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ST. JOHN'S JESUIT TITAN TOPICS

A Magazine for Alumni, Parents, Students, and Friends of St. John's Jesuit High School & Academy





Davion Williams '19, pictured with Bishop Daniel Thomas, received the Drum Major Award in February. The award recognizes individuals in the Diocese of Toledo who uphold the principals of social justice embodied by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. : equality, justice, education, racial harmony, diversity, peace, and community service. Williams is one of four 2019 recipients.

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Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of SJJ,

I am pleased to present another issue of *Titan Topics*. In our last issue, we included stories surrounding service as it pertains to our mission of being *Men for Others*. In meeting with SJJ alumni in Toledo and beyond, I am continuously amazed by stories of service. Just last week, an alumnus spoke about his family's medical mission trip to Mexico. As another example, four alums—all from different areas of the country—are working together through the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation to build a new public ballpark, Danny Thomas Park, in Toledo's Historic Old South End.

There are so many ways to bring the spirit of *Men for Others* to life, but often I see our graduates take the lead. When our young men attend St. John's Jesuit, we strive to provide them with the necessary attributes to be prepared for these leadership roles. We believe the ability to lead is discovered through the foundation of a rigorous academic background, as well as other experiences. Providing these opportunities for leadership during our students' middle school and high school years is crucial. Becoming a leader happens every day in many different circumstances, such as greeting and introducing guests to the school, as well as serving as retreat leaders, captains of teams, sectional leaders in the band, Christian Service Core Team members, and Social Justice Alliance representatives, just to name a few.

These leadership opportunities are not limited to situations at SJJ. We have students who are arranging meetings with political leaders in Washington, D.C.; leading projects in Appalachia and third world countries; and organizing fundraising efforts and special events for those who are less fortunate.

I cannot help but be proud of the many great works that are led by our students, faculty, and staff members. As you read the wonderful articles in this issue, it will likely be no surprise that after our students graduate, they go on to become leaders in the world and continue to carry the *Men for Others* charge into adulthood. Keep up the great work, Titans.

Blessings,

Mike Savona '75, President

LEAD WITH THE HEART; PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS WILL FOLLOW

On February 14, St. John's Jesuit introduced a new tradition to support the school's mission of inspiring each student to achieve his greatest potential. The inaugural St. John's Jesuit Vocations Day, hosted by the Offices of College Counseling and Pastoral Ministries, gave students the opportunity to engage with SJJ alumni and other accomplished professionals in northwest Ohio. The goal was to get students thinking "outside the box" in terms of vocation/career options, as well as increase

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awareness that, within a larger job category, there are many options. Counselors wanted students to know the importance of being passionate about a career path and that a successful career is much more than salary.

A wide variety of professions were represented. Distinguished University of Toledo professor and keynote speaker Dr. Clinton Longenecker opened with a discussion about seven "imperatives" to career success. These imperatives are all within the control of students—attitude, situational awareness, accountability, and others.





"I was honored to be asked to come back to St John's on Vocations Day and discuss my career with students. It was a good opportunity to give back to the school that has given me so much by letting me share my career path experiences with future SJJ alumni. Alumni are a great resource for the students. We have no hidden agenda. We sat in those same seats and wondered—just like students today—what we were going to do with the rest of our lives beyond high school and even college. I wanted to stress to these young men that it's okay to not know what vocation you will be called to in five, 10, 15, or 20 years. But it's never too early to start paying attention to what options are out there."

—Bob DiSalle '86



Bioengineering

Bioengineering is a discipline that applies engineering principles of design and analysis to biological systems and biomedical technologies.

Examples of bioengineering research include bacteria engineered to produce chemicals, new imaging technology, portable disease detection devices, and tissue engineered organs.



"I was thrilled to be invited to speak at the inaugural SJJ Vocations Day on the topic of marketing and branding. Students were highly interactive and attentive, and they asked thoughtful questions throughout the day! They seemed genuinely interested in hearing my story and learning a little more about me and how SJJ helped shape and mold me into the man I am today. I think it's great to be able to come back and speak to these young men and let them know that I was once just like them—sitting in the same desks, roaming the same halls, and, in some instances, even being taught by some of the same teachers! But more importantly, it's great to come back with other committed alumni to give these young men the opportunity to learn about so many interesting fields of work and about the network of Jesuit graduates—as strong as it's ever been in northwest Ohio—available for them wherever they go!"

—Steve Taylor '94





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Speakers from the fields of engineering, religion, entrepreneurship, sales, medicine, media, and the arts spoke. Students learned about non-traditional topics, including jobs that don't exist yet; interview skills that work; the importance of discerning a career path; networking skills; service commitments; and ways to brand oneself. Students were able to choose from these fields and topics. Many were not sure what to expect and, when surveyed at the end of the day, found the topic of “How to Discern Your Career” to be one of the most helpful.

Keri Struckholtz, Director of College Counseling, who was instrumental in organizing the day, said, “As a Jesuit college prep school, we not only help our students to find the right college, but we also help them to begin discovering their life's passion and how this passion will impact the world. Obtaining first-hand knowledge is a crucial part of this process, and we were excited to host a group of professionals who are extremely dedicated with great passion to their chosen careers.”

DEANDRE WARE '06 LEADS WITH A “ONE-TWO PUNCH”

As a young alum, DeAndre Ware '06, has taken the lessons he learned at St. John's Jesuit—work hard and give back to others—to heart.

In one part of his life, he works hard at a boxing career. After graduating from SJJ, he played football for the University of Toledo, until an injury ended his dreams of playing in the NFL. As part of his rehab assignment after surgery, he started boxing; he soon realized that he could make something of this newfound interest. In 2014, he began to enter fights; after a few years of ups and downs, he recently won three super middleweight regional titles in a 10-round bout broadcast on Showtime. He is now the title holder of the North American Boxing Association, United States Boxing Association, and World Boxing Council Continental Americas 168-pound class. He scored a majority decision against Ronald Ellis, who was previously unbeaten.

In another part of his life, Ware gives back to others through his profession as a firefighter for the Toledo Fire Department. “In my job, I am a *Man for Others* when I help those around me.” His profession allows him a set schedule for boxing workouts, and he often works out at the fire station, as well.

Ware feels the strong academics at SJJ are his most important takeaway. But he also recognizes the strong bonds he has with some of the teachers at school. He keeps in touch with Butch Welling, who taught him in the classroom and worked with him on the SJJ football field. He is also close to Mary Ann Barabino, director of the 20/20 Scholars Program. “Mrs. Barabino was a mentor for me in high school—and she still is, even now.”

Looking back on his time at St. John's, Ware said he wishes he could tell current students to “cherish your time in high school; you don't know how valuable this time is. Take full advantage of the resources you have at SJJ while you are there.”

Helping others and working hard for his passions—Ware is clearly living out the Jesuit foundations he learned at St. John's.



NEW SCHOOL LEADERS STRENGTHEN SJJ

Kathryn Sliwinski *Director of Strategic Initiatives and Human Resources*

Kathryn Sliwinski joined the Administrative Staff as Director of Strategic Initiatives and Human Resources on January 14. In this newly created position, Sliwinski is responsible for developing strategic initiatives and overseeing the implementation of these initiatives, developing community partnerships, serving as a liaison to the Diocese of Toledo, serving as a resource to faculty and staff regarding human resource issues, and managing the development and update of human resource policies to ensure their alignment with the school's mission of developing *Men for Others*.

Sliwinski brings to St. John's Jesuit her prior work experience in human resources and as Associate Director of Finance and Planning with the Diocese of Toledo. SJJ Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Christopher Knight '78 said, "Katie is a tremendous addition to the SJJ team. She is a progressive thought leader, and her many gifts and talents will benefit the SJJ community in numerous ways."

A University of Toledo graduate, Sliwinski has a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and a Master of Business Administration in Human Resource Management. She is a certified professional in Human Resources. Enjoying the new challenges in the high school environment,



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Sliwinski and her son Oliver (future Titan class of 2032) reside in West Toledo and belong to the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Kari Bonnell

Administrator of Academics

Kari Bonnell will join St. John's Jesuit as the new Administrator of Academics effective July 1, 2019. In this role, Bonnell will oversee all faculty/student scheduling, grading and maintaining of academic records, the admission and orientation of transfer students, the ceremonial and reporting responsibilities of graduating students, the Advanced Placement Program, the College Counseling Department, the Academic Plus Learning Center, the professional development of teachers, Ohio Catholic Schools accreditation, and the supervision of the teaching staff.

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***– Chris Knight '78, Vice President
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Bonnell obtained her bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo and a Master of Education in Curriculum Development from the University of Michigan. Currently the Principal at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bonnell has taught at St. Joseph School Maumee, Owens Community College, and Toledo Christian Schools. In 2014, Bonnell was certified as a “Master Teacher” by the Ohio Department of Education, and, in 2015, she completed the Harvard University ManageMentor Leadership Program.



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Bonnell and her husband Adam, parishioners of OLP, reside in Toledo with their two children, Kleiston '23 and Ria. “Our family is very excited about being ‘all in’ as new Titans and can’t wait to make strong connections with our new community. It has been an exciting four years of growth both for me professionally and for the OLP school community. I feel that I have done the task that God had planned for me to do and am now very excited about what opportunities wait for me at St. John’s Jesuit.”

KNUTE HUBER '70: THE PANCAKE MAN



Knute Huber '70 was rumored to have won a speech contest while a student at St. John's Jesuit. Even as a teenager, Huber had the gift of gab. Oddly, when he took the stage to recite Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, he froze. Fast forward 50 years, and the lessons learned from that student experience shaped who he is today: a dreamer who prefers to fly under the radar. "My time at St. John's inspired me later in life when I realized my talent." The talent to which he refers is knowing how to make things happen and connecting the dots, which, to the average person, may not mean much, but can make all the difference. His world now is a green apron, steam rising off a buttered stack of flapjacks, a cup of coffee—and a smile. Make no mistake, when the Holy Spirit reaches a quiet "can do" dreamer educated as a *Man for Others*, good things start to happen.

Over the years, Huber has played a significant role in starting several soup kitchens and food pantries in northwest Ohio. His dreams, fueled by the Holy Spirit, have evolved to serve the poor more closely, as Jesus did. His experience as founder of Helping Hands of St. Louis Kitchen, as well as a key coordinator for the feeding programs at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Northwest Ohio Food Bank, and the Good Samaritan Outreach Center, provided important lessons. Knowing that if God willed it so, these programs would continue without him, Huber walked away, trusting the Spirit had another plan. In 2011, he opened Just Pancakes. Located in the poorest district in the state of Ohio at 1127 North Huron Street, Huber operates out of the basement of Salem Lutheran Church every Saturday from 8:00-10:30 a.m.. One important rule at Just Pancakes makes it different than any other soup kitchen or food pantry he has founded or co-founded. That rule? There are no rules. Someone wants to triple his order? Done. More syrup? Absolutely. Double meat? Yes. Huber learned from his prior experiences that rules prevent volunteers from connecting with those who come for human compassion, as much as a meal. For nearly 10 years, Just Pancakes has operated without rules, without a formal way of organizing volunteers, and without a consistent source of funding. Huber stated, "We've never missed a Saturday."





Part of the secret to the longevity at Just Pancakes is that no one group is responsible for serving. Huber knows that even volunteers with the best intentions burn out. Just as there are no rules for those who come to be served, there are no rules for those who serve. Volunteers arrive from all facets of the community. A few regulars support Huber almost every Saturday, but more often, volunteers come in waves. Huber is never quite certain who might walk through the doors at 7:15 a.m. to grab a green apron and a spatula to flip the approximately 2,500 pancakes he serves every week. Some weeks, when help is plentiful, Huber encourages volunteers to find a table and talk to those waiting for food. "We may be the only people they talk to all day," Huber said.

Huber's "can-do" attitude has served Just Pancakes well, as he always manages to make connections for needed supplies. He dreams it; the Spirit delivers. He dedicates himself to finding donations of the basics, including batter, syrup, containers, and plastic bags for carry-out orders. What has surprised Huber over time are the donations that walk through the door unsolicited,

such as breakfast meat and fresh produce. The most notable donation was a gift of enough funds to cover the cost of a trailer, which gives Just Pancakes the ability to get out in the community.

Forty-nine years after graduating from St. John's Jesuit, Huber is still a dreamer. And he continues to be motivated by his Jesuit roots. Inspired by the example of Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., who founded Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, Huber wants to take things to another level by providing employment opportunities as a means for rehabilitating the poorest population in northwest Ohio. For now, the plan is still brewing; the Spirit is still at work.

There are many opportunities to support Just Pancakes by donating time or money. Equally as important, Huber is always looking for opportunities to speak to groups on the topic of the homeless and poverty, and to inspire others to take action. Alumni and friends of St. John's Jesuit may call Huber at (419) 693-9082. Be prepared, however; this dreamer may just connect each caller to the Spirit in ways he or she won't expect.



STRENGTH CONDITIONING CREATES LEADERS IN ATHLETIC COMPETITION

Student athletes of all shapes and sizes have walked the halls of St. John's Jesuit since the doors re-opened in 1965. The rigor and commitment that is demanded of these young men—both on the field and in the classroom—is more intense than ever. As part of the Jesuit approach to caring for the whole person, or *Cura Personalis*, the Lyden Fitness Center has evolved to serve student-athlete needs with the highest quality equipment and three certified strength trainers—advantages students won't find at another high school in the state of Ohio.

Getting the Lyden Fitness Center to its current state started with the fortunate hire of Dustin Winkler almost 10 years ago. At the time, Winkler was hired simply to supervise athletes in the weight room. Leaving the University of Toledo, he took the job at SJJ ready for a new challenge that also allowed him to finish his doctorate. He brought with him from UT a vision that students are just now fully able to appreciate. He certainly didn't accomplish this feat alone. But his desire to develop a college-level strength training program propelled upgrades to the Lyden Center in all aspects. What has resulted is a program unique to each sport, designed to keep



athletes as safe as possible, and—most notably—keep alumni who are currently playing at college levels coming back to their alma mater.

According to Winkler, the Lyden Center looked very different in 2008. “When I first started, what existed was a collection of equipment that had no rhyme or reason,” Winkler said. “Coach Heintschel and Coach Pearson were instrumental in allowing me to develop the program in a direction that mirrors what athletes experience at a college level.” When Athletic Director Bob Ronai started in 2010, Winkler’s vision had another strong advocate. “Bob is the reason the weight room is where it is—because he took the time to really listen... and he thinks big,” Winkler said. Ronai immediately understood how such an initiative could differentiate SJJ, but he advised Winkler to be patient.

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– Dustin Winkler

That patience has paid off. Today, thanks to Ronai’s collaboration with Rogers Athletic, the Lyden Fitness Center is filled with equipment found in the training rooms of elite colleges such as University of Notre Dame, the Ohio State University, and the University of Michigan. A staff of three certified strength training coaches, all former college athletes, is dedicated to coaching certain athletic teams in the weight room. St. John’s Jesuit is the only high school in Ohio that offers this benefit, noted Winkler. With this specialization comes an added benefit—SJJ can attract strength training interns who need the experience of working with student athletes in a individual sport. These interns become an added

resource in the Lyden Center, making sure students learn the proper techniques. Winkler, as well as Coach Shawn Contos ’93 and Coach Jeff Small, understand and train each team in a manner specific to its needs. They have a high level of collaboration with each coach. This specialization allows for more effective workouts, increases the safety of players, and allows for maximized intensity and growth. Students are even able to train during free periods and on the weekends by appointment. According to Ronai, “The Lyden Center is set up to accommodate everything we want, from the beginner to intermediate to the advanced student athlete.”

When asked about the future of the program, Winkler is quick to say he feels very blessed to be at St. John’s Jesuit, working in an environment infused by Ignatian spirituality. “We pray at the end of every workout. Our AMDG motto—seeking to do all things for the greater glory of God—is the foundation of every conditioning program and every athletic competition.” For Winkler, new ideas are formulating, and he feels supported and encouraged by school leadership. In the end, though, nothing is more rewarding than helping students live the *Magis* by being healthy and fit. Nothing is as professionally satisfying as seeing alumni who have continued to play at a college level come back to train and connect with the brotherhood that is SJJ.



REMEMBER THE TITANS!

LEADING THE WAY FOR FUTURE STUDENTS

A new but familiar face is back! Tim Malone '69 recently joined the Office of Advancement as a Planned Giving Officer. Many will remember that Malone spent 31 years at SJJ as a teacher, associate principal, and principal. Different than working in the classroom, yet equally as important to the growth and enrollment of the school, his new role is challenging, but he is looking forward to it. "I am very excited to be back to help further the Jesuit mission of creating *Men for Others*." The primary focus of his work in Advancement will be raising awareness of and participation in Legacy Circle giving.

What is Legacy Circle giving? According to Malone, "One of the most effective ways to ensure the future of St. John's Jesuit High School and Academy going forward is to become a member of the Legacy Circle." The Legacy Circle recognizes people in the SJJ community who have chosen to make certain that St. John's Jesuit continues to produce *Men for Others* through legacy giving.



Malone will provide guidance and, if necessary, connect donors with financial and legal experts. Questions or further information can be directed to tmalone@sjtitans.org or (419) 720-0785.

Why Legacy Circle Gifts?

Ray Zammit is a graduate of the Class of 1969, the first to graduate from the brand-new St. John's Jesuit High School. He is also a member of the Legacy Circle. Zammit was active in high school and excelled on the wrestling team. He is the owner of Complete Laundering Services.

"My father served on St. John Jesuit's Board for several years during the time Fr. Vettese was President. Dad passed away in 2000. After his passing, we were informed that dad had made SJJ a beneficiary

of an insurance policy to help support the financial aid programs. That event started us thinking about SJJ's future. If our dad thought so much of SJJ educating his two sons, maybe we needed to reconnect with the school.

As the years passed, we got involved with the Alumni Department, particularly as my 45-year reunion was approaching. During the planning of the reunion, we met the Alumni Director. We inquired about Dad's policy. We asked the typical questions: How much did SJJ receive? How was it being invested? Who was benefitting from the policy? The Alumni Director filled us in on the details, and then asked me if I wanted to have a private lunch with one of the students who was receiving financial aid. A few weeks later, we met with one of the students...wow!!! What an emotional experience!!! The young man was a senior, very nervous, and not quite sure why we were meeting. We gave him a bio of my dad and discussed our family connection to SJJ. Then, he told me his story. He was from an inner-city family, an only child, with a single mom trying to get her son the best education possible. After graduation, he was headed to Michigan State University to major in engineering. We were sold. Our family needed to get involved at a higher level in the Legacy Circle. So, we upped the ante. We purchased a larger life insurance policy to work when the time comes, in conjunction with Dad's policy."



St. John's Jesuit High School and Academy offers several ways to become a member of the Legacy Circle. As an added benefit, donors are recognized in the annual report and invited to an annual recognition breakfast. The easiest and most flexible way to remember St. John's Jesuit is through a charitable bequest. The advantages to this kind of giving include the following:

- Receiving an estate tax charitable deduction
- Reducing the burden of taxes on loved ones
- Leaving a lasting legacy

There are three types of bequests:

1. Specific—a pre-set amount of cash or property
2. Percentage—a specific percentage of an overall estate
3. Residual—the balance of an estate after the will or trust has given away all specific requests

Other means of remembering St. John's Jesuit include the following:

- Charitable annuities—the recipient receives fixed payments for life, and then SJJ receives those payments afterward
- Stock donations, which provide significant tax advantages
- Life insurance gifts, which allow for a lasting legacy while maintaining privacy
- Retirement Plan Assets, where St. John's Jesuit becomes a beneficiary of a percentage of retirement plan assets
- Charitable Trust—the recipient receives income each year (fixed or variable) from assets placed in a trust; afterward, the balance of the trust goes to the charities of the donor's choice
- Required Minimum Distributions—at age 70 ½, a person is required to receive a minimum distribution from many retirement funds; however, by naming SJJ as the recipient, he or she can avoid having to pay any additional income taxes

Todd Mierzwiak is a 1983 graduate. While at SJJ, he ran track, participated as a member of the astronomy and camera clubs, and was a volunteer. He owns Westgate Insurance Agency, as well as Westgate P & C Insurance Agency, both headquartered in Toledo.

"My wife Sarah and I, unfortunately, never had kids, but thankfully we have many nieces and nephews with whom we are active. About two years ago, we were having a conversation about how great our childhood was growing up. This comment led to a frank discussion about what positives had impacted both of us in our lives, including parents who made sure that we had a fabulous education. We both agreed that our high school educations cemented in a positive way the values and ideals in our lives. Sarah and I decided to make a long-term financial commitment to St. John's Jesuit so that we might give the opportunity to a student who might not otherwise have the financial capacity to attend the school.

My wife and I have become more and more active at the school over the last couple of years. We are continually amazed at the supreme dedication of the faculty and staff. Everyone has a common goal

of providing the best education system, as well as promoting Christ to its students. We feel this is a critical aspect of a Catholic education. We feel that one of the most lasting legacies is to be able to give a student the means to attend St. John's when he might not otherwise have the opportunity. The feeling we got when we had the chance to meet the two student recipients of our scholarship was overwhelming. I would strongly encourage other alumni or friends of the school to consider Legacy Circle giving that will benefit future students."



SPRING CONCERT

Students in the Academy and High School band and chorus held the Spring Concert in the Chapel of St. John Berchmans on April 7. Led by Director of Bands Tim Martin and Director of Liturgical Music Luke Rosen, students performed concert and chamber pieces that had been prepared over the course of the second semester, including some student-composed chamber pieces!



NEW CURRICULUM REFLECTS REAL-WORLD JOB MARKET

As student interests evolve and the college and business worlds rapidly change, the St. John's Jesuit academic team also adapts to meet the new requirements and interests. To that end, the team has added several new courses for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Modern American Perspectives

This course explores United States foreign and domestic policies from the last half of the 20th Century to the present day, including the U.S. perspectives of major events, military engagements, and cultural influences that have helped shape the last 50 years.

AP Computer Science

This AP course focuses on computing skills related to programming in Java. Students will learn problem-solving, design strategies and methodologies, data structures, algorithms, analysis of potential solutions, and the ethical and social implications of computing.

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Computer Science Principles offers a multidisciplinary approach to teaching the underlying principles of computation, including programming, abstractions, algorithms, large data sets, the Internet, cybersecurity concerns, and computing impacts.

Android App Design

Students will learn how to build simple apps, resulting in a diverse portfolio of projects and an app on the Google Play Store.

HTML and CSS Design

This project-based course provides a comprehensive introduction to the essentials of Web design, from planning page layouts to publishing a complete site to the web. Students will learn how to use HTML and CSS to design their own web pages.

Introduction to Game Design Concepts

This course explores game development, the principles of game design, styles/genres of computer games, techniques for game software engineering, and information about the computer game industry. Students will design and playtest a game as a course project.

Tech Team

Students who are a member of the SJJ Tech Team study a topic of their choice at an advanced level, pursuing a technical certification or another topic in computer science. They will also serve in the tech lab as a resource for students with device issues and students taking design lab courses.

GREG MCELROY '87 RETURNS AS HEAD VARSITY SOCCER COACH

Coach Greg McElroy '87 is returning to coach varsity soccer after starting his coaching career at St. John's 20 years ago. He is the former Director of Coaching for Boys at Pacesetter Soccer Club. Before this position, McElroy coached the Ottawa Hills soccer team to a state championship in 2008, becoming the first team in northwest Ohio to win a state championship.

McElroy comes from a family of coaches, as his father Rod McElroy (St. John's Jesuit Hall of Fame member) was the crew coach for 20 years, and his brother Neil coached the St. Ursula crew team to two national championships.

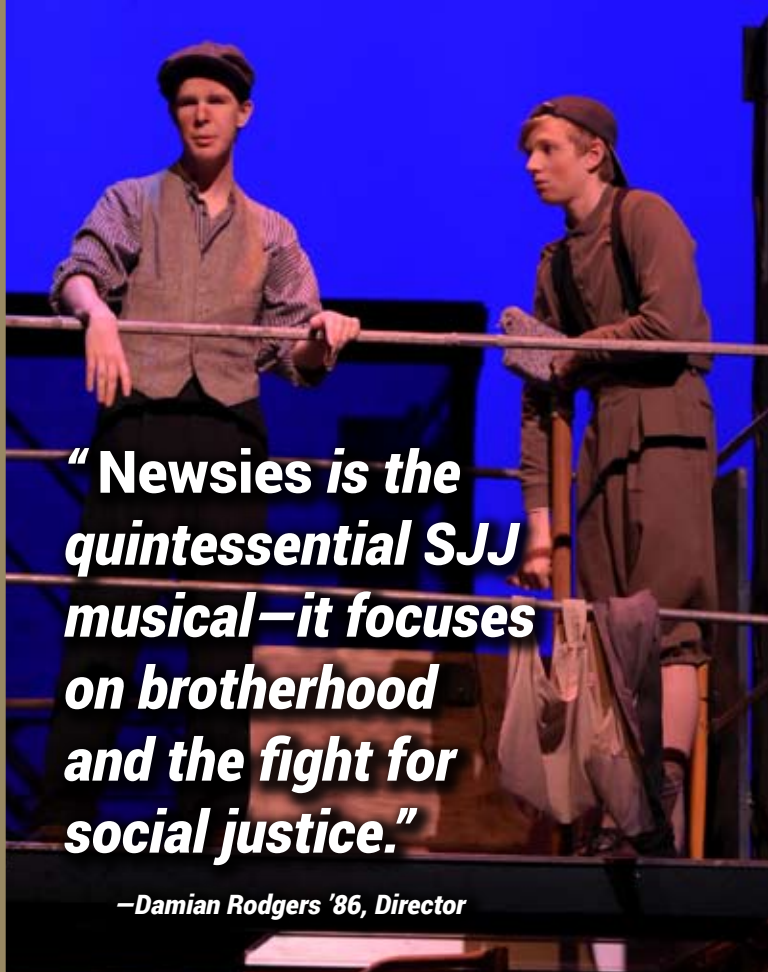
McElroy said, "I am humbled and honored to be a part of the storied history of SJJ soccer. I hope that I can live up to the standard of coaching and educating these young student-athletes that has been not only part of St. John's, but also within the McElroy coaching tree."



NEWSIES CAST AND CREW DELIGHTS AUDIENCES

St. John's Jesuit High School and Academy's production of Disney's *Newsies* was performed in March at the Valentine Theatre. Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical Productions, it is based on the Disney film by Bob Tsudiker and Noni White. More than 50 students were in the cast, with female roles performed by students from Notre Dame Academy, Lial, Christ the King, St. Joseph Sylvania, Clay High School, Toledo School for the Arts, and Westside Montessori.

The show was directed by Damian Rodgers '86, who has been directing the SJJ musical for more than 25 years. He was thrilled to bring this story to the high school stage for the first time in northwest Ohio. Rodgers said, "A true story about the 1899 New York City newsboys strike against the newspapers' unfair treatment of the newspaper carriers, Disney's *Newsies* is the quintessential St. John's Jesuit musical—it focuses on brotherhood and the fight for social justice." With music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Jack Feldman, and book by Harvey Fierstein, Disney's *Newsies* came to life in true St. John's Jesuit style.



"Newsies is the quintessential SJJ musical—it focuses on brotherhood and the fight for social justice."

—Damian Rodgers '86, Director



PRODUCTION OF

Disney NEWSIES

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Music by **Alan Menken** Lyrics by **Jack Feldman** Book by **Harvey Fierstein**

ORIGINALLY PRODUCED ON BROADWAY BY DISNEY THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS
BASED ON THE DISNEY FILM WRITTEN BY BOB TZUDIKER AND NONI WHITE

Friday, March 15, 2019, at 7 PM
Saturday, March 16, 2019, at 2 PM & 7 PM
Sunday, March 17, 2019, at 2 PM
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FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO HIGHER ED—JESUIT SCHOOLS ARE LEADERS IN THE FIELD

Jesuit institutions are known for their academic rigor and well-rounded education. St. John's Jesuit students of all backgrounds find value in their Jesuit education, and many of them look forward to continuing to pursue their passion for learning at a Jesuit university. Year after year, SJJ alums return to tell the college counselors that they are well prepared for their college education after spending four years at SJJ. The alums who are studying at Jesuit institutions also speak highly of the critical-thinking skills, the strong leadership skills, and the commitment to social justice that they continue to learn more about every day.

Director of College Counseling Keri Struckholz said, "It excites me to watch these students select

universities that continue the development of the whole person. I see them becoming competent in their area of study, while they are continuing to develop a strong character and moral conviction."

When a student who attends a Jesuit high school decides to continue his Jesuit education, he opens up many great scholarship opportunities. Most of the Jesuit universities offer an automatic grant for these students, with an opportunity for a half- or full-tuition scholarship. Regardless of the characteristics a student is looking for in a higher education setting, he is bound to find his academic passions in one of the 27 Jesuit colleges in the United States.

Jesuit colleges and universities in the U.S. offer a variety of scholarship opportunities. For specific information on each of these institutions and their scholarships for students from Jesuit high schools, contact Keri Struckholz, Director of College Counseling, at kstruckholz@sjjtitans.org.

Boston College

Canisius College

Creighton University

Fairfield University

Fordham University

Georgetown University

Gonzaga University

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John Carroll University

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Loyola University Chicago

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University New Orleans

Marquette University

Regis University

Rockhurst University

St. Joseph's University

St. Louis University

St. Peter's College

Santa Clara University

Seattle University

Spring Hill College

University of Detroit

University of San Francisco

University of Scranton

Xavier University



Students are enjoying new desks, chairs, and task tables that are perfect for tutoring, group studying, or just hanging out with classmates. Visitors to the building are appreciating new comfortable seating with coffee tables. Faculty and staff are using new storage cabinets and desks with chairs. Many thanks to the generosity of Owens Corning, a Toledo-based company that made it all possible!

8TH GRADE CAPSTONE PROJECTS ENHANCE LEADERSHIP SKILLS

The 8th Grade Capstone project has evolved into a rite of passage for students who transition from the Academy to the High School at St. John's Jesuit. Lasting 19 weeks, the 8th Grade Capstone project teaches personal responsibility, accountability, and small group collaboration—skills essential to almost any future career. The tasks involved are the foundation of success in high school and challenge Academy 8th graders to read, think, write, create, act, evaluate, and document a significant event. Students transition from simply *knowing* to actually *doing*.

Students are asked to consider a topic, then analyze, evaluate, research, and interpret a particular aspect of it. Next, they are assigned to work in small groups, identifying a topic-related problem or challenge, then devising and implementing a solution. At the end of this process, students assess the impact of their actions. Finally, students work in groups to create a documentary video to explain their processes and make an oral presentation before a Faculty Evaluation Committee.

Michael Operacz '23 explored the topic of school safety and said, "I learned through this experience to be persistent when emailing a business or school and not give up. It is better to do things a little each day rather than a lot the week the assignment is due. Also, a good essay makes the project easier because you have

all of your information ready to presented." Zane Zeiter '23 chose the topic of genetic diseases and athletics. Zeiter said, "The 8th Grade Project has taught me a lot about time management. You really have to manage your time well in order to get everything done. My favorite part of our project was definitely playing wheelchair basketball with kids who have genetic diseases. Along with our action project, we played wheelchair basketball to help prepare a 7th grade team for nationals. It was such an amazing experience because, although the kids weren't able to do what most people can do, they still have just as much joy, maybe even more joy, than anyone else who participates in athletics."

Faculty members Lori Yaross and Gordon Bumpus are the Capstone Project Coordinators. Yaross said, "The 8th Grade Capstone project is designed to teach 8th graders responsibility and collaboration. As the students travel through the 19 weeks, they learn many new strategies, experience unique real-world problems, and meet experts who study their topic. We challenge the boys to get out of their comfort zone and help their community. As one of the coordinators, witnessing their self-pride is one of my greatest rewards."



OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS LEAD STUDENTS TO SJJ



The high school journey at St. John's Jesuit begins at grade 9, but many outstanding educators contribute to the success of the SJJ freshmen before they join the Titan community. In November, SJJ instituted two new awards to recognize five Kindergarten–Eighth Grade (K-8) teachers and one administrator at any school who made a significant impact on one (or more) members of the SJJ freshman class. Named for two beloved and influential Jesuits who embraced the mission of Christ through a calling to educate, the awards were given to recipients as determined by students in an essay assignment. Affectionately called the *Kindle Awards*, they recognize the extraordinary efforts of grade school educators who “light the world on fire” through their students.



Each winner was presented with a plaque and a check for \$1,000 at the **Kindle Awards Dinner** at St. John's on November 8. Chris Knight '78, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, stated, “We recognize that many dedicated administrators and educators play an important part in the education and formation of our students before they join our high school community. We're grateful for the opportunity to establish these annual awards, named after two extraordinary Jesuits, as a way to acknowledge the contributions of all those who have helped our freshmen on their journey to St. John's Jesuit.”



The **Fr. Henry Birkenhauer, S.J., Award for Outstanding Educators** was presented to five teachers in grades K-8. These recipients were **Jane Hunter** (Our Lady of Perpetual Help); **Jeanne Segler** (Toledo Christian Schools); **Phil Levering** (formerly of St. John's Jesuit Academy and now with Leadership Toledo); **Brittany Cain** (St. Joan of Arc); and **Sara Nelson** (Timberstone Junior High, Sylvania). The **St. Peter Faber, S.J., Outstanding Administrator Award** was presented to an administrator: this year's recipient was **Jane Nevers** (St. Patrick of Heatherdowns).



SUMMER CAMPS

Unless otherwise noted, camps are from 8:30-11:00 a.m., cost \$75, are co-ed, and are open to students entering grades 4–9. Full descriptions may be found on www.sjjtitans.org.

Junior Titan Basketball

June 20-21
9:00 -11:00 a.m.
(entering grades 1-4)
\$35.00

Titan Basketball

June 10-12
(entering grades 5-9)

Titan Elite Basketball

June 17-19
(entering grades 7-9)

Total Athlete

June 10-13
12:30-2:30 p.m.
\$60.00

Soccer

June 17-19
12:30-3:00 p.m.

Lacrosse

June 24-26

Football

July 8-10

Wrestling

July 8-10
12:30-2:30 p.m.
(entering grades K-8)

Robotics I

June 10-14

Robotics II

June 17-21

Archery

June 10-14
12:00-2:00 p.m.

Broadcasting

June 10-14
(entering grades 7-8)

Master Chef

June 10-13
12:00-2:00 p.m.

Fishing

June 17-20
8:00-11:00 a.m.
Check website for
meeting locations.

Adventure

June 17-20
\$175.00

Science Enrichment

June 17-21

Sign Language

June 17-21

Design, Build, Fly!

June 17-20

Ancient Rome

June 17-20

Mystery/Panic Room

June 17-20
12:00-2:00 p.m.

Board Games

June 24-28

Debate

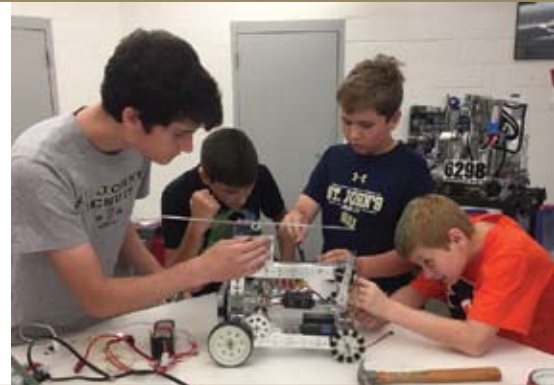
June 24, 25, 27, 28

Marching Band

July 22-25
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Performance on July 26
at 6:00 p.m.

Camp Invention

June 24-28
8:00 a.m.- 3: 30 p.m.
\$230.00
(entering grades 3-6)
Register at
www.invent.org/programs/camp-invention



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Join us as Steve shares his most memorable *On the Road* experiences in a presentation to benefit the 20/20 Jesuit Scholarship Program.

Thursday, September 12, 2019
Valentine Theatre

Established in 1992, the 20/20 Jesuit Scholarship program has provided underserved and academically talented students the opportunity to attend St. John's Jesuit, forever impacting their lives and their futures.

Tickets may be purchased at sjtitans.org.

Contact Nick Vargas for sponsorship opportunities at nvargas@sjtitans.org.



IGNATIAN SPONSORSHIP REVIEW ALLOWS SJJ TO SHINE

To be considered an organization sponsored by the Society of Jesus, every Jesuit school and administration in the country must undergo a “sponsorship review” every few years. This past January, St. John’s Jesuit participated in a two-day sponsorship review by an evaluation team from the Midwest Province, which included Fr. Pat McGrath, S.J., President, Loyola Academy, Chicago; Fr. Don Petkash, S.J., Mission Formation Office, Walsh Jesuit High School; Dan Bradasca, Principal, St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland; Cathey Lomas-Ermanni, English teacher, University of Detroit Jesuit High School; Matt Couture, Provincial Assistant of the Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus for Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education; and Brendan Conroy, Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus for Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education.

This Ignatian Sponsorship Review asked the school community two fundamental questions: “How is the school Catholic and Jesuit?” and “How does the school operate on every level in the Ignatian and Jesuit tradition?” This “self-study” follows a document entitled *What Makes a Jesuit School Jesuit?* In no way is the Ignatian Sponsorship Review looking to “take away” a school’s Jesuit title. It does, however, take note of what a Jesuit school does well and areas for improvement.

After the review, the committee shared the following about the St. John’s Jesuit community:

- *Jesuit is the constitutive identity, infused into the fabric of the [SJJ] organization; it’s in the water. SJJ exudes a positive school culture among faculty, students, parents, staff; fervor manifested around service and brotherhood.*
- *The Board has a renewed sense of purpose; it is poised to grow its ownership of the Jesuit mission.*
- *SJJ has a uniform appreciation of the importance of growing enrollment and an enviable outward urgency directed toward the Magis.*
- *Diverse portfolios of those in ministerial roles allow for engagement of students where they are.*
- *SJJ eagerly partners with the Bishop and the local Church; it warmly welcomes local clergy into the school, and they participate in programs.*
- *Robustly staffed vocations office demonstrates the priority SJJ has placed in this area.*
- *The Counseling Office is integrated into many areas of students’ needs; it provides consistency of care across a seven-year spectrum to address particular needs of students from a background of poverty and those who are first generation college-bound.*
- *The A+ Learning Center is best-in-class among Jesuit schools!!! It offers safe harbor.*
- *The school provides a warm embrace of those who are not Catholic, fostering a critical skill in students.*
- *Parents expressed high satisfaction with their son’s educational experience; faith formation and retreat programs were singled out by parents.*
- *The 20/20 program is an exemplary model for Jesuit school and offers full inclusion of students from underrepresented backgrounds, as well as students from poverty and those who are first in their families to attend college.*
- ***We enthusiastically recommend, without reservation, to the Provincial that he reaffirm St. John’s Jesuit High School and Academy as an apostolic work of the Society of Jesus and the Catholic Church.***

SENIOR CLASS BOASTS NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED SCHOLARS AND FINALIST



Each year, the National Merit Foundation recognizes outstanding student achievement on the Preliminary SAT. Of the more than 1.6 million students who take the PSAT in the fall of their junior year, about two percent are recognized as commended students. This year, SJJ has five of these commended students.

Greg Krzyston is one of five Class of 2019 valedictorians. He was an assistant captain of the varsity hockey team; he also earned All-Ohio Honorable Mention as a player. He also participated in varsity track, the Tech Team, and the National Honor Society. In the fall, Greg will study engineering at Purdue University.

Shane Riley is a captain of the cross country and track teams and a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society. He serves as a volunteer in the Christian Service

Program and as a Eucharistic Minister at school Masses. Shane served as retreat leader and was named a Student of the Month by the Maumee Rotary Club. As a senior, he founded and led the Wall Street Club. Shane will attend Loyola University Chicago and major in finance this fall.

Braden Schwallie is a captain of the crew team and has been in the Toledo Rowing Club's Junior Rowing Program for the last two summers. He plays with the SJJ Ultimate Frisbee Club and is a team captain of a summer team with TOGA Ultimate. Braden is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, the Social Justice Alliance, and an SJJ Ambassador. He has volunteered at the Alzheimer's Association and at the Toledo Seagate Food Bank. He had a role in this year's spring musical, *Newsies*. Braden will attend The Ohio State University and plans to study engineering.

Joey Thaman is a five-year member and the programmer for the SJJ robotics team. He is a coxswain on the SJJ crew team, as well. Joey is also a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, and the SJJ Chorus. He also serves on the Social Justice Alliance. Joey had a role in this year's spring musical, *Newsies*. One of five valedictorians of the Class of 2019, he plans to study computer science at Stanford University.

Ben Theis is a captain of the SJJ crew team and a captain of the SJJ swim team. He is a five-year member and design lead of the robotics team. He is a member of the Social Justice Alliance, a member of the Christian Service Core Team, a TV4 anchor, and an SJJ Ambassador. Ben had a role in this year's spring musical, *Newsies*, and enjoyed tutoring students in grades 1-6 at Rosary Cathedral. He has been accepted to University of Notre Dame and plans to major in biology on a pre-med track. Ben is the 2019 recipient of the Harold Mossing Scholarship.

SJJ's Class of 2019 also includes a National Merit Finalist: Leo Baca. National Merit Finalists score in the top one percent of those who took the PSAT in the fall of their junior year.

Leo Baca is a four-year member of the SJJ crew team. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Campus Ministry Retreat Leadership, Christian Service Core Team, and an SJJ Ambassador. Leo served as the student body president for his senior year. In the fall, he will attend Vanderbilt University to study law, history, and society on a pre-law track.



ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Two Titans sign with Bowling Green State University

On November 14, 2018, **Abdi Faqi '19** and **Eli Shope '19** signed National Letters of Intent to continue their academic and soccer careers at Bowling Green State University.

February Signing Day featured six Titans

Congratulations to the following Titans on signing to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level:

Nathan Aloï '19 (lacrosse)

- John Carroll University

Sam Rodgers '19 (lacrosse)

- John Carroll University

Marek Toerne '19 (football)

- University of Findlay

Chandler Banky '19 (lacrosse)

- John Carroll University

Payton Moyer '19 (basketball)

- Capital University

Max Turner '19 (wrestling)

- John Carroll University



FALL SPORTS RECAPS

Crew

The St. John's Jesuit Crew team traveled to Boston, Mass., in late October for the 54th **Head of the Charles Regatta**. The Head of the Charles is the largest rowing regatta in the world and has become an international race in which the best teams from around the world compete. Approximately 250,000 spectators lined a three-mile race course on the Charles River, watching and cheering more than 15,000 athletes from approximately 800 teams.

The Titans competed in the Men's Youth 4+ Event, where the team of **Joey Thaman '19**, **Benjamin Theis '19**, **Collin O'Connell '19**, **Braden Schwallie '19**, and **Alexander Peseckis '19** placed 57th overall.



Cross Country

The SJJ Cross Country team placed third at the Three Rivers Athletic Conferences (TRAC) Championship.

Liam Seiple '20 placed seventh overall at the District Championship to qualify for the Regional Championship. At the Regional meet, Seiple placed 13th with a career best time of 16:36.

All TRAC Honors

First Team

Liam Seiple '20

Second Team

Roman Marra '20

Shane Riley '19



Football

For the second consecutive year, the Titans reached the postseason. SJJ finished the year 7-4 overall and 5-2 in the Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRAC).

All TRAC Honors

Co-Offensive TRAC Player of the Year

Brady Lichtenberg '21

First Team

Brady Lichtenberg '21

Dimitri Mitsopoulos '20

Jack Nicholson '19

Jack Ryder '20

Marek Toerne '19

Second Team

Gary Batch '20

Antonio Jeffries '19

Honorable Mention

Zach Businger '19

Gabriel Chlebowski '20

Joshua Dzierwa '19

Marcus Jarrett '19

Austen Perkins '20

Lester Turner '19

CJ Valentine '20

Thomas Zsiros '21

All District Honors

First Team

Brady Lichtenberg '21

Dimitri Mitsopoulos '20

Jack Ryder '20

Marek Toerne '19

Second Team

Jack Nicholson '19

Honorable Mention

Gary Batch '20

Antonio Jeffries '19

All Ohio Honors

First Team

Dimitri Mitsopoulos '20

Second Team

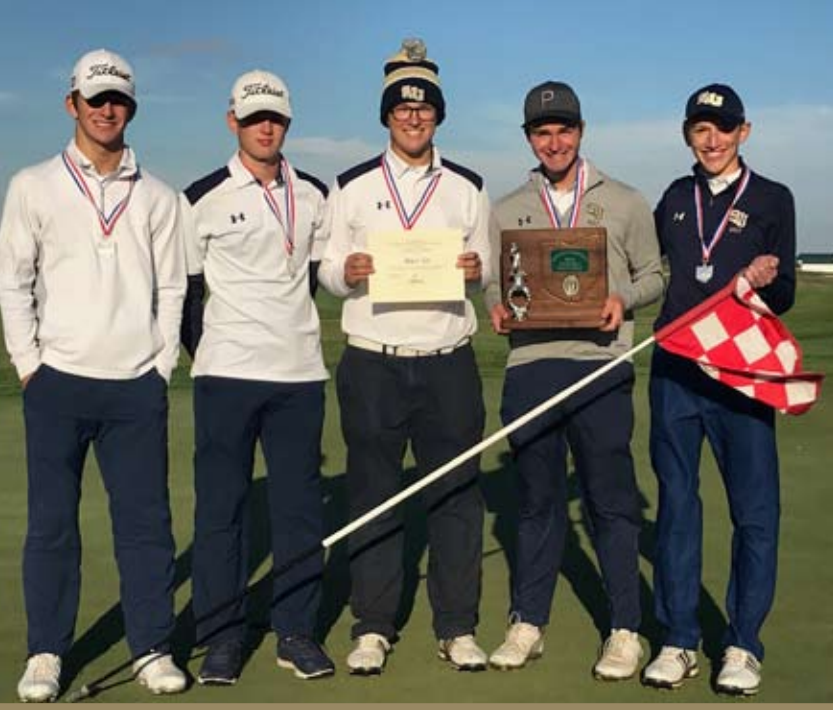
Brady Lichtenberg '21

Special Mention

Jack Ryder '20

Marek Toerne '19





Golf

For the fifth time in six years, the Titans qualified for the OHSAA State Championship! The Titans finished 11th in the state.

All TRAC Honors

Player of the Year

Patrick Yost '19

First Team

Andrew Hoppenjans '19

Joey Hoppenjans '21

Patrick Yost '19

Honorable Mention

Ben Paluch '20

All District Honors

First Team

Patrick Yost '19

Second Team

Joey Hoppenjans '21

Honorable Mention

Andrew Hoppenjans '19

Ben Paluch '20

All District

Tournament Team

Patrick Yost '19

Soccer

The SJJ soccer program has now won the Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRAC) Championship six times in the league's eight-year existence! The Titans finished the year 7-0 in the TRAC and 16-1-2 overall.

All TRAC Honors

Goalkeeper of the Year

Brian Rutkowski '19

First Team

Abdi Faqi '19

Dane Kalman '19

Brian Rutkowski '19

Eli Shope '19

Second Team

Joey Akpunonu '20

Usman Khan '19

Deion Vartorella '20

Honorable Mention

Ben Adams '19

Justin Batdorf '19

Scout Zibbel '19

Co-Coach of the Year

Tom Shook

All District Honors

First Team

Abdi Faqi '19

Dane Kalman '19

Eli Shope '19

Honorable Mention

Brian Rutkowski '19

Second Team All Ohio

Eli Shope '19



WINTER SPORTS RECAPS

Basketball

The Titans travelled to Fort Walton Beach, Fla., during Christmas break for the Island Beach Blowout Tournament. While there, SJJ played three games in three days to finish as tournament champions!

All TRAC Honors

Second Team

Payton Moyer '19

Honorable Mention

Gary Batch '20

Brady Lichtenberg '21

Island Beach Blowout

Tournament MVP

Payton Moyer '19

Island Beach Blowout

Sportsmanship Award

Dimitri Mitsopoulos '20

Hockey

The Titan hockey program finished the year as the Northwest Hockey Conference (NHC) Champions! In the postseason, SJJ defeated St. Francis for the third straight time, before capping off the year as District Runners-Up.

All NHC Honors

First Team

Nick Meader '20

Second Team

Wil Halker '21

Andrew Pelok '21

Honorable Mention

Will Bowler '20

Leo Roberts '19

Liam Seiple '20

Rookie of the Year

Andrew Pelok '21

Ed Kretz Courage Award

Tyler Kelly '19

Coach of the Year

Matt Bollinger

All Ohio Honors

Honorable Mention

Tyler Kelly '19

Greg Krzyston '19

Nick Meader '20

Matthew Stansley '19





Swimming and Diving

Swimmer **Jack Van Cott '21** wrapped up the season at the highest level in the state championship with a ninth-place finish in the 100 Breaststroke. Prior to that, the Titans saw nine swimmers qualify for the district championship and placed fourth overall at the Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRAC) Championship.

All TRAC Honors

First Team

Jack Van Cott '21

Second Team

Jaden Brookens '21

Justin Perino '20

Andrew Titgemeyer '19

Honorable Mention

Cole Kovacs '21

District Qualifiers

Jaden Brookens '21

Evan Carroll '21

Cole Kovacs '21

Justin Perino '20

Austin Reed '21

Will Rippey '19

Andrew Titgemeyer '19

Jack Van Cott '21

Jacob Ziegler '22

State Qualifier

Jack Van Cott '21 – ninth overall!



Wrestling

For the fourth consecutive year, the Titans won the Toledo Catholic Cup.

In January, the Titans hosted the prestigious Catholic Invitational Tournament, which featured 25 teams from across Ohio. While showcasing St. John's Jesuit and Toledo, the Titans placed ninth overall.

All TRAC Honors

Second Team

JT Furko '21

Laine Isaacson '20

Honorable Mention

Titus Chubb '20

Will Lanier '21

Max Turner '19

District Qualifiers

JT Furko '21

Laine Isaacson '20

Max Turner '19

FATHER/SON GAME NIGHT MARCH 3, 2019



ANNUAL DINNER UNDER THE DOME SERVES UP SOUTHWEST-STYLE EVENING

The biggest fundraiser of the year for the scholarships program was held on Saturday, February 9. The annual ***Dinner Under the Dome*** raised more than \$225,000 and drew nearly 600 people. Led by event chairs Annette Barnes and Crystal Mathias, the dome gymnasium was transformed to reflect this year's *Southwest Style* theme.

Guests enjoyed a strolling buffet featuring southwest fare by Shelly Moore's Thymely Creations.

Attendees bid on many silent and live auction items throughout the evening, including a Chef's Tasting for eight at Element 112, a private French Chateau for a week, a pre-game first pitch at the Toledo Mud Hens, a wine tasting at the Bottle Shop at Mancy's Italian, and much more.

The SJJ administration paid special tribute to Geoff Lyden, former Board President and longtime supporter of St. John's Jesuit, who passed away in November. Lyden was given *The Magis Award* in recognition of the impact he made on St. John's Jesuit as a donor and as a member and president of the Board of Trustees. His son Bailey '03 accepted the award for his father.



Other honorees of the evening whose work with students best reflect the mission of St. John's Jesuit were Phil Skeldon, recipient of the *Man for Others Award*, and Dr. Richard Paat '78, recipient of the *AMDG Award*.





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ALUMNI EVENTS

37th Annual SJJ Alumni Golf Outing

Bedford Hills Golf Club

Friday, July 19, 2019

Includes: 18 holes, cart, range balls, gift bag, cash prizes to course and contest winners, and post-outing meal.

Important Information: Four- or five-man scramble, post-party, and lunch will take place at the course, and the outing is open to the first 50 teams only.

To register or learn about sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.sjjtitans.org, or contact Nick Vargas '06 at (419) 720-0770 or nvargas@sjjtitans.org

SJJ Men for Others Hall of Fame and Alumni Reunion Weekend

Friday, October 4, and Saturday, October 5, 2019

Mark your calendars! Reconnect with St. John's Jesuit classmates, faculty, staff, coaches, and friends with a fun-filled weekend. This event is open to ALL alumni.

The weekend includes a full slate of activities beginning on Friday, October 4, with the St. John's Jesuit Men for Others Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, which includes food, drinks, and a ticket to the SJJ Varsity football game at Lyden Field. This year's inductees will be announced in June.

The events continue on Saturday, October 5, with tours of the school and an alumni service project for Labre, which provides meals for underserved members of the Toledo community.

The evening is open for alumni to plan their individual class gatherings. We are looking for reunion committee members to help plan for the classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, and 2014. Please contact Doug Pearson '82 at (419) 720-0779 or dpearson@sjjtitans.org.



Thank you to alumni in Phoenix, Tampa, Houston, Dallas, Charlotte, and Minneapolis who hosted or attended events this past fall and winter!

If you would like to host an alumni reception, please contact Doug Pearson '82 at (419) 720-0779 or dpearson@sjjtitans.org.



Charlotte, October 2018



Phoenix, March 2019



Houston, November 2018



Dallas, November 2018

CLASS OF 1969 CELEBRATES IMPORTANT MILESTONE

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the first graduating class of St. John's Jesuit High School. A weekend of special events is planned to celebrate this milestone for the class of 1969!

Friday, August 9

Golf outing, followed by a cookout at Brandywine Country Club

Saturday, August 10

Alumni can choose from the following afternoon activities

- A tour of the school
- Volunteering as a group for the Toledo Labre Program, a service program to feed the underserved in the Old South End of Toledo

Memorial Mass for the Class of 1969 at 4:00 p.m.

Dinner at the Premier in Maumee

Sunday, August 11

Mud Hens game in the Bird Cage

Class of '69, be sure to save the date!

Invitations will be mailed in June.

For more information, contact Tim Malone '69 at tmalone@sjtitans.org.

20
are alums
(ranging from
the Class of 1969 to
the Class of 2014!)

13
are siblings
of alumni

WE ARE FAMILY!

6
are wives
of alumni

35
are parents of grads
or current students
(and 13 of them have more
than one student or grad!)

Everyone in the St. John's Jesuit community knows that Titan ties run deep. Our faculty and staff kick that concept up a notch!

Sixty faculty and staff members are either alumni or have family members who are alums or current students.

Mr. Savona wins the award for most connections; he is not only an alum himself, but also a brother, father, and grandfather of SJJ students and alums!

3
are grandparents
of students
or alums

20
fit into more than one
of these categories

YOUNG ALUMNI INVEST IN SJJ



Many alumni gathered the night before Thanksgiving at a social event hosted by the Young Alumni Council at the Warehouse at Maumee Bay Brewing Co.

The Young Alumni Council, instituted in 2018, has already taken great strides to assist St. John's Jesuit—both inside the school and in the community.

The YAC, led by Andrew Schaetzke '08 as president, currently has more than 20 members from the Toledo area and across the country. These alumni have already participated in several initiatives around the school—from being guest speakers on Vocations Day, to volunteering on Open House, to participating in Labre, to attending networking and social functions around town.

"Our YAC events and activities around the school have been well received. Both the school and the community seem excited to see a different group of volunteers getting involved," Schaetzke said.

The group's goal for 2019 is to continue to increase awareness of and membership in YAC, as well as to expand the number of social events and volunteering opportunities that support SJJ.

Schaetzke's message to other young alums is to get involved! "We encourage and invite members of the SJJ alumni community to join us at all of these events and to help as we contribute to the long-term success of the school and its current and future students."

To get more information or to join the YAC, contact Doug Pearson '82, Advancement Officer, at dpearson@sjjtitan.org or Schaetzke at aschaetzke@sjsinvest.com.

Young Alumni Council

Ian Appold '09
Ryan Ball '08
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CLASS NOTES

Jim Adams '72 started his own consulting firm after retiring from working in active automotive quality management employment for 42 years.

Dave Konczal '75 is a retired public-school teacher and has started a non-profit, Books and Basketball of Ohio, to help the economically disadvantaged in the Youngstown area to receive year-around tutoring, money for spring travel basketball, and assistance to obtain college scholarships.

Matt Mitten '77 received the Section Award from the AALS Section on Law and Sports in January 2019 to recognize his substantial and significant contribution to scholarship, teaching, and/or service in the area of law relating to sports. In June 2018, he received an award from the National Athletic Trainers Association for distinction in the advancement of legal, ethical, and regulatory issues in the field. Mitten is a Professor of Law at Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, Wisc., where he is also the Executive Director of the National Sports Law Institute and the LL.M. in Sports Law program for foreign lawyers.

Joseph Mitchell '78 started his own business, Mitchell Financial Strategies Group LLC, in October 2018.

David Harold '90 was recently named the Ohio Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the Year.

Nick Martin '01 and **Derek Martin '04** have started their own real estate brokerage firm, Martin Signature Properties.

Alex Lorton '02 received the 2018 Male Ultra Runner of the Year award from the New York Road Runners in January 2019. In 2018, Lorton completed the TCS New York City Marathon in two hours, 46 minutes, and 21 seconds. Two weeks later, he finished second at the NYRR NYC 60k inside Central Park.

Matthew Simko '02 is now an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. He graduated from the University of Toledo College of Law in 2010.

Drew Downing '04 is the Director of Operations at the Disque Foundation, which empowers people to save lives by providing advanced health care education to underserved populations in the United States and around the world. The organization recently hit its goal of training one million people (for free!) to perform CPR.

Patrick Gill '06 is a captain in the United States Air Force, flying CV-22s. He was recently recognized as the Officer Instructor of the Year at the 58th Special Operations Group.

DeAndre Ware '06 is a professional boxer and City of Toledo firefighter. He earned the North American Boxing Association, United States Boxing Organization, and the World Boxing Council Continental Americas 168-pound titles by winning a 10-round bout that was broadcast on Showtime in February 2019.

Taylor Langhals '07 is one of the lead designers for the newest Jeep Gladiator truck. In fact, Langhals is the fourth generation of his family to work for Jeep. He said, "I spent the last four years of my life designing the Gladiator. It has been a remarkable experience and very humbling. I feel honored to even be able to work on this vehicle. I am very proud of the finished product. I am so thankful for my education at St. John's, and especially thankful for my family. They made a lot of sacrifices to make all of this possible."

Gabriel Scarlett '15 studies photojournalism, Arabic, and emergency medicine at Western Kentucky University. He was named the College Photographer of the Year and will be joining *National Geographic* for its summer photo internship in May 2019.

Dr. Dustin Winkler, head strength coach at St. John's Jesuit, was inducted into the Bedford High School Hall of Fame in January.

TINY TITANS

Please welcome the newest members of the Titan family!

Brian Marciniak (Faculty) and Lisa,
Gunner Lincoln, September 14, 2018

Tom Jacoby '06 and Lauren,
Camden Joseph, September 25, 2018

Frank Carnicom '95 (Faculty) and Chrissy,
Estella Ann, October 26, 2018

Michael Weinrich '99 and Salina,
daughter, October 29, 2018

Bobby Lindsay '06 and Stephanie,
Remy, January 2019

Angela Rogers (Faculty) and Tony,
Aiden Michael, January 7, 2019

Russ Maxon '06 and Kayla,
Cole, January 16, 2019

Nicholas Wittenberg '02 and Colby,
daughter Collins Virginia, January 24, 2019

Mike Breininger '01 and Danielle,
son, February 4, 2019

Joseph Farinella '04 and Lauren,
son, February 4, 2019

Ben Assenmacher '99 and Lindsay,
daughter, March 1, 2019

Troy Smith '01 and Ciara,
Kingston, March 21, 2019

IN MEMORIAL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
Floyd, Edward J.	1969	2/6/2019
Kusner, Dennis J.	1969	9/19/2018
Rooney, Patrick A.	1970	11/16/2018
Smith, Kevin X.	1970	9/22/2018
Metzger, Thomas H.	1975	2/27/2019
Kasky, Mark	1976	3/11/2019
Herwat, Mark K.	1983	9/6/2018
Kunkel, Scott A.	1986	11/15/2018
Grosschedl, David M.	1989	4/2/2019
Stuart, Philip L.	1992	10/3/2018
Smith, Troy J.	2001	4/1/2019

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