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visit SJJ students, faculty,
and administration.



Dear Alumni, Students, Family and Friends of SJJ,

I am honored and blessed to have been named the 11th president of St. John's Jesuit. As a 1975 graduate, I have spent my life being part of the SJJ community as a teacher, fundraiser, administrator, parent, and grandparent. I am passionate about leading a team that ensures our young men receive a strong education rooted in Catholic and Jesuit identity and academic excellence.

St. John's Jesuit is known as an innovator in Catholic education in Northwest Ohio. We were the first to establish Kairos; Senior Project; the 20/20 Scholars Program; an Academy for sixth, seventh and eighth grade young men; and the Toledo Labre Program, to name a few. Our graduates go on to create successful careers because of our premier academic education. But perhaps even more importantly, Jesuit education has always been focused on personal formation based on the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, about the St. John's Jesuit brotherhood, and about becoming a *Man for Others*. For generations, St. John's Jesuit has been forming young men to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.

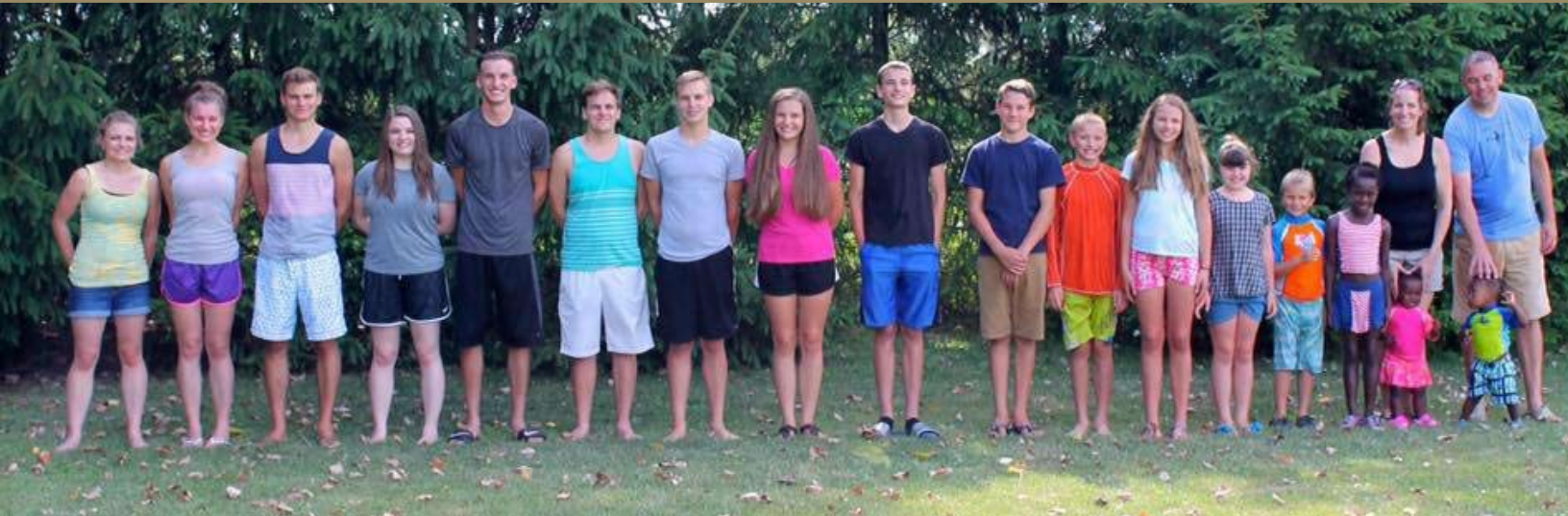
As you read this issue of *Titan Topics*, I hope you'll understand why we are so proud of our young men—in areas including academics, service, spiritual experiences, athletics, arts, and more. But what this publication cannot show is the passion, respect, and integrity that these young men show for each other every day as they walk through our halls. As I travel and meet with so many of our alumni, I have experienced firsthand the generations of graduates that continue to practice these values out in the world.

For more than 50 years, St. John's Jesuit has been committed to advocating the Jesuit ministry by providing an education filled with diverse opportunities to achieve intellectual competence, enhance spiritual growth, and develop a faith that takes action. This ministry would not be possible without the support of our alumni. We hope you will continue to share in the experience of our 10,000-plus graduates who have gone on to light the world on fire and make a difference.

God Bless,

Mike Savona '75, President

BIG FAMILIES...BIGGER HEARTS



The seeds of being a Man for Others are planted early and often at St. John's Jesuit—and they have been for decades. Parents of teenagers may not immediately see the results of that concept; it might take a while for the idea to take hold and come to fruition. But SJJ alums constantly prove that being a Man for Others—in both small ways and in extraordinary situations—is part of who they are from the deepest core of their soul.

Two Toledo-area alums are showing their commitment to loving others by welcoming children in need into their families.

John '85 and Maria Kreuz, Swanton, OH

John and Maria Kreuz love children—clearly. They are the parents to 14 biological children and three adopted children, as well as grandparents to six. Two of their daughters have also adopted children, so the belief in reaching out to embrace children in need runs deep.

Kreuz, Vice President, Business Banking, at Huntington Bank, has been married to Maria since 1988. Their biological children are Emily, Mary, William, Margaret, John IV, Zachary, Silas, Liberty, Samuel, Aidan, Peter, Sophia, Faith, and Ben—ranging in age from 28 to eight. When Ben was four, the family learned of the great need to foster children whose birth parents were dealing with issues such as opioid addiction. Once they had completed the process of becoming foster parents through Lucas County Family Services in 2015, they brought home

two-day-old Juliette. One month later, they added four-day-old Jackson to the family. Shortly after, the Kreuzes found that Jackson had an older sister in another foster home, so they included her in their family home a few months later.

Through taking foster parent classes, the Kreuzes learned that it is beneficial to consider adoption if foster children cannot be reunited with their birth parents or placed permanently in a home. While they were not actively looking to adopt, their hearts were open to the possibility. When it was deemed impossible for Juliette, Jackson, and Elizabeth to be reunited with their birth parents, the Kreuz family adopted them in 2016.

Around the same time, John and Maria's two oldest daughters, Emily and Mary, also began the process of becoming foster parents. Both were single at the time, but Emily was married by the time she adopted Evelyn and Andrew in 2017. She and her husband, Jonathan, are also parents to Caleb, who is three months old. Mary became a single mom when she adopted Josiah, 2, in June 2017.

The adoption journey has not been all rosy, of course. Foster care can be a roller coaster of emotion and uncertainty. After picking up Juliette and Jack from the hospital, Kreuz said, "it seemed 99 percent certain that the path for them was adoption into our family." However, a short time later, relatives surfaced who made claims on the babies. He said, "We felt as bonded to these children as our birth children.

In some ways, we felt a fiercer bond because the children were so vulnerable, and we felt the bond was threatened by the uncontrolled circumstances surrounding the relationship.” He said it was heart-wrenching to know they might lose the babies. But the Kreuzes’ strong faith helped them persevere. “Stepping out of the boat to walk on the crazy water of fostering-to-adopt challenged us more than anything we had yet faced. People have to be willing to have their heart ripped out in order for these foster babies and children to have stability, hope, and love. We desperately wanted these children to be our forever kids.”

Other obstacles to overcome were fetal alcohol syndrome in one of the babies, as well as anxiety resulting from being in foster care for many years. “It’s not easy, but it’s worth it. Every day is a discovery.”

At the other end of the spectrum is the joy. Kreuz said, “The unexpected fierceness of the bond between ourselves and these non-biological children is amazing. It’s an overwhelming love and connection that is unexplainable, but so real and powerful. After having 14 birth kids, it’s easy to understand bonding to a newborn. The surprise is that this same connection is very natural and every bit as strong with our adopted kids.”

The bond did not just apply to John and Maria and their adopted kids; it was among the siblings, too. “Our teenage son Sam is able to comfort Jackson when he is having difficulty coping with life. Juliette can’t go to bed without her older sisters Sophia and Faith giving her a kiss good night. Faith would cry every time Elizabeth had to go home before she came to live with us permanently.”

In looking back at the decision to foster and adopt, Kreuz credits SJJ with laying the foundation of being a *Man for Others*. “When the focus shifts from caring for our own lives to caring for someone else’s life or changing someone else’s future or destiny, then being a *Man for Others* is a reality. Jesus said it best: ‘There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’ Being a foster or adoptive parent is not about me, but about someone else. It wasn’t about adding to my family, but rather adding to the life of kids in need.”

The Legacy of John and Maria Kreuz

Emily, 28; Married to Jonathan

Evelyn, 3 1/2
(adopted June 2017)

Andrew, 1 1/2
(adopted August 2017)

Caleb, 3 months

Mary, 27

Josiah, 2
(adopted June 2017)

William, 25; Married to Kylie

William II, 4

Eli, 2

Margaret, 24

John IV, 23

Zachary, 21

Silas, 19

Liberty, 18

Samuel, 16

Aidan, 15

Peter, 13

Sophia, 13

Faith, 12

Ben, 8

Elizabeth, 8
(adopted February 2016)

Juliette, 3
(adopted July 2016)

Jackson, 3
(adopted December 2016)





Doug '87 and Michelle Koop, Sylvania, OH

Doug and Michelle Koop are owners of Koop Family Physical Therapy and parents to four active children: Kaeli, 17; Connor, 15; Kelsie, 11; and Karlee, 8.

In 2014, the Koops knew they were being called to be foster parents. "We felt that God was really urging us to start the required foster parenting classes. We prayed about fostering and started classes in January 2016. The process is very meticulous, including undergoing background checks, fingerprinting, medical exams, home study, fire inspection, and a thorough interview process for everyone living in our home. We were officially licensed on December 9, 2016. We accepted our first baby one hour after we were licensed."

Like the Kreuzes, the Koops found foster parenting to have its challenges—and many rewards.

"We have found that time management was the biggest obstacle to overcome. Foster care involves not only caring for the child, but also doctor visits, weekly parental visits, case worker visits, and learning how the ever-changing foster care system works. As a foster parent, we have the choice of having a relationship with the child's parents or not.

We have chosen to get to know the families on a personal level, which can be difficult. The hardest part of foster care is saying goodbye. We really struggle with parting ways, but we try to remember that the hurt is just proof that we loved the child with our whole heart," Koop said.

"The treasured moments include getting to love and care for a child who needs a temporary safe and secure home. Our children have learned about the incredible gift of unconditional love," he added.

Also like Kreuz, Koop felt that the concept of giving back to others was definitely part of his education at St. John's. "SJJ prepared me to serve others through volunteering and missions, including working at St. Ann's and St. Mary's with Father Pipp as a mentor. The *Men for Others* motto was ingrained in me at SJJ."

While both graduates fondly recall fun times and special teachers from their days at St. John's, it's clearly the Jesuit value of service to others that has taken hold in their lives. And, as they continue to give to children in need through adoption and fostering, John Kreuz and Doug Koop are living their lives as examples of St. John's graduates—and Men for Others—for so many to witness.

STRONG FAMILY TIES BIND THE PERINO FAMILY TO SJJ

The Perino clan just may be responsible for one of the most extensive family trees ever at St. John's Jesuit.

Richard and Donna Perino of Maumee, Ohio, are the parents of three sons, two of whom are SJJ

grads (Randy '86 and Ryan '90). Randy was a soccer player at SJJ; he attended John Carroll University and owns his own business. Ryan was a football player and also played college football. He is in pharmaceutical sales. But the fun really began when the next generation of Perinos—eight grandsons who are close in age—entered the halls of St. John's.



- Jacob '15 is a junior at Ohio State University; he is a pre-med major who is currently studying to take his MCAT for medical school. While at SJJ, he was on the swim team (and won several awards); he also played football and earned his Eagle Scout badge.
- Joel '17 was a swimmer and water polo player. He attends Bowling Green State University, where he is majoring in Aviation.
- Tyler '18 plays football, basketball, and baseball. After graduation, he is considering attending Ohio University, but is looking at other options for playing college baseball.
- Ethan '19 is a Titan baseball player.
- Justin '20 plays football and baseball. This year, he was also on the swim team.
- Brady '20 was the first grandson to attend the Academy. At St. John's, he plays JV basketball.
- Carson '23 plays hockey—not yet for St. John's, as he is in eighth grade, but he will be a Titan icer in the future.
- Max '24 also plans to play hockey for the Titans, as well as baseball, when he enters high school.

Clearly, Richard and Donna spend a lot of time at Lyden Field, in the chapel, and under the Titan Dome. They are strong supporters of Titan athletic teams and the academic foundation at SJJ.

When their own sons were looking at high schools, the Perinos were impressed that so many SJJ graduates were teachers and administrators at the school. Donna said, "If a guy thinks that much of the school he attended that he wants to come back to work there, that says a lot about the place." Some of her sons' teachers included Mike Savona '75 and former principal Tim Malone '69; now her grandsons learn from Malone's sons Garrett '04 and Brendan '01, and they see Mr. Savona leading the entire SJJ community. "SJJ couldn't have a better man in the role of president," Donna said.

One key message that the Perinos reinforced with their sons—and now instill in their grandsons—is to always be *Men for Others*. They realize that the difference between St. John's and other schools is the environment of respect and the feeling of community. The importance of brotherhood is always present.

In addition, Donna said, "St. John's has really groomed our grandsons for college, and we see that preparation already as they step out into the world after graduation."

"I only wish every young man could be a Titan," she added.

As the Perino grandsons grow up in the next few years, one can only wonder how many third-generation Titans will take St. John's by storm.

The SJJ Community Steps Up for the Perinos

On July 30, 2017, Richard and Donna's eldest son, Rick, passed away suddenly at the age of 52. Rick and his wife Bridget are the parents of Jacob, Joel, and Justin. Donna said, "We can't say enough about the St. John's families and the outpouring of love that surrounded us in those first few days and weeks—and still does to this day. So many of the staff members we knew—and some we didn't know—came to the funeral, and Fr. Doyle participated in Rick's funeral Mass. To see so many familiar faces of those who love you and your family at such a sad time in your life...we will never forget it. We saw SJJ's motto *Men for Others* in action, and we witnessed the way the community treats others through good times and bad. We are proud to be Titans. "

LABRE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO FEED THE HUNGRY IN TOLEDO



A Jesuit education develops a faith that takes action. In this spirit, Labre is a homeless outreach program that was established at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland and has spread to Walsh Jesuit High School in Akron, John Carroll University and Case Western University in Cleveland, and Loyola University in Chicago. In the Toledo area, St. John's Jesuit and St. Ursula Academy began the Labre program six years ago and are committed to continuing it indefinitely. Every Monday, with the help and dedication of many faculty members and parent volunteers, students prepare a meal, pray for those being served, and deliver this food to the most needy in the Toledo area. When SJJ and SUA began the program, they hoped that many other local organizations would join, and that wish has come to fruition. Lourdes University observed the SJJ and SUA Labre program three years ago and has been sending a team to feed the hungry every Wednesday since then. The Islamic Center of Greater Toledo has also joined in; its members have been serving meals one Saturday a month for the last six months.

Labre occurs even in inclement weather or on holidays. More than 285 trips have been made as of March 31, 2018. So far, SJJ and SUA students have served far more than 10,000 people. More than 600 SJJ students have participated, along with 150 faculty and staff members and others in the SJJ community.

The group begins each experience by preparing a simple meal of soup and sandwiches; they also deliver casseroles made by the SJJ Moms' Circle or another school organization, such as an athletic team. The group conducts a short prayer service, then heads out in a St. John's van to various stops in the Old South End and the east side of Toledo. When the students

arrive, they open the van doors and begin serving and building community with those who have come to meet them. The purpose of the program is not so much to feed the poor and marginalized in their community, but really to build relationships with those who are so often forgotten. By breaking bread and sharing a meal, the students form a connection that will continue week after week. These relationships are carried on by keeping track of all those the team has met by writing down their names and stories in scribe books.

Recently, student Labre volunteers noticed that one large family was in a desperate living situation. So, in conjunction with UT Community Cares and the Historic South Initiative, these students are now raising funds and helping to rehab a home for this family to get them into a safe and permanent housing situation.

Labre has been a meaningful opportunity for students, faculty, staff, parents, and alums to experience the plight of the marginalized in the Toledo community and to engage with them in the most basic of human activities—sharing a meal. As the students eat dinner with the meal recipients, they remember Christ's call to care for the needs of the least of God's children.



Community Cares

Approximately two years ago, the University of Toledo Community Cares organization joined the Labre trips. Medical students, pharmacy students, social workers, and doctors—under the direction of Dr. Richard Paat '78—have joined SJJ at its Labre stops in the Old South End and on the east side to provide medical care. Many of the medical students serving are SJJ alums.



“TIES FOR TITANS” PROGRAM WELCOMES INCOMING FRESHMEN

When Alan Ruffin '20 was a brand-new freshman in the fall of 2016, he already had the wisdom to reflect on his short time in the high school and his experiences as an Academy student—and he decided he wanted to give back to his community for all he had received. After “a lot of thinking,” he said, he came up with the idea of giving ties to freshmen because he felt the ties “best represent what this school is all about.”

According to Sue Matuszak from SJJ's Office of Student Life, Ruffin shared with her the fact that he had few ties to choose from when he came to St. John's because he had never really needed them before entering SJJ. “He thought, ‘what if someone else out there is in the same situation as I am; how would he feel?’ He also wanted to create a welcoming gesture to all incoming freshman students,” Matuszak said.

Ruffin's next step was to get a few adults on board, so—with the backing of Matuszak, Mrs. Mary Ann Barabino from the 20/20 Program, and his mom—he started collecting ties to start the project.

He began by asking shop owners in his grandmother's neighborhood for donations. They were generous, of course, and gave him a great start for the collection. Then others heard about the project and began donating more ties. Very soon, Ties for Titans, as the project had been named, had 220 ties ready to present to new freshmen as a symbol of the first step on their SJJ journey.

Now, at the beginning of each school year, freshmen Titans are encouraged to select a tie from the collection. Some students might need the ties to supplement their wardrobe, but others receive ties simply as a welcome to the school.

“It was important to Alan that, when each new freshman received his tie, he shook the freshman's hand. He is a very humble and remarkable young man. The Ties for Titans program is Alan's way of saying welcome to SJJ—and welcome them he did,” Matuszak said.

Ties for Titans is the result of Ruffin's understanding of what being a *Man for Others* means and will be his legacy to future freshmen Titans for years to come.

To donate to “Ties for Titans,” please send ties to Ties for Titans, c/o Sue Matuszak, in the Main Office, or drop off donations any time during school hours.



SERVICE TRIPS GIVE STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO SERVE WORLDWIDE



In the summer of 2017, St. John's Jesuit participated in two foreign service trips. The purpose of these trips is to develop a faith that acts and the core mission of the SJJ experience: being Men for Others. By traveling to foreign countries, the students are directly engaging tenets of the Grad at Grad. Participants exhibit their willingness to be Open to Growth, while simultaneously demonstrating their Commitment to Doing Justice.

In June 2017, sixteen rising seniors served the citizens of Zone 3, the impoverished garbage dump community of Guatemala City, Guatemala. Through International Samaritan, an organization founded by former SJJ president Fr. Don Vettese almost 30 years ago, SJJ students worked with the Francisco Coll School and aided in various projects for the school and community. In the evening, the team engaged in reflection to better address socioeconomic, cultural, and political issues around the world.

In July 2017, SJJ partnered with Marquette High from Milwaukee, also a Jesuit school, and 15 rising seniors served the community of Maria Auxiliadora in Paraguay with Courts for Kids.

The organization strives to immerse high school students in the developing world to build multi-purpose courts. Although the courts can be used for a myriad of recreational activities, they also serve as safe, durable community centers. This trip involved intense physical labor during the day, and students stayed in homes with families in the evening to experience another culture at a deeper and more significant level.

In June 2018, SJJ will send 15 students to serve a community in Ciudad Sandino, Nicaragua, with International Samaritan. An additional 16 students will serve alongside the community with Courts for Kids in Tierra Firme, Colombia, in July 2018.



NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

St. John's Jesuit High School and Academy has three National Merit Semifinalists in the Annual National Merit Scholarship Program: Dylan M. Francis '18, Daniyal Nadeem '18, and Joey Veltri '18. These students competed for some 7,400 National Merit scholarships worth more than \$32 million. Approximately 90 percent of the semifinalists attained finalist standing, and about half of the finalists have recently been awarded a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

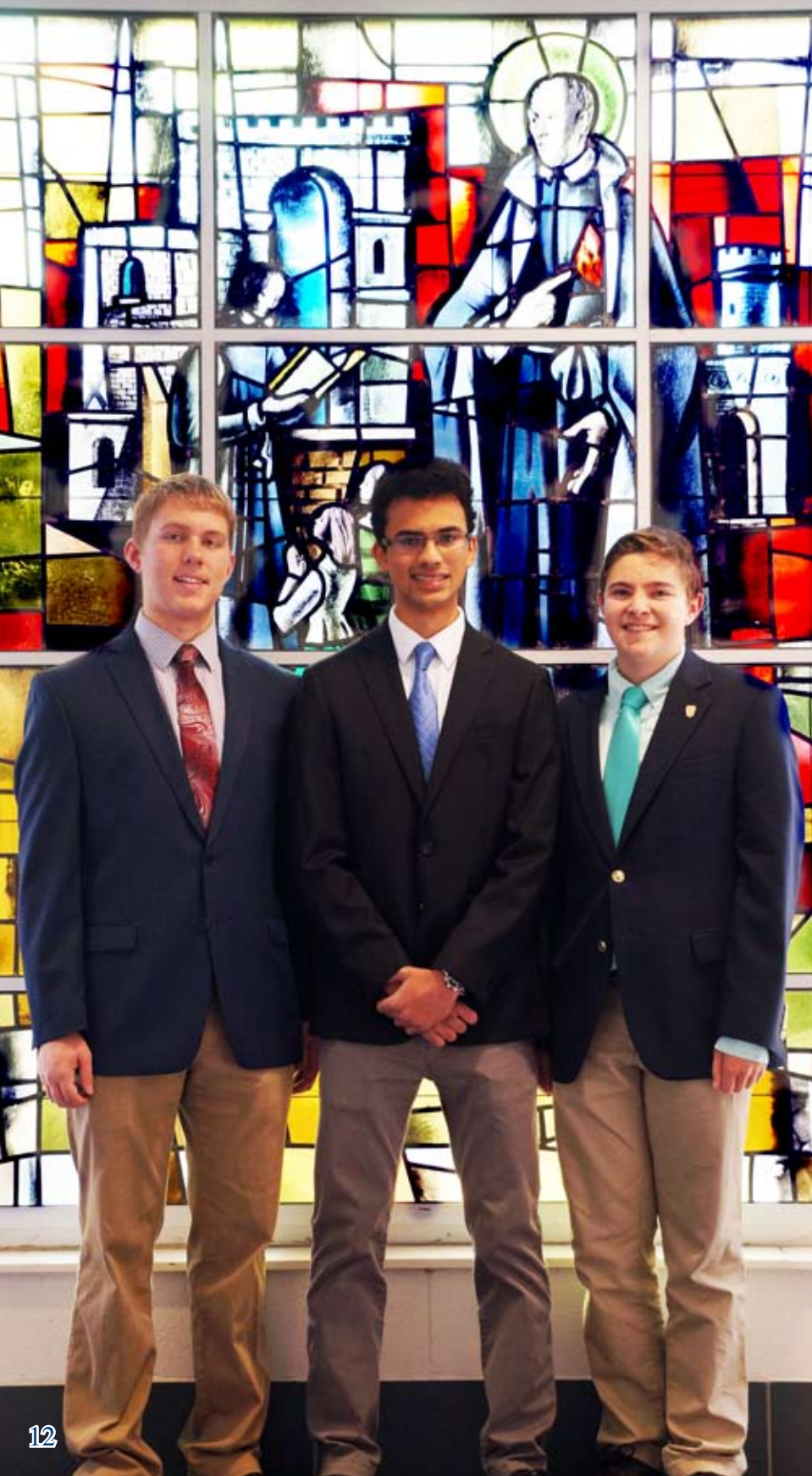
Dylan M. Francis '18

is a member of the National Honor Society and has been honored with the St. John Berchmans Award, the Alphonses Rodriguez Award, and the AP Scholar with Distinction Award. He is captain of the chess team and the Model United Nations team and is a member of the Creative Writing Club, fall play, and debate team. He has rowed for the crew team for seven seasons. Francis has participated in many service opportunities, including the Guatemala service trip, the Universal Health Aid screening service in northwest Ohio, Crossgates Preschool, Freedom School Maumee, Food for Thought, and Senior Independence Hospice. He has applied to the University of Chicago, Johns Hopkins University, Princeton University, Northwestern University, Case Western Reserve University, Yale University, New York University, and Reed College. He intends to study mathematics and physics.

On April 18, 2018, Francis won the Merit Scholarship award sponsored by the Owens Corning Foundation.

Daniyal Nadeem '18

is in National Honor Society and has received the AP Scholar with Honor Award and Class Honors during his four years of high school. He is the captain of the Science Olympiad team



and is a member of the Debate Team and Model United Nations Team. Nadeem has competed on the tennis team for four years. He has undertaken service opportunities through Labre and the Christian Service program, through which he served at Crossgates Preschool. He has applied to Northwestern University, the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, The Ohio State University, and Case Western Reserve University. He intends to pursue a pre-medical track.

Joey Veltri '18

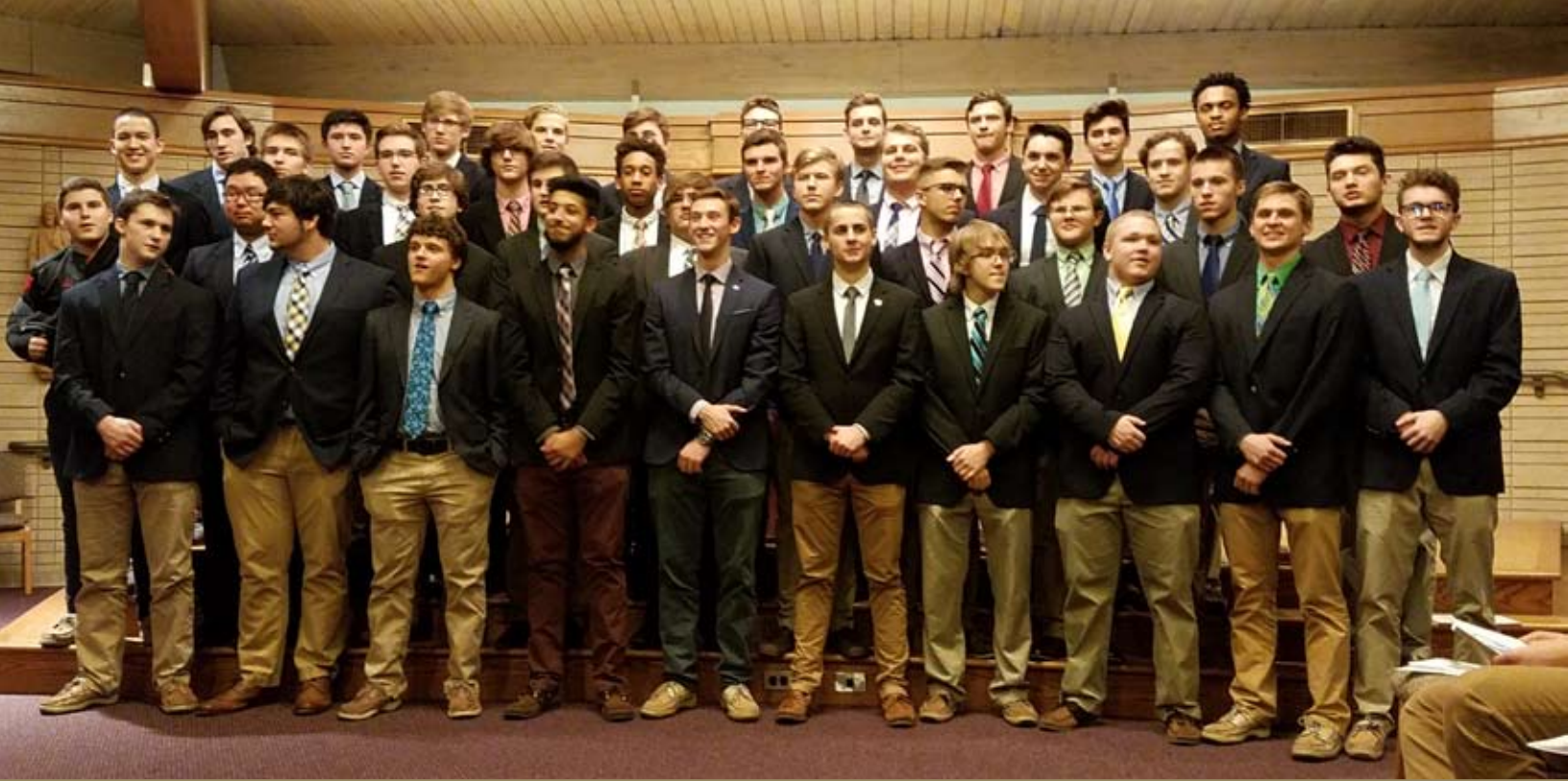
has been a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Ignatian Guild Scholars, and the Ambassador Society during his time at SJJ. He has received the Outstanding

Freshman Award, the Outstanding Sophomore Award, the Rensselaer Medal for Math and Science, the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, and Class Honors every quarter. He has participated in various service opportunities, including volunteering at St. Clare Commons, assisting as an altar server at St. Rose Parish, and being a peer tutor. He has played for the chess team, as well as the JV tennis team, every year. He also has actively participated in SJJ's spring musical since sophomore year. Veltri has applied to Purdue University, The Ohio State University, the University of Notre Dame, Northwestern University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He intends to double-major in mathematics and computer science.

National Commended Scholars

St. John's Jesuit High School and Academy is proud to announce that six seniors have been recognized as Commended Scholars by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These students placed among the top 50,000 of 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The students include (left to right) Mason Matuszak, Duncan Mott, Austin Beier, Akhil Katragadda, Dev Laungani, and Rahul Thusay.





On February 28, 2018, St. John's Jesuit inducted 48 members into the Pedro Arrupe chapter of the National Honor Society. At the induction ceremony, 51 seniors also received their honors cords. National Honor Society service activities include peer tutoring in the A+ Learning Center and the annual Red Cross Blood Drive.

In 1979, when the Pedro Arrupe Chapter was established, the requirements for membership were established to honor those students who exemplified the qualities of a *Man for Others*.

Province Grants "Honorary Jesuit" Status to Friend of SJJ



Fr. Dan Zak is a senior-status priest who has served in a variety of ministries in the Diocese of Toledo. He has an extensive background in campus ministry and spent time at both the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University, where he served as Pastor of Corpus Christi and St. Thomas More. He served as Vocations Director for the Diocese of Toledo and, just prior to his retirement, as pastor of St. Richard in Swanton. A graduate of St. Francis de Sales, Fr. Zak has always been drawn to the teachings of St. Ignatius. He began assisting Fr. Tom Doyle in 2016 and has been instrumental in covering the cleric needs of the Titan Community.

In appreciation for his service to SJJ, and in recognition of his self-proclaimed description as a "Jesuit Wanna-Be," approval from the Province was granted to name Fr. Zak an honorary Jesuit!

SJJ SENIOR EARNS QUESTBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP



QuestBridge is a powerful platform that connects students who qualify with leading institutions of higher education. Misael Beltran-Guzman '18 recently earned the prestigious QuestBridge Scholarship.

During his junior year, Mary Ann Barabino, the Director of the 20/20 Program, encouraged him to apply for this scholarship, and, on Dec. 17, 2017, he learned that he had won.

Scholarship recipients are granted admission to one of QuestBridge's partner colleges with a full, four-year scholarship worth more than \$200,000. The scholarship covers tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and travel expenses. To apply, a student must have demonstrated high academic achievement.

Beltran-Guzman was matched with Colby College in Waterville, Maine, where he plans to study administration, as well as Spanish translation and interpretation.

Although he has always been involved in many activities at SJJ, senior year has been especially busy for Beltran-Guzman. He was elected student body vice-president and has served on the Homecoming and Prom committees, the Model United Nations team, the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society, and on the yearbook committee. He recently traveled to Washington, D.C., with the Social Justice Alliance for the March for Our Lives. His favorite experience at St. John's was the foreign service trip to Guatemala during his junior year.

With such a solid academic leadership foundation, Beltran-Guzman will undoubtedly show Colby College just how successful an SJJ grad can be.

CHRISTOPHER KNIGHT '78 JOINS SJJ AS VP/COO



Christopher Knight assumed the position of Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of St. John's Jesuit on April 16, 2018.

Reporting directly to President Michael Savona '75, Knight's primary role will be leadership of the school vision and strategic planning. In this capacity, he will be responsible for overseeing the high school administrative leadership team, the academy leadership team, admissions, marketing, and technology.

Knight brings to SJJ a depth of experience and proven leadership in Catholic education that spans more than two decades. He also provides extensive experience as a Jesuit administrator. In 2004, he led the team that created St. John's Jesuit Academy and served as its first principal. Most recently, Knight served as secretary for catechetical formation and education, as well as superintendent of schools, for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Prior to this position, he served as the senior

director of Catholic education and superintendent of schools for the Catholic Diocese of Toledo.

Knight said, "St. John's Jesuit has been a major influence in my life since I first walked through its doors as a high school student. I am excited to have the opportunity to return to the SJJ community and contribute to the transformative work of providing a Jesuit education to young men throughout northwest Ohio. I look forward to being part of a vibrant community, immersed in Ignatian spirituality, where each student is inspired to reach his greatest potential."

A Toledo native and a product of Catholic primary and secondary schools, Knight earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Toledo. He also obtained a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Dayton.

Savona said, "I have admired Chris's leadership and vision for many years. His ability to work in collaboration with others is second to none."

THE SPIRITUAL RETREAT EXPERIENCE AT SJJ

Each year, students at every grade level go on retreat. Since the first Kairos in 1987, retreats have been a cornerstone of the St. John's Jesuit experience. As a Jesuit institution, SJJ is committed to Cura Personalis, or care of the whole person. Jesuit institutions worldwide promote the importance of brotherhood, as well as each individual's relationship with all of humanity. An exceptional way to reinforce this idea in students is through retreats. Each retreat builds on the previous year's retreat and culminates in Kairos for senior year. Kairos is a four-day, three-night time to step away to reflect on God in each student's life. Faculty leaders will quickly admit they have been blessed to share in moments of joy and challenge as the young men reflect on their own lives and further anticipate how their personal growth through a Kairos experience will be shared as they journey forward. One recent Kairos retreatant shared, "Kairos came at a much-needed time in my life. It opened my eyes to many new points of view on different aspects of my life. I am very grateful for the time that I was able to spend with my classmates and grow closer to God with them."

This year, the Pastoral Ministries Team helped prepare 15 student retreats, including the first football team retreat. Each retreat takes a month or two of planning and preparation. Leaders undertake the logistics of where and when each retreat will take place, frequent contact with the retreat houses, details that vary by retreat, assembly of student and adult teams for each retreat, transportation, food, and priests for Masses and reconciliation services. In addition, every team of students and adults meets multiple times to prepare. Much is given by way of time, treasure, and talents.

The retreat system at SJJ is truly a unique experience, a gift from God and St. Ignatius Loyola. As one student wrote, **"Kairos gave me a surreal feeling that cannot be explained with a thousand words. The entire experience positively impacted me and brought me closer to my Titan brothers and God."**



NEW LEADERS IN THE ADVANCEMENT WING



Doug Pearson '82 **Advancement Officer**

Doug Pearson has worked for St. John's Jesuit in many capacities during the last 16 years. He was the head football coach for 15 years, the Director of the 20/20 program, a teacher of Physical Education and Health classes, and, for the last nine years, a school counselor.

In his new position as an Advancement Officer, he will connect with the thousands of alumni across the country and help in fundraising. His primary goal will be to bring in new members to SJJ's President's Council.

A parishoner at Christ the King, Pearson resides in west Toledo with his wife, Nikki. He has two children, Nate '12 and Cara.

Pearson is grateful for the many opportunities that St. John's Jesuit has afforded him and is looking forward to representing the SJJ community for years to come.



Juli Snyder **Director of External Relations**

Juli Snyder assumed the position of Director of External Relations at SJJ in March 2018. She is a graduate of McCauley High School and Ohio University, where she obtained her bachelor's degree in organizational communication. She has extensive experience in professional services marketing, including a position at a full-service law firm and as Director of Marketing at St. Joseph School-Sylvania.

A parishoner at St. Joseph-Sylvania, Snyder and her husband Matt reside in Sylvania with their three children—Abigail, Ryan '21, and Reagan. At St. Joe's, she served on the 2013 Capital Campaign Committee, as well as in other ministries, including Christ Renews His Parish. Snyder considers Catholic education to be her niche and is grateful for the opportunity to work and grow professionally in the field. She is happy to be a part of the Jesuit culture at SJJ.

THE GRAD AT GRAD



The educational experience at St. John's Jesuit High School and Academy transcends far beyond exposure to academic disciplines. It is more than math and science, and more than theology class. SJJ strives to form its students into better people who are more intellectually competent, more loving, more religious, more open to growth, and more committed to doing justice. For these reasons, it's no surprise that the Latin word *Magis*, which refers to "the more" one can do for Christ, holds special meaning for Jesuit graduates around the globe.

At SJJ, developing the graduate at graduation, or Grad at Grad, is a unique process inspired by St. Ignatius, intended to guide students in striving for *Magis*. It is a process filled with opportunities to experience, reflect, and act in ways that challenge the mind, heart, spirit, curiosity, and social conscience. In the end, SJJ wants students to do everything to the best of their abilities, and the faculty and staff hope they leave the halls with a clear mission to build a better world.

Alumni and faculty support is an important part of the Grad at Grad journey. Diverse, powerful experiences that lead to reflection and action and are affirmed by alumni make this Titan community better and stronger. Whether through a Kairos retreat, a mission trip to Appalachia, celebrating Mass through the school year, or participation in March for our Lives or March for Life events, support of these aspects of SJJ advocates the Jesuit ministry.

Quite simply, alumni support encourages future SJJ alumni to be formed in the Jesuit tradition as *Men for Others* whose lives reflect the values of Christ.

DINNER UNDER THE DOME ONCE AGAIN PROVES TO BE A SUCCESS



While celebrating the SJJ community and family is one goal of this annual event, the primary goal is to raise funds for the school's scholarship program. One current scholarship student, Misael Beltran-Guzman '18, spoke about his experiences at SJJ and the opportunities afforded him because of the stellar Jesuit education he has received.

As part of the evening, two alums, Don Mewhort '83 and Jeff Savage '80, were given the prestigious Magis Award, which is presented to individuals who consistently demonstrate extraordinary service and go above and beyond the call of duty to serve the school and its students. Recipients of this award epitomize the Jesuit ideal of "magis," always asking, "what more can I do for Christ?" Mewhort and Savage have been instrumental in supporting and furthering the mission of St. John's, working

On February 10, 2018, St. John's Jesuit hosted its annual fundraiser, Dinner Under the Dome. Mirroring the theme of "Taste of New Orleans," the domed gym was transformed into a fun party atmosphere as guests feasted on chicken gumbo, shrimp remoulade, muffuletta sandwich bites, jambalaya, and more. The room looked nothing like a gymnasium, thanks to the work of the dedicated decorations committee. The emcee for the evening, Doug Pearson '82, kept the crowd engaged and the evening moving.

The more than 520 people in attendance were able to bid on live and silent auctions throughout the evening. Some of the popular items included a chef's tasting at local restaurant Element 112, a Treetops Resort golf package, a diamond pendant, a one-day private sailing trip, and the ever-popular graduation package—which includes front-row seats for this year's graduation ceremony.



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behind the scenes fundraising for different initiatives and lending their expertise in the business community on behalf of SJJ.

Without the many sponsors, donors, volunteers, and participants who worked tirelessly, this event would not be possible. This year's event chairperson, Annette Barnes, and her many volunteers—including the auction item chair, Crystal Mathias, and the decorations chair, Christine Tyo—helped create a fantastic evening that netted more than \$185,000 for the SJJ scholarship fund.

**Next year's event is scheduled for
Saturday, February 9, 2019.**



Dinner Under the Dome event chair Annette Barnes (center), along with decorations chair Christine Tyo (left) and auction items chair Crystal Mathias, enjoyed the festive evening.

SHREK-THE MUSICAL



St. John's Jesuit presented the movie-turned-musical *Shrek—The Musical* on March 16-18, 2018, at the historic Valentine Theater in downtown Toledo. Audience members delighted in the high-energy dance numbers and comedic situations. Dozens of SJJ actors were joined by girls from local high schools to round out the cast.



SJJ BAND WINS BIG IN STATE COMPETITION



Martin said, "Every year, the Marching Titans spend countless hours in rehearsal, practicing their competition show for OMEA marching band competitions. This past fall, the Marching Titans earned a 'superior' rating at the Maumee Music In Motion competition, which led the band to Brunswick, Ohio, to compete at the State Marching Band finals for the first time!"

For the first time in the history of St. John's Jesuit, the Marching Titans earned straight superior ratings ("1s") to qualify for the Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) State Competition in November 2017. According to Director of Bands, Tim Martin, this band is to be commended for its hard work and dedication.

Martin also directs SJJ's symphonic band, indoor drumline, indoor color guard, pep band, and other programs, such as wind ensembles and jazz combos. He notes that the goal of the band program is to "support and encourage musical and performing arts through hard work, personal responsibility, and joy."



THE SJJ ACADEMY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM TEACHES NEW SKILLS

St. John's Jesuit Academy was the first school in the Toledo area to offer an innovative setting for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade boys who would thrive within the mission to be more, do more, and be a *Man for Others*. In addition to outstanding academics, Academy students participate in daily enrichment classes. These courses are designed around student interests, with a goal of cultivating skillsets through hands-on activities that encourage young Titans to be open to growth. Each class has a goal-standard to work towards and achieve by the end of the semester and includes accomplishing one of "Three Important P's": producing a *product*, making a *presentation*, or giving a *performance*.

Currently, the enrichment courses being offered include health, athletics/fitness, cooking, band, robotics, design/build/fly, media, chorus, coding, art, yearbook,

cooking and jewelry making, which is one of the most popular choices. Eighth grader Ricard Amezcuita-Cadavid said, "Every single present I have given has been from that class. I made my mom earrings and others bracelets." The mix of offerings is designed to appeal to most boys. Seventh grader Zane Ziemke added, "Cooking is my favorite class because you get to make food and eat it and learn how to cook so you don't starve in college."

The Enrichment Program was developed when the Academy opened so boys could step out of their comfort zones to try new activities during the school week. Each student can try two activities per semester. These activities provide a way to channel his energy in a positive way while exploring new skills.



**The SJJ Academy
provides a unique
learning experience for
boys in grades 6-8.**

SJJ ROBOTICS CLUB COMPETES FOR BIG PRIZES

The SJJ Robotics Club competed in First Tech Challenge (FTC) Tournaments, hosted by the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) program.

The JV team, composed of all first-year club members, placed seventh out of 28 teams in the Van Wert tournament. The veteran team, the Broken Axles, qualified for the State FTC Robotics competition, its second state tournament appearance in a row. It also won the Promote Award for creating a 30-second video about FTC and came in second for the Compass Award, which recognizes the efforts of the team's faculty mentor, Mr. Andy Smith '99.

The competition challenges students to design, build, program, and operate robots to compete in a head-to-head challenge in an alliance format.

Participants call it "the hardest fun you'll ever have!"

Guided by adult coaches and mentors, students develop STEM skills and practice engineering principles (like keeping an engineering notebook), while realizing the value of hard work, innovation, and sharing ideas. The robot kit is reusable from year-to-year and can be programmed using a variety of languages, including Java. Teams also must raise funds, design and market their team brand, and do community outreach, for which they can win awards. Participants have access to tens of millions of dollars in college scholarships.



TITANS WIN ON ED HEINTSCHEL COURT DEDICATION NIGHT



December 1, 2017, will always be a night to remember as the St. John's Jesuit Titans basketball players defeated the Rogers Rams 89-52 on the evening that school officials dedicated the Ed Heintschel Court in the Titan Dome. Past and present Titans came together to celebrate the newly renovated Ed Heintschel Court with festivities that included both pre- and post-game receptions and a dedication video.

**Titan hooper
Vincent Williams Jr. '18
also reached his
1,000th career point,
as he finished the night with 33
points and 16 rebounds.**



COACH ED HEINTSCHEL RECORDS 700TH CAREER VICTORY



Titan Basketball Coach Ed Heintschel recorded his 700th career victory on January 13, 2018.

St. John's Jesuit hosted the St. Edward Eagles and came away with a 59-45 win in the contest. The Titans were led by Vincent Williams Jr. '18 with 19 points. Fellow players Houston King '18 and Ryan Christie '18 added 12 and 11 points, respectively, in the historic win.



Heintschel began his coaching career at SJJ in 1979, and he has been the Titans coach for 39 consecutive seasons. He is only the fourth person in Ohio history to reach this coaching milestone



ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS



College Signees Fall/Winter 2017/2018

Football

Solomon Asiedu '18 – University of St. Francis Austin
Beier '18 – University of Minnesota
Brian Dooley '18 – Eastern Michigan University
Dallas Gant '18 – The Ohio State University
Joe Hewitt '18 – Siena Heights University

Soccer

Kale Nichols '18 – Bowling Green State University

Basketball

Vincent Williams Jr. '18 –
Virginia Commonwealth
University



New Head Coaches for the 2017-2018 season

Eric Cubberly – Wrestling
Larry McDaniel – Football
Craig Meinzer – Baseball

College Signees Spring 2017/2018

Baseball

Caleb Biedenharn '18 – Hillsdale College
Alex Foulks '18 – University of Findlay
Brandon Horman '18 – Lourdes University

Soccer

Alex Head '18 – Tiffin University

Lacrosse

Nate Steinmetz '18 – Mount Union University

Dallas Gant '18 Named U.S. Army All-American

Dallas Gant '18 was named to the U.S. Army All-American Team. He was honored on November 13, 2017, as he was presented with his jersey for the U.S. Army All-American Bowl game, which took place on January 6, 2018.



Event Hosts

SJJ hosted the 2018 Baseball Titan Cup,
April 28-29, 2018.

SJJ will host the 2019 Catholic Invitational
Wrestling Tournament in January 2019.

SJJ will host the 2018 Soccer Titan Cup,
August 25-26, 2018.

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ATHLETICS



Crew

Qualified and traveled to Boston, Mass., for the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta in October 2017. The team finished with the fastest time ever recorded at the Head of the Charles by SJJ rowing, setting a new school record of 16:03.

Representing the Titans were Rahul Thusay '18, Jonathan Kurtz '18, Zachary Gribble '18, Benjamin Theis '19, Dylan Perlini '18, Jack Ngo '18, Logan Brockway '18, Braden Schwallie '19, Collin O'Connell '19, Louis Thaman '18, Kyle Momenee '19 and Lucas Carr '19.

Golf

Qualified for the State Championship for the fourth time in five years; won fifth consecutive TRAC Championship; placed second at sectional meet; placed first at district meet; finished eleventh overall at the State Championship

1st Team All-TRAC

Andrew Hoppenjans '19
Jack Spengler '18
Patrick Yost '19

2nd Team All-District

Jack Spengler '18
Patrick Yost '19

Honorable Mention

All-District

Andrew Hoppenjans '19
Brodie Kajfasz '18

All-District

Tournament Team

Patrick Yost '19



Football

Defeated Central Catholic 13-7 on October 27, 2017, to qualify for the playoffs for the first time since 2010.

1st Team All-TRAC

Austin Beier '18
Brian Dooley '18
Dallas Gant '18

1st Team

All-District Players

Austin Beier '18
Brian Dooley '18
Dallas Gant '18

2nd Team

All-District Players

Alex Gayle '18

District Defensive Player of the Year

Dallas Gant '18

District Lineman of the Year

Austin Beier '18

1st Team All-State

Austin Beier '18
Dallas Gant '18

Honorable Mention

All-State

Brian Dooley '18

Butkus Award

Semi-Finalist

Dallas Gant '18





Hockey

Advanced to district final with a 1-0 overtime win against Sylvania Northview in February 2018.

Northwest Hockey Conference Cos Sportserson of the Year

Nate Koszycki '18

1st Team Northwest Hockey Conference

Cole Kaestner '18

Northwest Hockey Conference Coach of the Year

Brett Molnar

Soccer

Won the TRAC Championship for the fourth time in the past five years.

1st Team All-TRAC

Kale Nichols '18

Eli Shope '19

1st Team All-District

Kale Nichols '18

Eli Shope '19

2nd Team All-District

Dane Kalman '19

Honorable Mention All-District

Derek Huddleston '18

Basketball

Finished the season 23-4 overall and 14-0 in the TRAC. Won the TRAC championship and district championship, and reached the Elite Eight in the State tournament.

TRAC Player of the Year

Vincent Williams Jr. '18

TRAC Coach of the Year

Ed Heintschel

1st Team All-TRAC

Houston King '18

AP District Player of the Year

Vincent Williams Jr. '18

AP 1st Team All-District

Houston King '18

District VII Player of the Year

Vincent Williams Jr. '18

District VII 1st Team

Houston King '18

AP 1st Team All-Ohio

Vincent Williams Jr. '18

AP 2nd Team All-Ohio

Houston King '18





Tennis

Won 13th straight league championship during the 2016-17 season. Placed fourth in the state in the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association state team tournament.

1st Team All-TRAC

Alan Fahoury '18
Shan Karnani '17
Akhil Katragadda '18
Dev Laungani '18

1st Team All-District

Alan Fahoury '18
Akhil Katragadda '18
Dev Laungani '18

2nd Team All-District

Shan Karnani '17

Honorable Mention All-District

Omar Abdul-Aziz '17
Tate Reno '18

2nd Team All-State

Alan Fahoury '18
Akhil Katragadda '18
Dev Laungani '18

Swimming & Diving

The Swimming and Diving team qualified nine swimmers and divers to Districts. Jack Van Cott '21 advanced to the state meet in the 100-yard breaststroke.

District Qualifiers

Jaden Brookens '21
Jonah Kale '19
AJ Mathias '21
Justin Perino '20
Will Rippey '19
Nate Smith '20
Benjamin Theis '19
Andrew Titgemeyer '19
Jack Van Cott '21

State Qualifier

Jack Van Cott '21



Wrestling

Two wrestlers qualified for the State championship meet (Tim Marshall '18 placed third and AJ Savona '18 placed fourth at Districts).

1st Team All-TRAC

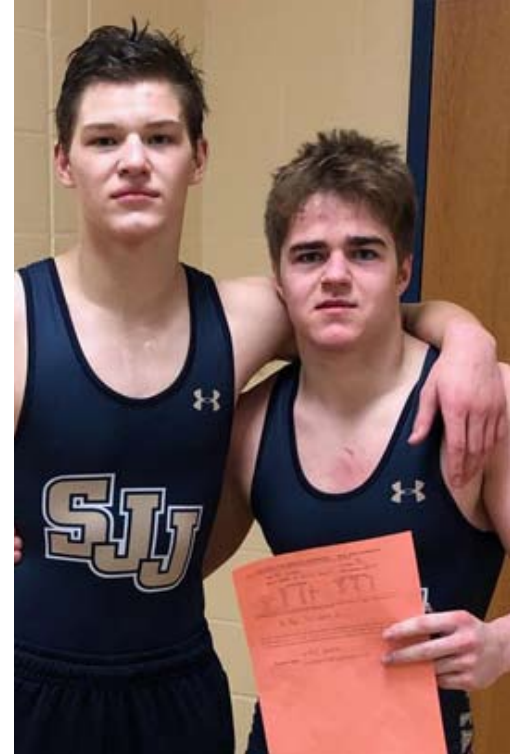
Tim Marshall '18

District Qualifiers

Cassius Collins '19
JT Furko '21
Laine Isaacson '20
Tim Marshall '18
Jack Meinke '18
AJ Savona '18

State Qualifiers

Tim Marshall '18
AJ Savona '18



Track & Field

Tycen Anderson '17 placed fourth in the long jump at the State championship meet and set a new personal best of 23'5.5" at the state championship.

1st Team All-TRAC

Tycen Anderson '17

Regional Qualifiers

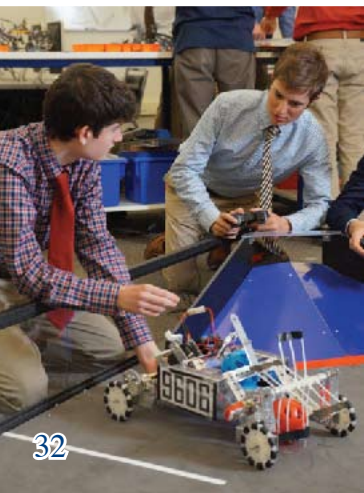
Tycen Anderson '17
Nate Ellis '17
Justin Isaac '17
Elijah Kimmons '20
Tristan King '18
Anthony Moore '17

State Qualifiers

Tycen Anderson '17
Elijah Kimmons '20



SJJ SUMMER CAMPS



***All camps are co-ed and open to students entering grades 5–9.*
Camp fees and descriptions may be found on www.sjjtitans.org.***

Baseball:

June 11-13, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Fundamentals, hitting technique and practice, fielding training, base running, team games

Football:

July 16-18, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Fundamentals of offense and defense; passing and running games; daily punt, pass and kick competitions; speed enhancement; form running techniques

Soccer:

June 18-21, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

July 23-26, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Fundamentals of soccer, individual drills, passing and ball control, offense and goal attempts, team concepts

Lacrosse:

June 25-27, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Fundamentals, drills and development, team concepts, stick handling

Wrestling:

July 16-19, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Fundamentals of wrestling, escape drills and techniques, takedown drills and techniques

Total Athlete:

June 11-14, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Fundamentals of strengthening, proper lifting techniques, individual training and fitness, free weight instruction

Junior Titan Basketball:

(Grades 1-4)

June 14, 8:30 a.m. - noon

One-day fundamentals and FUN clinic!

Titan Basketball:

June 11-13, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Fundamentals, offense and defense, shooting drills, ball handling, team defense, games and contests

Titan Elite Basketball:

(Grades 7-9)

June 18-20, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

High-level competition will be accompanied by high-level instruction. Players will be placed on teams and instructed by coaches within the team concept. Competitive games each day will follow team instruction and individual skill development.

Robotics I:

June 11-15, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

June 11-15, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

July 9-13, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

July 9-13, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

This camp is an introduction to building and programming robots using the LEGO Mindstorms NXT Robotics System. Previous NXT experience is fine. Beginners are welcome.

Robotics II:

June 18-22, 12:00-2:30 p.m.

For campers who took the first Robotics Camp and are looking for more advanced programming challenge. Must have completed Robotics I or equivalent.

**unless otherwise noted*



Science:

June 25-29, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Hands-on lab work defines this fun-filled science enrichment camp. The Egg Drop Challenge, water rocket and more will keep the kids busy learning and having fun throughout the week.

Debate:

June 25-29, 12:00-2:30 p.m.

Learn to research and argue the most important issues in current events, both within the United States and around the world. Compete against other students in practice debates.

Coding with Quads:

July 9-13, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Did you know that you can code your own drone? Campers will work with a partner to complete challenges while learning computer science fundamentals through hands-on experimentation. **Students must have their own tablet (iPad 2 or later or Android 4.0 or higher) and be able to download the free Tynker app.

Marching Band:

July 23-26, 9:00 a.m. - noon

Performance July 27, 6:00 p.m.

Come be a Marching Titan for a week! Our high school students will lead music and marching sectionals and will help teach middle school performers a marching show similar to those of the high schools! Performance on Friday will be followed by an ice cream social held by our Band Boosters!

Glider: Build, Design, Fly!

July 9-13, 12:00-2:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of flight and build your own chuck glider. Campers will be provided with plans to create their glider, be guided through the build process to build their own chuck glider from foam board, and decorate the glider to make it unique.

Master Chef:

June 11-14, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

An all-around hands-on cooking experience! Become acquainted with the kitchen, learn about foods from various cultures, become more nutritionally aware. For beginners and experienced cooks alike.

Archery:

June 11-14, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

We're targeting fun with this camp! Campers will learn to use a bow and arrow and discover the fundamentals of archery. Must be able to give a full pull on a compound bow.

Board Games:

June 11-15, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Experience new board games each day for some competitive fun! Learn unique newer board games like Terra Mystica, Caverna, and Euphoria. Also play classics like Settlers of Catan! Games will range in difficulty and no prior experience is necessary.

Fishing:

June 18-21, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Relax and enjoy some fishing, a summer favorite. Fish at various locations in Perrysburg and Swanton. Meeting locations: Three Meadows Park, WW Knight Preserve, Oak Openings

Chess:

June 18-21, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

For new and experienced players alike! Enjoy some leisurely play and learn some tips from the SJJ Chess Team.

Adventure:

June 18-21 (Entering grades 5-7)

June 25-28 (Entering grades 7-9)

Start times vary from 8:00-9:00 a.m.

End times vary from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Go to the extreme with this camp! Transportation provided. Adventures through the week may include four of the following: rock wall climbing, high ropes course, mountain biking, paintball, canoeing, SkyZone Jump Park.

KEYAUNTE JONES '17 WINS REGIONAL AWARD

The summer of 2017 brought some major changes to the life of Keyaunte Jones '17: he graduated from St. John's Jesuit, he looked ahead to leaving for Grambling State University in Louisiana—where he would study biology and play baseball—and he also won the Midwest regional competition for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year.

The Boys and Girls Club competition win came after years of Jones spending time at the Homer Hanham Club on Detroit Avenue in Toledo, where he played basketball and made many friends. He spent eight years as a member before becoming a junior staffer who now mentors students, leads skills classes, and runs tournaments and other contests.

"Mr. Welling, our freshmen theology teacher, always said, 'Be good to each other,' at the end of each period. I have always tried to model myself as someone who is good to others to my fullest extent. With that being my motive, I took part in programs like Christian Service



and Labre while at St. John's. These programs added to my drive for being of service to others."

In the national competition, Jones competed against five other students from regions across the country and the military. While he did not win the national award, his regional win in Chicago last July brought him a sizeable college scholarship and the honor of bringing home the title to Toledo and SJJ.

On the college front, Jones is thriving. "I am currently redshirting in baseball to give myself a year to develop my game and grow physically. In the classroom, I am majoring in biology and striving every day to obtain my degree," he said.

The kids at Jones' hometown Boys and Girls Club have much to admire in this young alum—both in the classroom and as a representative of what it means to be a *Man for Others*.



SJJ REUNIONS

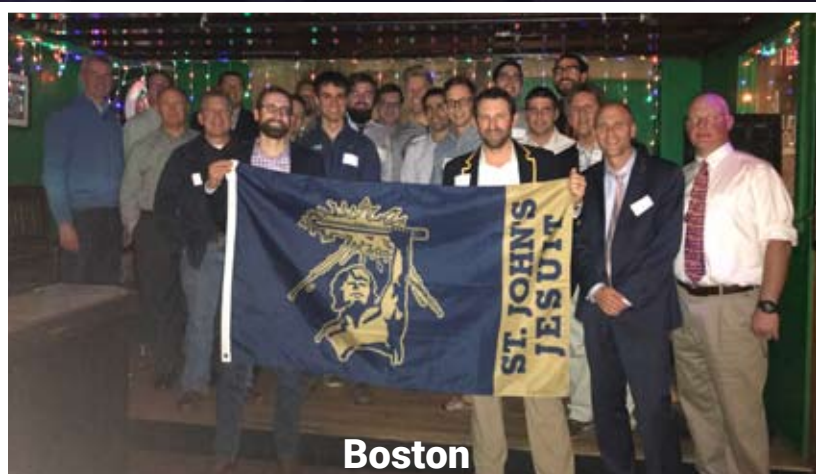
St. John's Jesuit alumni from across the U.S. gathered at local reunions to remember the fun times and brotherhood from their days at SJJ.



Chicago



Denver



Boston



Miami



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UPCOMING SJJ ALUMNI EVENTS



36th Annual SJJ Alumni Golf Outing Bedford Hills Golf Club

Friday, July 20, 2018

Includes: 18 holes, cart, range balls, gift bag, cash prizes to course and contest winners, and food/drink after the event. Important Information: 4- or 5-man scramble, post-party and lunch will take place at course, and outing open to first 50 teams only.

To register, please visit: www.sjjtitans.net/alumnigolfouting

Sponsorship opportunities are available at www.sjjtitans.net/golfsponsorship



SJJ Men for Others Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Friday, September 28, 2018

Please save the date! The evening includes food, drinks, and a ticket to the SJJ Varsity football game vs. SFS at Lyden Field following the induction ceremony. This year's inductees will be announced in June.



SJJ Alumni Bash and Class Reunions

Friday, October 12, and Saturday, October 13, 2018

These events have been moved to the fall to coordinate with Homecoming festivities. All alumni are invited! If you are interested in joining a reunion committee for the classes of 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, or 2013, please contact Nick Vargas '06 at nvargas@sjjtitans.org or (419) 720-0770.

Thank you to alumni in Columbus, Chicago, Boston, Miami, and Denver who hosted gatherings in 2016-2017, as well as to those who hosted events in 2017-2018 in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Washington, D.C., and New York City.

To host an alumni reception outside of the Toledo area, please contact Nick Vargas '06 at nvargas@sjjtitans.org or (419) 720-0770.

TINY TITANS

Please welcome the newest members of the Titan family!

Tim Cummings '99 and Kristy,
Quinn Louise, October 8, 2016

Bryan Breininger '04 and Laura,
daughter, November 11, 2016

Andrew Decker '04 and Francesca,
daughter, November 11, 2016

Harry Mack '95 and Kristin,
daughter, November 11, 2016

Steve Spenthoff '95 (Faculty) and Katie,
son, Benjamin Steven, November 28, 2016

Bryan Hickman '02 and April,
daughter, December 5, 2016

Dustin Crosby '04 and Rocio,
son, December 9, 2016

Ian Gagnon '02 and Rachel,
daughter, December 14, 2016

Joe Navarro '02 and Lisa,
daughter, December 20, 2016

Jim Herrick '01 and Alison,
son, December 23, 2016

Michael Gorski '01 and Emily,
daughter, December 29, 2016

Chris Martinek '99 and Megan,
daughter, January 9, 2017

Wes Beham '99 and Amber,
daughter, January 14, 2017

Jacoby Whitacre '01 and Megan,
daughter, February 1, 2017

Adam Karakas '00 and Emily,
son, February 7, 2017

Alexandros Chrysanthou '08 and Chellsie,
daughter, February 10, 2017

Matt Kusner '01 and Michelle,
son, February 10, 2017

Chris Flynn '04 and Christine (Faculty),
daughter, February 15, 2017

Vipul Modi '97 and Shaili Desai,
son, February 22, 2017

Nathan Zechman '99 and Tara,
son, March 11, 2017

Bradley Schlageter '97 and Laura,
daughter, March 16, 2017

Austin Zdawczyk '00 and Michelle,
son, March 25, 2017

Joe Christie '06 and Kari,
son, April 16, 2017

Joe Farinella '04 and Lauren,
son, April 18, 2017

Kevin Mullan '99 and Dani,
son, April 19, 2017

Ryan Neary '97 and Jamie,
daughter, April 19, 2017

Danielle Brossia (Staff) and Kurt,
Brynn Grace, April 27, 2017

Amir Vaez '03 and Abigail,
son, April 27, 2017

Chris Nixon '04 and Madeline,
Ludo, July 26, 2017

David Braunreuther '06 and Katie,
daughter, August 20, 2017

Brandon Fields '02 and Katie,
daughter, August 22, 2017

Brett Bruss '01 and Stacey,
daughter, September 7, 2017

Chris Szalkowski '07 and Amanda,
daughter, September 15, 2017

Nick Vargas '06 (Staff) and Brittaney,
Bryce Thomas, January 15, 2018

Jonathan Skidmore '06 and Shannon,
son, January 24, 2018

Dane Welling '06 and Chey,
Quinn Emersyn, January 24, 2018

John O'Brien '06 and Kelly,
Dominic Joseph, February 14, 2018

Travis Rector '03 and Elizabeth,
son, February 14, 2018

Tico Thepsourinthone '05 and Kayle,
Lucy, February 14, 2018

Julius Jones '03 and Lauren,
twin daughters, February 28, 2018

James Shaw '09 and Julia,
son, March 22, 2018

Corey Meinzer '06 and Samantha,
Evelyn Marie, March 31, 2018

CLASS NOTES

Patrick Klever '77 retired from public service on April 30, 2016, as Director of Public Works for Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond, Ky. He previously retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves in 2005 after 28 years in uniform.



Mike Hart '79 was honored by The Press Club of Toledo on February 1 during its "Man of the Hour" roast. Hart is president and CEO of Hart Inc. In March 2018, he moved his company from Maumee to downtown Toledo.

Lynn Petersen '82 retired on June 18, 2016, as Deputy Commander for Reserve Matters, Naval Sea Systems Command, with a ceremony at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.



James Vander Hooven '89 was inaugurated as the third president of Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner, Mass., in March 2018.

Mark Piper '91 is a Colonel and F-16 pilot in the 113th Wing: District of Columbia Air National Guard. He has served as the Commander of the Fighter Squadron and was most recently the Operations Group Commander. Piper received an appointment to the prestigious National War College in Washington, D.C.

Mike O'Brien '95 is the creator, producer, and writer of "AP Bio," a half-hour situation comedy on NBC that premiered in winter 2018. O'Brien is a graduate of the University of Michigan, was a member of Second City in Chicago, and wrote for "Saturday Night Live" from 2009-2014.



Kevin Smith Kirkwood '95 sang as part of a quintet at the 2017 Tony Awards® during the "In Memoriam" segment.

Zachary Vassar '98 is president and CEO of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. He received a 2017 '20 Under 40' Leadership Recognition Award, which focuses on individuals in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in their career and/or in the community. Vassar studied management and music history at Boston College.

Nicholas Adamski '99 performed with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra as a poetic performer and master of ceremonies. He co-founded the Poetry Society of New York, which is a catalyst for unique and engaging poetry experiences that have thrilled millions of people around the world.

Troy Finney '99 is the Assistant Athletic Director of Sports Technologies at the University of Alabama.

Chris Jones '99 won the Adult Protective Services Worker of the Year Award from the Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services.

Nicholas Wittenberg '02 is an attorney advisor at The United States Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C.

Mike Scott '08 has been named the CEO of the Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps.

Ian Gaston '09 graduated from Georgetown University in 2013 and the University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine in 2017. He is specializing in anesthesiology at McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University in Chicago, Ill.

Nikolai Wasielewski '09 received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science with High Honors from Michigan State University in 2013. He was employed as a law clerk with The Nichols Law Firm in East Lansing, Mich., before securing a position with Sandler & Travis Trade Advisory Services Inc., where he works as a project manager. Wasielewski has been certified as a Customs Claims Specialist by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He serves as Chairman of the Board of Spartan Global and is a co-founder of Subtrakt, LLC, a design agency that facilitates the manufacture of various products.

Juan Trevino '10 recently graduated from the Toledo Police Academy. Trevino wrote his senior paper at SJJ about his dream of becoming a police officer.

Jack Pfeifer '12 is a senior sales representative at Gartner in Chicago. He is a 2016 graduate of Miami University.

Austin Wasielewski '12 received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication with Provost's Honors from the University of California at San Diego in 2015. He hosted a weekly show on KSDT radio and served as an instructor at a charter school in San Diego. Wasielewski is currently employed by The Music City San Francisco Project as a Media Producer/Studio Associate.

Dane Bailey '13 is a commercial real estate analyst for Capital One in New York City. He graduated from Miami University in 2017.

Parker Ernsthausen '14 is a student-athlete at Wright State and helped lead the Raiders basketball team to a Horizon League Championship and berth in the 2018 NCAA tournament.

Joey Sofo '14 plays DI hockey for University of Alaska-Anchorage.



Anthony Bruno '15 is a student at The University of Toledo and represents Waterville as a Lucas County Central Committee Member.

As many alumni fondly remember, graduating seniors conclude their educational experience at St. John's by shadowing two adults in occupations that interest the student. The students then present a paper and project detailing the information they learned through the experience.

SJJ is always looking for alumni who would be willing to host a senior for one week each spring. If you are willing to invite a graduating senior into your place of business to give him an insight into your profession, please contact Nick Vargas '06 at nvargas@sjjtitans.org.

IN MEMORIAL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Deceased Date</u>
Fall, Lawrence J.	'69	March 8, 2017
Riedel, George R.	'71	January 12, 2018
Olszewski, Robert A.	'72	September 28, 2016
Geraciotti, Michael A.	'78	March 16, 2017
Carl, Richard H.	'81	March 25, 2017
Jyung, Earl W.	'81	May 29, 2017
Geraciotti, David A.	'81	September 3, 2017
Bowman, James R.	'81	February 24, 2018
Budd, Churton Alexander.....	'82	October 6, 2016
Ednie, Timothy M.	'82	February 4, 2017
Walter, Sean M.	'86	September 18, 2016
Szczesny, Walter	'88	January 11, 2017
Gay, Matthew E.	'90	March 4, 2017
Grems, Jeff	'90	April 12, 2018
Barron, Andrew W.	'00	June 5, 2017
Mugler, Eric J.	'01	January 15, 2017
Leffler, Zachary Alan	'10	October 8, 2016

The Leffler family would like to thank the St. John's Jesuit community for its tremendous and continued outpouring of support during the period of Zach's untimely death. It truly exemplified the atmosphere of brotherhood that is incredibly special to St. John's.

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