

for the first time in more than a decade, the El Pomar Foundation has chosen to partner with our school and has provided grant funds for a portion of the turf and track project. St. Mary's had also hoped to receive funds from the NFL to help with the cost of the project, but despite a strong grant application, the NFL did not award us a grant for the new turf.

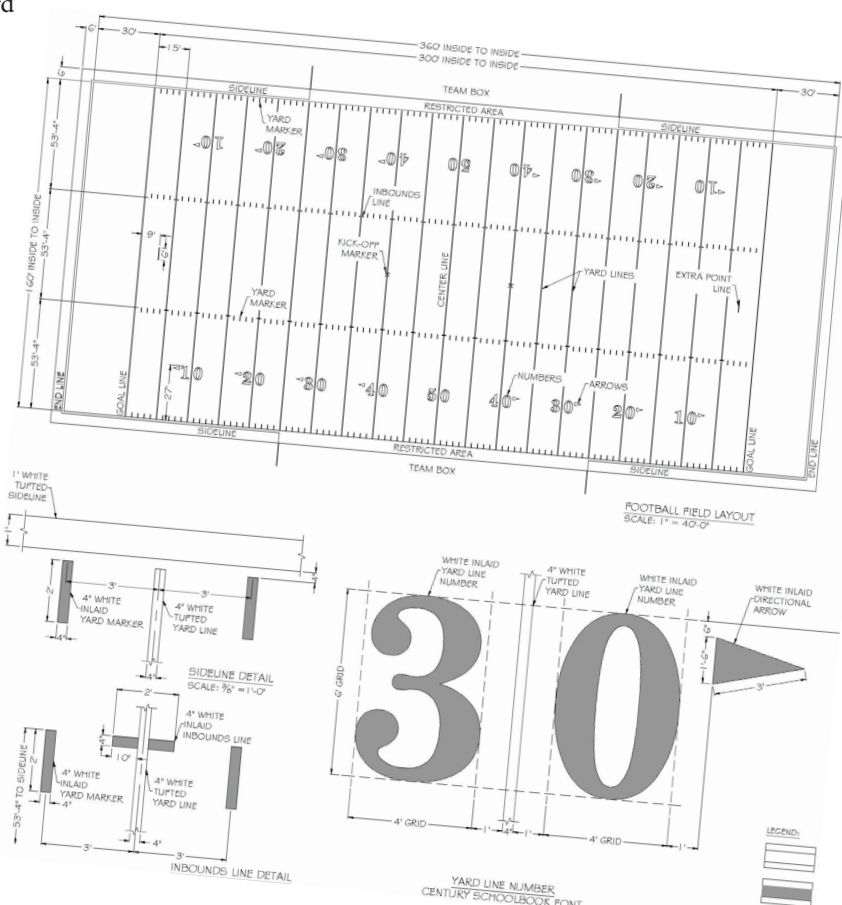
As a result St. Mary's continues working to execute its strategy to secure the remaining \$200,000 for The Grace Center project through corporate sponsors, grant-making organizations, and individual donations. If you would like to be a part of this project, donations can be made online at www.smhscs.org or by sending donations to the school. Whether paying online or by check, please mark in the comments that the donation is for The Grace Center Project.

Rysavy is pleased with the efforts of the staff and community to make this project possible.

"The head of our development efforts, Joe Trechter, put a great plan together to ensure we could make these improvements.

Once Joe put the word out, our St. Mary's family responded magnificently, and our community continues to respond as we secure the final dollars needed for the project," he said. "I do not have the words to adequately thank Joe and our entire community for making this important project possible."

The official dedication of the new turf is set for Sept. 27 when our Pirates host Manitou Springs in the first home football game of the season. ●





all class of 2019 photos: Diane Torrence

The 48 graduates in St. Mary's mighty class of 2019 will spread out across the US, with about half of the class attending colleges in 14 different states.

Mighty '19

The 48 seniors who made up the St. Mary's High School class of 2019 are poised to do great things. Several received full ride college scholarships. Three will continue on as student athletes. They will major in everything from English to pre-med to economics. Congratulations, class of 2019!

Life milestones, such as graduating from high school, provide time to reflect on our past and look to our future. Family and faith were themes through baccalaureate Mass and graduation on May 20 for the class of 2019, as speakers encouraged the graduates to remember their roots while they strive for success in the future.

The class of 2019 has a lot to be proud of. They earned \$9.35 million in merit scholarships. Five members of the class received

full-ride ROTC scholarships, including four graduates receiving Navy ROTC scholarships. Army Second Lt. **Morgan (Baldwin) Kirchhoff '14** returned to her alma mater to present her brother, Samuel, with an Army ROTC scholarship. The four-year scholarship covers tuition, books, and fees and is worth \$230,000. Navy CDR Peter Catalano was on hand to present the four Navy ROTC scholarships to Joseph Sabish, Joe Clavenna, Jeremy Uhl, and Gabe Calhoun. Each received a scholarship that

will cover tuition, books and fees that is worth \$200,000.

Catalano said that in the region that covers Colorado, Nebraska, Utah and Wyoming four ROTC scholarship recipients at one school was the most that the Navy had awarded this year.

In his baccalaureate homily, Bishop Michael Sheridan reminded the graduates that each of them are known by God before the earth was formed, and that each is created for a specific purpose.

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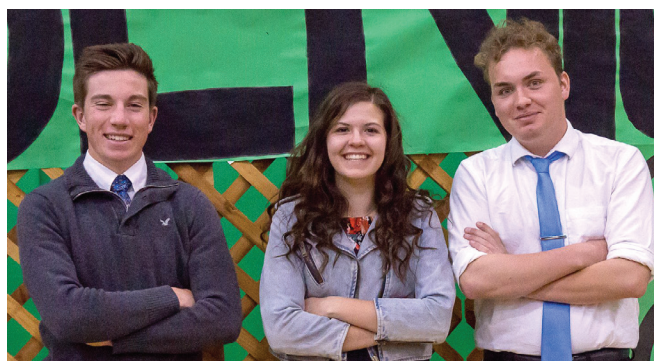
Class of 2019 Student Leaders



Salutatorians Edward Ferrara Jr., left, and Domenic Hartman, right, with valedictorian Melody Vetrovec



Senior Senate officers were, from left: Joseph Sabish, treasurer; Kylie Barta, president; Kaitlyn Fowler, adviser; Emma Creech, vice president; Gabe Calhoun, secretary.



Senior class officers were, from left: Samuel Baldwin, vice president; Marie Resman, treasurer; Galahad Carmack, president.



Prom King and Queen were Nick Baca and Kylie Barta.

Logan Scott Almquist

Pikes Peak Community College

Nicholas Randall Baca

Gonzaga University

Samuel Thomas Baldwin

Creighton University

Kylie Jean Barta

Saint Louis University

Lauren Marlene Bishop

Univ. of Colorado-Colorado Springs

Gabriel Andrew Calhoun

Virginia Military Institute

Galahad Michael Carmack

Holy Apostles College

Cole Matthew Sanchez Ciccarelli

Colorado State University – Pueblo

Joseph Raymond Clavenna

Washington State University

Gabriella Lydia Coronado

Saint Louis University

Emma Catherine Creech

Texas Christian University

Lana Edwina DeBakey

University of Colorado – Denver

Rebecca Elizabeth Dunbaugh

Rochester Institute of Technology

Paul Matthew Elstad

Colorado State University – Ft. Collins

Edward John Ferrara, Jr.

Univ. of Colorado – Colorado Springs

Kaitlyn Mae Fowler

Saint Louis University

Felicia Jo Friend

Univ. of Colorado – Colorado Springs

Alejandra Maria Gravelle

University of Northern Colorado

Domenic Edward Hartman

Colorado State University – Ft. Collins

Tibor John (TJ) Hegedus

University of Alabama

Victoria Colleen Holt

University of Dayton

Thomas Lawrence Jasper

St. Gregory the Great Seminary

Kevin James Lane

Saint Louis University

Adam Nicholas Maal

Colorado State University – Ft. Collins

Alexander John Matticola

Colorado State University – Ft. Collins

Claire Linh O'Connor

University of Oregon

Yihao (Andy) Pan

Purdue University

Mackenzie Rea Pepper

Saint Mary's College –

Notre Dame, Ind.

Sandra-Marie Oliva Piedad

University of Portland

Gulliana Victoria Quezada

Campos

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Texas A&M University

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Missouri Univ. of Science &

Technology

Joshua Matthew White

LeTourneau University

Sydney Rae Wilkinson

Benedictine College

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

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Photo, right: Corey Almond told the class of 2019 that tradition binds us so as they go forth, remember to always come home.



Photo, below: Joseph Sabish, Joe Clavenna, Gabe Calhoun, and Jeremy Uhl were each awarded a Navy ROTC scholarship.



Army Second Lt. Morgan (Baldwin) Kirchhoff '14 presented her brother, Samuel, with an Army ROTC scholarship during graduation award ceremonies for the class of 2019.



"As you move on to the next stage of life, I pray that each of you will remain steadfast in the faith, which is not always easy today," he said. "Catherine of Siena said, 'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'"

Graduation speaker Corey Almond, vice president of Family Immigration Services at Catholic Charities of Central Colorado, reminded the class of 2019 that they are "loved and cherished" by both those who gathered at Holy Apostles Catholic Church to celebrate their graduation and by God.

"It is those who love and cherish us who will support us on the journey. You will come to understand better that our tradition binds us," he said. "You are loved and called to holiness. Listen for God's voice when things in life are working and when things aren't going the way you like."

Almond encouraged the graduates to consider others and to be understanding as they deal with those around them.

"Honor the dignity of everyone," he said. "Go forth and be worthy, but also come back: to your faith and to your family."

**"Our persistence says
that we are the stuff of greatness."
— Melody Vetrovec, valedictorian**

Salutatorians Edward Ferrara Jr., who was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, and Domenic Hartman put a comic spin on their speech, which recapped the class of 2019's four years at St. Mary's. They ended by encouraging their classmates to continue doing good and making the world a better place.

Melody Vetrovec, valedictorian, reminded the class of 2019 that part of growing up is learning to balance dreams with the real circumstances around them. She encouraged the graduates to develop their own definition of success instead of allowing the world around them to define it.

"We should define our dreams and then pursue them with our whole hearts," she said.

While graduation is the end of high school, Vetrovec reminded them that it is really the beginning and each graduate has much to look forward to. However, she cautioned that it will not all be easy sailing.

"We will be blown off course. If we want to still reach our destination, we must learn to bend and not break," she said. "When we fail, it is the result of trials, not the reflection of our character. Our persistence says that we are the stuff of greatness. So be brilliant, bend, and be your best." ●

Alumni Representing 25 years of St. Mary's History Gather for Annual Basketball Tourney



Alumni spanning more than a quarter of a century of St. Mary's history gathered on April 13 in the St. Mary's gym for the 18th annual Alumni Basketball Tournament. Teams included members from the class of 1991 through the class of 2020.

This year's round robin tournament included only a competitive bracket. The brother trio of **Derrick Raedel '05**, **Jacob Raedel '12**, and **Camden Raedel '18** recovered from a first round loss to win the tournament. **Gabe Calhoun '19**, **Eddy Ferrara '19**, and **Ray Dearmon '20** were the youngest competitors in the tournament and gained some valuable experience for when they return as alumni.

This year's teams were:

- Team TriForce: **Ozzie Grenardo '91**, **Ben Hoelting '93**, and **Chris Bolz '93**
- Splash Brothers and Ray: **RayShawn Dearmon '20**, **Gabe Calhoun '19**, and **Eddy Ferrara '19**
- Team KDO: **Chris McGinnis '98**, **Tommy Darneal '99**, and **Mike McGinnis '03** (defending champs)
- Different Animal, Same Beast: **Derrick Raedel '05**, **Jacob Raedel '12**, and **Camden Raedel '18**
- Lunch Loungers: **Shane Holecek '94**, **Bruce Hartley '97**, and **Greg Miranda '94**
- Team Cristelli: **Michael Garcia '07**, **Rene Vizcarra '07**, and **Sean O'Keeffe '07**.

You can see all of the photos from this year's Alumni Basketball Tournament at www.facebook.com/SMHSALUMNIBBALL/.

To find information on next year's event, go to our website at www.smhscs.org/alumni/events/alumni-basketball/. ●

Photo above left: Team Cristelli (**Michael Garcia '07**, **Rene Vizcarra '07**, and **Sean O'Keeffe '07**) take on Triforce (**Ozzie Grenardo '91**, **Ben Hoelting '93**, and **Chris Bolz '93**).

Photo left: **Camden Raedel '18** of Different Animal, Same Beast drives to the basketball against defender **Ray Dearmon '20** of team Splash Brothers and Ray.



The team of Different Animal, Same Beast, made up of **Derrick Raedel '05**, **Jacob Raedel '12**, and **Camden Raedel '18**, won the 2019 round robin tournament.

Class Notes

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

Colleen Carroll Campbell '92 published her third book this May. It is titled "Heart of Perfection: How the Saints Taught Me to Trade My Dream of Perfect for God's." In it she explores the lives of saints who are recovering perfectionists and talks about her own journey. Campbell's days are now filled with homeschooling her four children and writing. You can read more about her book on St. Mary's blog at stmaryspirates.wordpress.com.

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

Sean M. Frederick '06, a captain in the United States Air Force, was one of 24 individuals to be presented with a Stellar Award from the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Foundation on April 26. Frederick was nominated for his "successful development, delivery, and fielding of a classified, revolutionary capability for a multi-billion dollar initiative that is reshaping military satellite communications." Frederick's award was presented by astronaut Dr. Shannon Walker. In 2019, 36 government and 104 corporate nominations were received in four categories: Early Career, Mid Career, Late Career, and Team. Frederick was one of the Early Career winners.

Tiffany (Busch) Rutledge '06 got married on July 5, 2018, to Chase Rutledge. They were married on the MV Skansonian, a retired ferry boat in Seattle, Washington.

Stephen VanGambleare '08 ran the race of his life on April 15 at the 2019 Boston Marathon. He finished with a personal record of 2:18:40, which was the 26th fastest time of the race; finished as the top amateur; and qualified for the 2020 U.S. Olympic Trials. His qualifying time for this year's Boston Marathon was 2:24:25.

..... 2010 - 2019.....

Emily Loof '14 graduated Summa Cum Laude from St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota, in May 2018. Emily played soccer for the Cardinals and was a three-time Scholar Athlete of the Year. Emily was named assistant director of athletic communications for Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Arkansas.

Mike Klopfenstein '15 graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor of science degree in computer engineering on May 19.

Cameron James LaMack '15 graduated Magna Cum Laude from Loyola Marymount University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering May 11. He will continue on to Cleveland State University to pursue a PhD in mechanical engineering with research in artificial intelligence, robotics, and helping people with disabilities.

Meagan Mazany '15 recently graduated from Saint Mary's College of California with a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology,



Colleen Carroll Campbell '92 with her family in December 2018.



photo: Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Foundation
Sean Frederick '06 with astronaut Dr. Shannon Walker in April.



Tiffany (Busch) Rutledge '06 with her husband, Chase



Stephen VanGambleare '08 at the Boston Marathon in April.

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Joe Wahl '15 is sworn into the Air Force by his mother, Mary Claire, USAF retired.



Sam Pribyl '16 in Loyola Marymount's production "Measure for Measure."



Sarah Hwang '17 (second from right) with her Hack-a-Thon team in March.

where she also played four years of rugby. She is working toward becoming a behavior technician and will be married in August.

Allison Miller '15 graduated from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota on May 11 with a bachelor of arts in chemistry. In the fall, she will begin working toward her PhD in chemistry at the University of Notre Dame.

Jackie Ulfers '15 graduated Summa Cum Laude with honor's distinction with a bachelor of science in audiology and speech-language sciences from the University of Northern Colorado in May. She will attend the University of Arizona to earn her master's degree in speech-language pathology. Jackie was honored to represent the University of Northern Colorado's spring class of 2019, and give the commencement speech to the graduating class. "My speech centered on embracing nervousness, gratitude and being human through our next steps of life, no matter where our future takes us. My time at UNC is invaluable, and I am excited for my next adventure." The UNC graduation speaker is chosen based on academic excellence, professor recommendations, and community engagement.

Joe Wahl '15 graduated from Boston University May 19 with degrees in Russian and in international relations. He also commissioned from Air Force ROTC into the Air Force as a second lieutenant. His mom, Mary Claire (retired Air Force), swore him in. Joe is attending intel school.

Sam Pribyl '16 is staying very busy at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Last fall, he starred as Pompey in LMU's production of Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure" and made his theater directing debut with a production of "Trevor" by Nick Jones. He has also been cast in "Waiting" at the Hollywood Fringe Festival this summer. In the fall, he will start his senior year at Loyola Marymount majoring in theater.

Sarah Hwang '17, along with her three teammates, won the University of Notre Dame's 2019 Hack-a-Thon, which brings together teams of developers, graphic designers, subject specialists, and other creatives to re-imagine solutions to everyday problems. Hwang and her team spent March 29-31 working on their project, titled Study Buddy. They built an app that allows students to look up students by class and form study groups. Their winning team took home a \$5,000 prize. Hwang will start her junior year in college of engineering, computer science at the University of Notre Dame in the fall.

Anna Wahl '17, who just finished her sophomore year at MIT, went to Sheppard Air Force Base in May with four other Air Force ROTC cadets to ride in a T-38 Talon, a two-seat jet the Air Force uses for training pilots (see photo on page 14). In June, she went to Morocco for a language and cultural immersion

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program through ROTC. Earlier this year, in January, Anna spent a month in Acona, Italy, teaching speech and debate at a local high school through an MIT program that sends students to teach various topics at overseas high schools. Anna is majoring in aerospace engineering.

In December, **Mia Bukowski '18** was one of 21 college freshmen presented as Colorado Springs' 2018 débutants. Each was chosen for school achievements, volunteer activities and contributions to their community, as well as for the community contributions of their families. Bukowski, the daughter of Mike and Marian Bukowski, was presented by her father and escorted by **Camden Raedel '18** and her brother, **Michael Bukowski Jr. '15**.

Matt Haines '18 was selected to play collegiate summer baseball in the Puerto Rico Collegiate League for the Edgewater Pirates. The 10 teams of the PRCL played six days a week for five weeks in June and July 2019 in a very competitive baseball environment. The teams were housed in the Olympic Training Center in Arroyo, Puerto Rico. Matt is currently attending Central Christian College of Kansas, where he is a member of the varsity baseball team. He was excited for this outstanding cultural and baseball development opportunity.

..... In Memorium

Bob Clark '48 died on April 9, 2019. He is survived by his eight children, 20 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and three sisters.

Kristine (Kane) Faricy '66 died on Oct. 6, 2018. She is survived by her husband, **Patrick '65**; three children; six grandchildren; her mother; and her six siblings.

Glenda Hernandez Romero '74 died on April 6, 2019. She is survived by her three children; 10 grandchildren; and siblings, Alveda Pero; twin, **Brenda Furtado '73**; and John Hernandez.

Jeanne Rodriguez, mother to **Patty McDowell '75**, **Gregory Rodriguez '84**, **Paul Rodriguez '76**, **Rene Rodriguez '77**, **Jeanine Rodriguez '79**, and **Marianne Rodriguez '82**, and grandmother to **Ganin Rodriguez '22**, died on March 7, 2019. She is survived by her husband, Leo; six children; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Barry Sobral, father to **J. Michael Sobral '09** and **Madeline Sobral '11** and a former St. Mary's board member, died on March 12, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Betsy; seven children; and 12 grandchildren.

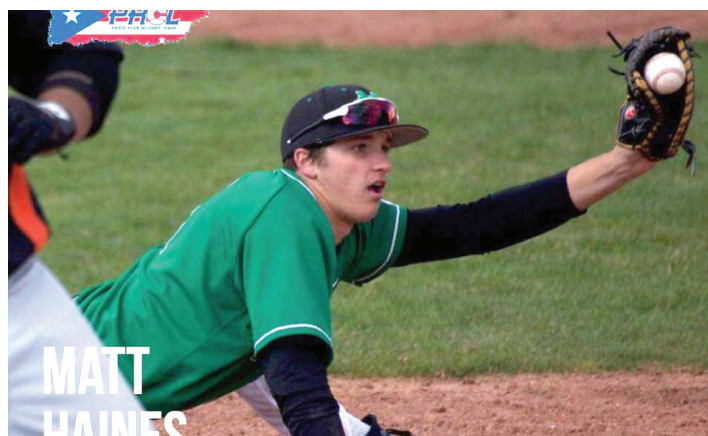
Joseph Gentry, a former St. Mary's teacher and track coach, died on Jan. 26, 2019. He is survived by his sister, Marabeth; two daughters, Stephanie and Janeen; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



Anna Wahl '17 beside a T-38 Talon, a two-seat jet used for training Air Force pilots.



Mia Bukowski '18 at the 2018 Colorado Springs Débutant Ball with (from left) escorts, her brother, **Michael Bukowski Jr '15**, and **Camden Raedel '18**, and her father, Mike, who presented her to the court.



Matt Haines '18 played baseball in the Puerto Rico Collegiate League this summer.

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

Each spring the St. Mary's family gathers at the school's Annual Gala to celebrate the community and raise money for tuition assistance and other programs. The theme of the 2019 Gala was "Out of This World: Celebrating 50 Years Since the Moon Landing."

The St. Mary's family helped raise almost \$225,000, including \$100,000 for the Gift from the Heart appeal and \$42,000 in raffle ticket sales. In keeping with the science theme, this year's Gift from the Heart appeal raised money to update the school's science labs.

While the Gala proceeds often go toward updating the school's facilities, St. Mary's President Rob Rysavy reminded Gala attendees that St. Mary's is more than a building.

"In its 130-plus year history, St. Mary's has called several facilities home and it is likely that the school has not seen its final move," Rysavy said. "But while we must concentrate on the upkeep of the brick and mortar, St. Mary's is a flesh and blood experience."

This year the Dessert Dash was once again a competitive event. Each year the freshmen parents contribute desserts for this much-loved Gala tradition. Bids are collected by table, and the winning table chooses first and has the most time to choose. The 2019 Dessert Dash raised \$12,000.

Please plan to join us next year for the Annual Gala, which will be held on April 18, 2020. It is a great time of fellowship and fundraising.



Colorado Springs Mayor **John Suthers '70** and his wife, Janet, check out the desserts as tables were contributing to the Dessert Dash. The 2019 Dessert Dash raised \$12,000.



St. Mary's science teachers, (left to right) Nora Frederick, Suzanne Tibbits, Al Hartzell, Kathy Hanshew, and Vince Nigro, were special guests at this year's Gala and were honored with job of choosing the winning raffle tickets.

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Aug. 14 First Day of School for Freshmen
Aug. 15 First Day of School
Sept. 16 Golf Classic
Oct. 19 Homecoming
Oct. 25 Athletic Hall of Fame Assembly and Game
Dec. 9 Marian Award/Grandparents Mass



ST. MARY'S
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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 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 through 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!

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