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History in the Making





Despite the challenges of the 2020-2021 school year, Titans started the school year in-person on August 3, 2020, and sustained in-person instruction with a virtual option for most of the year. Pictured are students in grade 6 enjoying a weekly service trip to Toledo Grows.

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On the cover: The 2021 St. John's Jesuit varsity baseball team celebrates a 10-1 victory over Perrysburg to capture the District title. The season continued with the Titans claiming victory in both the Regional Semi-Final (v. Bowling Green) and Regional Final (v. Berea Midpark) Championship games. On June 12, for the first time in program history, SJJ played in the Final Four State tournament (v. Cincinnati Elder).



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Since the first class graduated in 1969, members of the St. John's Jesuit community have made an impact locally, nationally, and even worldwide. A rigorous academic program, balanced with Ignatian spiritual formation and service, continues to provide the foundation for our young men to make history through their leadership. As you will read about in this issue of *Titan Topics*, SJJ graduates have made their mark in business, medicine, engineering, military, politics, and the church, among others.

We must continue to progress, providing opportunities for our students to continue to develop as *Men for Others*. With our career counseling program and class offerings specific to law, medicine, business, computer science, and innovation/entrepreneurship, we are focused on increasing experiential learning for our students.

We hope the stories in this issue inspire you. In a world of extremely fast-paced change, the Titan family thrives on the Jesuit notion of educating by adapting while maintaining our core mission. We are thankful for our faculty and staff, alumni, parents, students, and friends of St. John's Jesuit who continue to carve a Titan history rich with stories of lives lived as *Men for Others*.

May God bless you. Go Titans!

Michael J. Savona

*Mike Savona '75
President*

A CANNONBALL CHANGES HISTORY

On May 20, 1521, a young contentious soldier born the youngest of 13 children was hit by a cannonball during the Battle of Pamplona, Spain. What followed for Inigo de Loyola was a long period of recuperation and soul-searching. Over the next months and years, he would move from being a loyal soldier of the king to a zealous pilgrim for Christ. This year marks the five hundredth anniversary of an event that led to the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus and Jesuit schools worldwide. In recognition of this historic event, SJJ spotlights several alumni who connected with a deep spirituality during their time in high school and eventually accepted God's calling to the priesthood. Several recall their own "cannonball moments," which led to a life lived for the Church as a Man for Others.

DAN KENNEDY, SJ '08



Dan Kennedy, SJ '08, is currently in formation, the last stage of theology studies, at Regis College, a theological college of the University of Toronto. In his time as a student at SJJ, several individuals influenced him along his path, including Fr. Tom Pipp, SJ; Fr. Frank Canfield, SJ; and Brian Tittl, an SJJ theology teacher. Being involved

with Campus Ministry had a far bigger impact on Kennedy than he ever realized at the time. Looking back, the roots of his faith in the Jesuit tradition began at SJJ.

"I don't feel I had a singular 'cannonball moment,' but rather it was a 'wading into deeper waters as time went on,'" Kennedy said. Born into a Catholic family, Kennedy was always thinking about different forms of service, but it was not until he encountered the community of SJJ and the joy that the Jesuits there displayed that he realized his future path.

"I hope to buck the idea that priests only give up things. Instead, I want to show how religious lives can be full of joy, just as I experienced through knowing the Jesuit community at SJJ. I loved how the Jesuits were never bored in their jobs." Through these connections and relationships, Kennedy was told he had many talents that would benefit others; eventually, these conversations heavily influenced his decision to "dedicate his life to service and joy."

Kennedy is now two years away from his ordination as a Jesuit priest. In this Year of Ignatius, he said, "Ignatius is a man who models for us the constant interior search for God. He learned to live a freer life with God, and we are invited to avoid interruptions and dive in deeper, as he did."

ZACH MABEE '02



Father Zach Mabee '02 is a diocesan priest in Lansing, Mich., who oversees a group of parishes in nearby Flint. Although he did not join the Catholic Church until college, his faith took root while he was a student at SJJ. It was through conversations with Fr. Frank Canfield, SJ, that he

began to know Jesus. Canfield, who was a counselor at the time, made Mabee feel welcomed and provided affirmation. Eventually, Mabee's experiences with God felt so real and deep. Something clicked for him. Looking back on his time at SJJ, Mabee said, "I am grateful I was cared for in a holistic sense, the classic Jesuit 'cura personalis.'"

Mabee is now looking forward to teaching theology at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. He sees the Year of Ignatius as "an opportunity to engage more fully with God's presence and to do it with a sense of confidence and hope because this is the God of Love."

A CANNONBALL CHANGES HISTORY *(continued)*

JOHN BAMMAN, OFM CONV. '85



Father John Bamman, OFM Conv. '85 currently serves as the Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. Daily Mass at SJJ proved to be extremely beneficial to his years in high school; it allowed Bamman to meet with priests before the school day, providing a more

personal way to witness their brotherhood. Eventually, one asked him if he had thought about becoming a priest—a question that would make him consider a religious vocation, although he was not yet ready to take the first step. He did, however, want to learn more.

During his time at SJJ, Fr. Tom Ryan, SJ, had a profound impact on Fr. Bamman. He attributed his “cannonball moment” to Fr. Ryan, who handpicked Bamman for a special camp for those considering the priesthood while at SJJ. At the camp, Bamman got to know several Franciscan priests, which is the order he is in now and describes as his home and family. “I am very grateful for being pushed into the experience because others saw priestly values in me even when I did not. Despite points of denial, God’s voice steered me to where I am today.”

Bamman believes the Year of Ignatius is the perfect time to discern God’s calling. Having firsthand experience, he knows that living out the vocation God intended is the key to being truly happy and making others happy. He often finds strength in a quote from American writer and Presbyterian minister Frederick Buechner: “The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

TOM MCQUILLEN '86

Father Tom McQuillen '86 is currently the Pastor at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Bowling Green, Ohio. McQuillen was ordained in 1996 at the Catholic University of America, ten years after his graduation from SJJ. His first assignment was at a parish in St. Paul, Minn.; he then was presented with the opportunity to go



to Zimbabwe. Serving in Zimbabwe for 10 years is what McQuillen describes as his “cannonball moment.”

Among the individuals who impacted McQuillen the most at SJJ were Fr. Ted Walters, SJ, and Fr. Jim Lewis, SJ. His bonds with both have carried on even after

his time as a student. In addition, attending daily Mass had an important impact on McQuillen, as did various service projects. He still remembers serving at St. Vincent de Paul and at the Toledo Foodbank, as well as tutoring.

In this Year of Ignatius, McQuillen has reflected on a letter from St. Francis Xavier to St. Ignatius. In it, Xavier encourages Ignatius to minister where no one was preaching. McQuillen notes, “We get so caught up in other things in our lives, but we need to think about God and make him known to others.”

JEFF MCBETH '96



Father Jeff McBeth '96 is currently the Pastor of St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Huron, Ohio. His journey after graduating from St. John’s Jesuit did not immediately put him on that path. McBeth had plans to be a doctor, having been accepted to a competitive medical program. “I didn’t really like, or

do well with, science, but I figured that’s what you have to do,” Fr. McBeth said. He recalls one day the alarm clock went off and he had his “cannonball moment.” He followed this strong inclination to leave medical school, transferred back home, and entered the seminary. He has now been a priest for 15 years.

During his time at SJJ, Fr. McBeth was inspired by the idea of being a *Man for Others*. This foundation instilled in high school, and the Prayer of Generosity, has influenced him over the years more than others.

In this Year of Ignatius, McBeth has reconnected with the idea that all people are made to have a spiritual life and that God does indeed want to communicate with us and have us grow more deeply in an intimate relationship with him through prayer.

MARK DAVIS '78



Father Mark Davis '78 is currently the Pastor of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Catholic Church and Parish in Toledo, Ohio. After his graduation from SJJ, Davis attended the University of Notre Dame.

According to Davis, St. John's Jesuit has always been an important part of his life. He has stayed connected, presiding over Mass and hearing confessions when he can. "I was at the opening of the school because my older brother was going to be a student," Davis said, "I really don't know a life without St. John's. As far back as I can remember, it has been a part of me and who I am as a *Man for Others*."

During his time as a student, Davis was impacted by the ability to go to daily Mass and through his interactions with faith-filled people. He always had a sense of his spirituality, which he learned from his grandparents, but accepting his vocation as a priest came with time. "Most people learn how to give to others and be selfless through relationships and trial and error. It is difficult for those in religious life because we are supposed to be the most selfless, but we do not get those learning experiences through relationships. We truly need to learn to be happy by helping others," Davis said.

As many know, magic often helps Davis connect with his audiences. Through years of practice, he has learned many illusions that help parishioners gain insight into how Jesus works around them. Magic makes Davis happy. To that end, he believes the Year of Ignatius is the perfect time to reflect on personal joy and its connectedness to the ability to make others happy.

MARTIN CONNELL, SJ '81



Father Martin Connell, SJ '81, is currently the Rector of the Jesuit Community for the Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara, in Berkeley, Calif. Many people and events impacted his vocation while he was a student at St. John's Jesuit. By watching the Jesuits interact, he realized that he wanted to be like them.

During high school, Connell's mother became ill, which proved to be a pivotal time in his life. He cared for her with great compassion, which opened his eyes to what he wanted to be able to do for others. He described his mother's illness as his "cannonball moment," as it made him realize how deeply others cared for him.

Two people at SJJ who had a profound impact on him were Fr. Jim Lotze, SJ, and Tom Harms, former English teacher and Director of Campus Ministry. These faculty took an interest in his development and showed him the life of service he wanted to live.

Connell entered the seminary straight from high school. He described his feeling as excited to make the big jump as an 18-year-old. Since his ordination as a Jesuit, he has taught or been an administrator at St. Ignatius High School (Cleveland), Jesuit School of Theology (Berkeley), University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles), and John Carroll University (University Heights, Ohio).

He has also spent time in Tanzania. There, he helped develop a village in Dodoma where he taught the residents about Jesus.

Connell is taking the opportunity in the Year of Ignatius to encourage others to think about the gifts of discernment. "We need to realize and think about what is getting our attention and if that is where we should be focusing our time and energy. We need to focus on the things that will have the greatest impact on helping others for good."

MAZZIN ELSAMALOTY '14 IS MAKING THE WORLD BETTER IN NORTHWEST OHIO

by Ricardo Amezcua-Cadavid '22



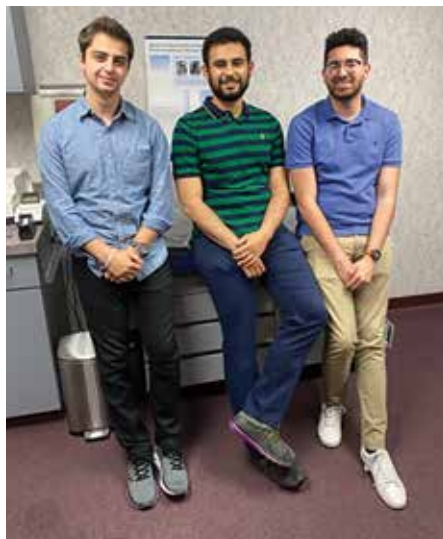
Mazzin Elsamaloty graduated from St. John's Jesuit in 2014 and continued his education at the University of Toledo, where he decided to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in bioengineering. Among the skills he brought with him from SJJ

was a strong desire to serve. "I left SJJ with a rush in my blood for service," he said, "thanks to the Christian Service experiences in high school."

Towards the end of his undergraduate experience, Elsamaloty became increasingly aware of the social justice issues related to healthcare. He began to see that a person's health is dependent on issues such as accessibility to the right food, professional care, insurance, and education. In essence, a person of low economic means was limited in all of these areas, and he wanted to help in any way he could.

In 2018, Elsamaloty saw the opportunity to step up when he was introduced to a group of doctors who had been hosting free clinics. He knew his help to structure and mobilize volunteers, coupled with being a medical school student himself, could be valuable for the group's organization. The result was the opening of the Halim Clinic at its current location in Holland, Ohio, in 2019.

The mission of the Halim Clinic is to provide basic health care services to the underinsured and uninsured. The clinic operates every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The clinic has seen promising growth in the two years it has been operating. Already, the clinic has helped



Mark Houdi '15, Mazzin Elsamaloty '14, and Ammar Adil '17

more than 700 registered patients and each week brings in about 20 different people seeking either dental or medical assistance.

The wide scope of services available is a testament to the dedicated team of medical professionals who volunteer. Included are fellow St. John's Jesuit graduates Mark Houdi '15 and Ammar Adil '17, both taking a leadership role in overall operations. The clinic consists of 12 interns (most seeking their degrees at UT) and eight additional volunteers to serve on the clinic's Operations



Team. Despite the wide range of medical treatments offered, additional doctors—such as neurologists, cardiologists, immunologists, and more—are available on an as-needed basis. All services are free of charge.

Undoubtedly, Elsamaloty and the rest of the Halim Clinic team use their gifts to make

a positive impact in the community. Houdi, Adil, and Elsamaloty credit the exposure they received at St. John's Jesuit through Christian Service and its emphasis on giving back as the reason they volunteer so passionately for the Halim Clinic.

For more information about the Halim Clinic, contact information, and volunteer opportunities, visit halimclinic.org.



TIM'S CORNER

THE CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

Planned giving is an effective way to support the work of St. John's Jesuit High School and Academy. Most often, prospective donors think of planned giving as insurance policies or wills and bequests. However, donors can support SJJ's work and receive income for life through a Charitable Gift Annuity. The process is simple; a benefactor makes a gift of cash or property to SJJ and, in return, St. John's Jesuit agrees to provide the donor with lifetime payments. Payments can be quite significant, based upon age. Along with providing a secure source of fixed payments for life, a Charitable Gift Annuity provides for an income tax deduction for the gift portion of the annuity. In addition, the donor has the satisfaction of knowing he or she is furthering SJJ's mission of forming *Men for Others*.

For more information about any aspect of planned giving to St. John's Jesuit, please contact Tim Malone '69, Director of Planned Giving, at tmalone@sjjtians.org or (419)720-0785.

2021 GIVING INCENTIVES

The CARES Act passed in 2020 included several charitable tax provisions to encourage giving. Congress has extended these provisions for 2021, including the following:

- A deduction for charitable donors who do not itemize when filing their tax returns. Those who do not itemize but make a cash gift to charity will be allowed to take a special tax deduction for as much as \$300 (\$600 for joint filers) to reduce tax liability.
- An increase in the deduction limit for as much as 100 percent of a donor's annual income for cash gifts (previously the deduction was capped at 60 percent of annual income). Donors will be able to deduct more this year.

ALUMS MAKE SJJ PROUD AS USNA GRADUATES

The United States Naval Academy Class of 2021 graduated on May 28, 2021. Three of these new graduates are alumni of St. John's Jesuit who are ready to serve, ready to go forth in a distinguished way as Men for Others.

SEAN RATTAY '16

Sean received his Bachelor of Science in Political Science and commissioned in the United States Navy as an Information Warfare Officer. During his time at the Academy, he held leadership billets as Squad Leader and Position Captain on the football team. He received football letters, while helping the Midshipman win a Commander in Chiefs trophy and defeating Kansas State in the Liberty Bowl. Sean helped lead some extraordinary people who always put others before themselves.



commissioned as a Cryptologic Warfare Officer, which will allow him to specialize in signals intelligence within the military cyber domain. After precursory training in Virginia Beach and Pensacola, Fla., he will report to Hawaii to begin his job.

Bishop said, "The Naval Academy is unlike any other university in the country. Its rigorous and demanding lifestyle forces the Midshipmen to manage their time resourcefully, prioritizing what needs to get completed versus what can get completed. SJJ will always serve as my roots, as it set me up for success and instilled the work ethic I needed to get through the Academy."

PATRICK BISHOP '17

Patrick Bishop completed his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and graduated with a 4.0, finishing in the top five percent of his class. During the past four years, he experienced "fleet life" while deploying on a dock landing ship, an amphibious warfare ship that transports and launches landing craft and amphibious vehicles, in the Baltic for two weeks; spending some time on a ballistic missile submarine; riding in Navy helicopters; and experiencing many other activities. He recently



MATTHEW BUTSON '17

Matthew Butson earned a Bachelor of Science in History and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps after graduation. He held billets as Platoon Commander and Squad Leader, having "the privilege of leading some of the best people the nation has to offer." He also completed trainings aboard Navy and Marine Corps installations.



Pictured (L-R) are Kyle Butson '11, Matthew Butson '17, Kevin Butson '14, and Nicole Butson.

“PROPHETIC RESILIENCE” IS A FITTING THEME FOR FIRST VIRTUAL IGNATIAN TEACH-IN

by Ryan Snyder '21

Looking back on this precarious and unpredictable school year, St. John's Jesuit had to adjust its typical agenda to abide by the COVID-19 precautions. One of the most significant of these adjustments was a new format for the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, the largest annual Catholic social justice gathering in the United States. The Teach-In was first introduced to honor the six Jesuit priests and two of their companions martyred in 1989 for defending the poor and speaking out against the Salvadoran government. St. John's

Jesuit has sent students and faculty members to participate for more than 10 years. This year, even though the event had to be experienced remotely, St. John's would not back down from the challenge, nor would it miss out on such a great chance to learn and grow. Under normal circumstances, the Teach-In brings thousands of people to the nation's capital for a weekend-long

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opportunity to hear speakers from across the country share their experiences with social injustices. The topics of these stories are not limited to one or two issues; attendees are able to choose among talks on various human rights issues, including immigration, environmental issues, criminal justice, racial issues, and more. It is a weekend filled with diverse, unique perspectives that enrich the minds of all those in attendance. The hope is to educate younger generations about social injustice and inspire them to have new conversations that can lead to real change in the world.

The 2020 Ignatian Teach-In offered the same chances to hear presentations, although none of them could be held in person. Because SJJ is a school in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition, many students and teachers share a strong desire to help those on the margins of society. It was decided by the 2020 group of SJJ participants that a pandemic is no excuse to ignore the continuous cry for help from those affected by social injustice. Whether in-person or virtual, the Ignatian Teach-In is always a good first step in answering that call.

Each year, the Teach-In unveils a new theme. This year's theme, revealed to be “Prophetic Resilience,” is one that has been central to the event since its foundation. Participants were urged to apply prophetic resilience in their lives to make the world better than it was before. SJJ students who attended the keynote speaker session carefully considered this theme and could easily see its application in the world. Students and leaders agreed that society should not try to “bounce back” to ordinary life after the global pandemic, but to bounce forward.

The days that followed featured a diverse range of speakers from which students could choose. Each speaker had his or her unique experiences with social injustice and wanted to share messages of prophetic resilience. Students benefitted from hearing information about topics that sparked an understanding and consciousness about real-world problems. The Teach-In and the faculty leaders challenged everyone to think about ways to take their newfound knowledge and apply it in their everyday lives. On the final day of the experience, students spent the morning having virtual conversations with current and aspiring members of Congress.

The 2020 Ignatian Teach-In was undeniably different from what it has been in previous years. Although the format of the event changed, the objective remained the same. The world is filled with injustices, but, at the same time, it is packed with hope and opportunity.



THE TITAN GREEN INITIATIVE

Wil Skaff '21



The St. John's Jesuit greenhouse has stood in disrepair for several years, acting as a storage unit for the school. However, in 2019, Chet Mlcek '20 decided to renovate the greenhouse for his Magis Society Capstone project. Mlcek faced a multitude of obstacles, including finding access to clean water and a working heat source, not to mention raising funds for the projects he planned to complete. Admirably, Mlcek persevered and, in one year, restored a seven-year-old heater and obtained funding from the school. With this money, Mlcek set up multiple planting boxes and began a project that he hoped would last long after he graduated from St. John's. He completed the SJJ Greenhouse renovation project by the end of the 2019-2020 school year. After successfully building the foundation for the greenhouse, Mlcek passed along the project to rising senior Wil Skaff '21; after a summer of collaboration, Mlcek officially handed over the keys and departed for Loyola Marymount University.

During the summer, one of the additions to the greenhouse that Skaff made was a rain collection system to store water for the plants. This project made planting and maintaining the health of the plant much easier. It also allowed for more planting, as there was now far more

water to allocate. As summer ended, the greenhouse had successfully maintained the health of a variety of crops, including tomatoes, corn, basil, and rosemary. As the fall planting season began, Skaff collaborated with Aiden Martin '23 and Aengus Mcilwain '22 to brainstorm ideas. After extensive research and planning, the three planted fall crops such as kale, squash, beans, and a variety of herbs. Because this winter was the first in which plants have been planted in the greenhouse, the team anxiously monitored and observed the crops. After both successes and failures, the group took notes on what could be improved. Although it was a tedious process, the three students believed they were doing something important and unique to the school that would ultimately lead to more opportunities for students in the future.

As a Jesuit high school, St. John's prides itself on its commitment to social justice throughout the community. The hope for the greenhouse, though it is still premature in its development, is that it can contribute to programs initiated by St. John's for feeding the homeless, such as Labre. All the produce grown thus far has been given to the people whom St. John's has been serving for years. Marginalized communities are often deprived of organic foods because of their high prices. With the help of the revitalized greenhouse, St. John's hopes to continue aiding these underserved communities by providing such foods. So far, SJJ has provided a relatively small amount of food because the greenhouse project is so new; however, caretakers such as Skaff and Mcilwain are extremely excited about the future. Because Mlcek shouldered the challenge of resurrecting the greenhouse, other Titans have made leaps and bounds in the greenhouse's capabilities.

With more time and effort, the current student leaders believe that the greenhouse will be a thriving entity unique to SJJ and an opportunity for all students to make a significant contribution to the SJJ school community.

MAGIS CAPSTONE PROJECT OVERCOMES A CHALLENGING YEAR

by Ryan Snyder '21

Now in its seventh year, the Magis Society is an engaging, holistic academic opportunity for students to explore, discover, and pursue their interests and passions. In addition to unique classroom offerings and off-campus experiences throughout the junior and senior years, a student in the program will complete a capstone project that challenges him to use all the skills gained while studying at St. John's Jesuit, and at the same time engage in an area of interest. Despite the challenges and limitations of the past year, senior members of Magis stayed disciplined in their objectives for the program and presented an impressive body of work. One of the more impactful projects to the SJJ community was the creation of a specialty license plate by Evan Carroll '21.

The inspiration for Carroll's capstone project came during the 2019-2020 school year when Ohio senator Theresa Gavarone visited St. John's to speak with students. Curious about politics and lawmaking, Carroll quickly jumped on the idea of a specialty license plate; with Senator Gavarone in the building, he had the perfect opportunity to begin his project.

Creating a new license plate is a tedious process that requires patience. The first step was to pitch the idea to Senator Gavarone, whose support would be vital for the project to succeed. After the senator spoke to the student body, Carroll requested an individual meeting with her; he explained his goal and asked her to sponsor the amendment of existing state legislature to accommodate a specialty SJJ license plate. Senator Gavarone agreed to sponsor the new bill, and the wheels of this project began to turn.

Next, the Ohio Congress had to approve the request. The bill allowing for a St. John's license plate was attached to an existing bill that included other license plates and traffic bills. The process of getting approval from Congress was time-consuming. After months of waiting, however, the bill was finally

approved by Congress and signed by Governor DeWine on October 22, 2020.

Even after the bill was signed, the most difficult part was yet to come. The final piece needed before submitting the design to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) was 150 signatures of interest. Carroll spent several weeks going around school and knocking on the doors of St. John's grads to find 150 people who would support creating a school license plate. Inevitably, he found the signatures, and Carroll could finally submit the design, along with the signatures, to the BMV. The BMV then reviewed the list of signatures, after which the license plate was produced and made available for distribution.

The SJJ State of Ohio specialty license plate is now available for purchase! Even if current plates are not expired, SJJ's alumni, families, and friends can replace them at any time. There are two ways to order:

1. The plate is listed on the website at <https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/vr-sp-geninfo.aspx> under Organizational Plates.
2. Plates can be ordered at a deputy registrar's office; the plates will be mailed to the address on file with the state.

With the completion of his project, Carroll leaves a lasting imprint on the SJJ community, one that will be seen on every vehicle that proudly displays the St. John's logo.



SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECTS

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SEAN SAVAGE '88 JUMPSTARTS THE V PROJECT

by Ricardo Amezquita-Cadavid '22



The impact of COVID-19 on frontline workers of northwest Ohio had many in the community wanting to do something—to be part of a solution and a return to normalcy. Sean Savage '88 recognized the energy and momentum amidst community leaders and

created a plan to harness these efforts. Savage proposed the idea that herd immunity (70 percent vaccinated) could be most efficiently accomplished by pooling the efforts of a variety of community members to educate the Toledo area about the COVID-19 vaccine. In December, this coalition, composed of approximately 160 individuals from affiliations such as education, government, faith-based groups, business, and more, launched what is now known as the “V Project.” Since then, volunteers have been consistently growing. Large businesses, such as Owens Illinois and Libbey, have also stepped up to advocate for the cause.

V PROJECT

The hard work put forward by the group resulted in visible and positive results. Lucas and Wood counties are ranked 15th and 7th of Ohio's 88 counties for vaccination percentage, respectively. Savage is confident that as more people get vaccinated, the safety and positive benefits of the vaccine will become evident, and the efforts of the V Project will result in an even faster rate of vaccination.

Savage's instinct to help community and his respect for the sanctity of life is indeed characteristic of what he means to be a St. John's Jesuit graduate. He is confident that the COVID-19 vaccine saves lives, and the V Project has been able to streamline its process in the Toledo area. “I might have started the V Project,” he added, “but the owner is the community.”

A GOOD READ ON STEVE TAYLOR '94

By Jett House '22



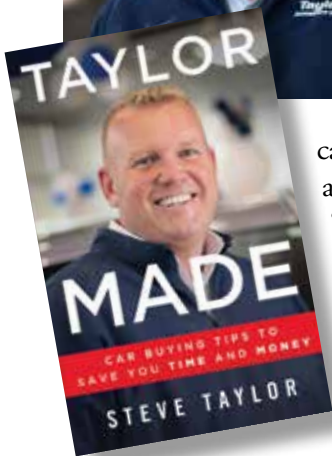
Since graduating from St. John's Jesuit in 1994 and Wittenberg University in 1998, Steve Taylor has accomplished much professionally as owner of Steve Taylor Automotive and in the northwest Ohio community as a local entrepreneur. Always mindful of where he

came from and who supported him along the way, he readily admits, “The mission of *Men for Others* is what stuck out the most from my time at SJJ—just giving back and volunteering.” Taylor firmly believes the affirmation of being one who serves others is what

continues to drive him to do what he can for the well-being of the community around him.

Recently, Taylor, who progressed from KIA's number one dealer in Ohio to number one in the U.S. to International Kia Dealer of the Year, saw the opportunity to wed his passion for his profession with his desire to give back. He wrote a book for the purpose of easing car buyer stress after years of working with people who were nervous about buying cars. According to Taylor, “People would rather get a root canal than buy a car, so I thought it would be nice to share some insider secrets to let them enjoy the process. Buying a car should be fun!” To aid first-time buyers, he gives out this book at every one of his dealerships.

Taylor Made: Car Buying Tips to Save You Time and Money is now available in stores and online; it is truly a successful outcome of the love that Taylor has for his career and for being a *Man for Others*.



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING SENIORS



Charles Mlcek '21 has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a Commended Scholar. Mlcek is a member of the National Honor Society, Magis Society, and the Spanish National Honor Society. He has been active in theater, with significant roles in both spring

musicals and fall plays. A member of Model United Nations, Mlcek also took leadership roles for Student Council, the Social Justice Alliance, the Admissions Core Team, and as co-director for the TV-4 student broadcasting. Mlcek participated in Youth Leadership Toledo as a Big Brother program group leader, retreat leader, and mentor group leader. Additionally, he enjoyed playing for the chess team. As part of the Christian Service Program at SJJ, Mlcek volunteered at the Mareda Center. He is one of three class valedictorians. A resident of Monclova and a graduate of Anthony Wayne Junior High, Mlcek plans to attend Washington and Lee University and will study politics on a pre-law track.



Jordan Schuman '21 has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Schuman, who achieved a perfect ACT score of 36, is a member of the National Honor Society, Magis Society, and Spanish National Honor Society. He participated

for four years as a member of the marching band, indoor drumline, and concert band. Schuman served the Ambassador Program and was a student representative for Fathers' Club. He volunteered at Just Pancakes, Seagate Food Bank, and Sunbridge Schools. He is one of three class valedictorians. A resident of Bowling Green and a graduate of Bowling Green Middle School, Schuman will continue his Jesuit education at Georgetown University and major in chemistry.

NEW ACADEMIC OFFERINGS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

SOCIAL JUSTICE

This Senior Theology course elective highlights history through the eyes of minority injustice to shape a more just society in the future for everyone. The course will explore God's plan for justice for all and show active ways for Titans to be "Men for, and with, Others."

EXERCISE SCIENCE

This class is designed for those interested in physical therapy, medicine, or strength conditioning. It holistically explains how the body works and how to use it to its best ability. Students who finish this course will be able to test to get a certification from the National Strength Conditioning Association and can begin strength training coaching.

STORYTELLING IN LITERATURE AND FILM

This fine arts course allows students to examine how and why popular stories are told and their connection to our past, present, and future. It will explore fables, tall tales, pop music, and more.

INTRODUCTION TO LAW, MEDICINE, AND BUSINESS

These three separate classes all have the same end goal: to allow students to explore a future career choice before making major life decisions. All three classes will be taught by professionals in the field and will lead students through the essential career skills needed to perform in that career path.

COLLEGE PREP FOR JUNIORS

This mandatory quarter-long class for all juniors is designed to assist students in preparing to apply for college and career exploration. Students will focus on building an effective college portfolio with designated time to research colleges and universities, prepare an activities resume, learn how to write an effective college application essay, investigate more thoroughly the opportunities in the job market, and hear from an array of guest speakers who are experts in their fields.

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Jaden Brookens (swim) – Calvin University
Shane Garcia (basketball) – Otterbein University
Brady Lichtenberg (football) – University of Cincinnati
John Madden (football) – Bowling Green State University
Jaedyn McKinstry (football) – Bowling Green State University
Andrew Miller (lacrosse) – Albion College
Gavin Miller (rowing) – Adrian College
Anthony Pacewicz (soccer) – Oberlin College
Seth Parsons (rowing) – Adrian College
Nick Pett (baseball) – College of Wooster
Austin Reed (swim) – Wilmington College
Sy Tubbs (football) – John Carroll University
JJ Walker (football) – Adrian College
Thomas Zsiros (football) – University of Toledo



TITAN ESPORTS OFF TO A COMPETITIVE START



The St. John's Jesuit eSports program began in the fall of the 2019-20 school year at the recommendation of SJJ Athletic Director Bob Ronai. Though not yet considered a varsity sport, the team, coached by Gabe Gonzalez, participates in the eSports Ohio (ESO) League. The league has two seasons per school year (fall and spring), and St. John's Jesuit is one of approximately 200 Ohio schools competing. According to the eSports Ohio website, "eSports are competitive electronic games of strategy that can be played individually or as a team. The versatility of game-play and game genre make eSports one of the most versatile competitions in the world and also one of the most popular."

eSports Ohio offers competition in eight games: League of Legends, Overwatch, Rocket League, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Fortnite, Hearthstone, SMITE, and Valorant. SJJ currently competes in one game, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate (SSBU), played on the Nintendo Switch. All matches are played remotely (online), with the exception of the state championships, which were held at the Tiffin University eSports Arena in 2019.

In fall 2020, the team grew from 6 to 14 team members, which was beneficial in multiple ways. Teammates

competed against each other to determine rankings and to establish the starting lineup weekly. During these practices and challenge matches, they were able to share strategies, which helped improve their skills against their weekly opponents. The team was able to win its conference by going undefeated during the regular season with a 7-0 record, which qualified the students for postseason play. The team's success continued into the playoffs, as the guys won their opening round match 5-0. Unfortunately, the season came to an end the following week with the team's first loss of the year in the state final four.

In spring 2021, the team was able to expand to Varsity and Junior Varsity squads. The JV team finished its season with a 4-3 record, and the Varsity team finished with a 5-2 record. The Varsity record was good enough to finish second in the conference, but did not qualify the team for the post season.

The SJJ eSports team is looking forward to next season and hopes to be able to field teams in some of the other available games, as well as SSBU. The program currently operates as a no-cut sport, although only those who qualify are able to compete as a team member against other schools.

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*

STRONGER AT SJJ

The strength training program at St. John's Jesuit is led by head strength coach Dr. Dustin Winkler. Winkler's staff includes three former college athletes and certified strength trainers: Jeff Small, Sam Fischer, and Craig Heuring. Each coach has different areas of expertise. Rather than going through the motions of "cookie cutter" workouts, Winkler and his staff are intentional in the way they train athletes for individual sports. He and his staff evaluate what muscle groups they must focus on for different sports, meaning every sport has individualized workouts. Every workout is designed and executed to be balanced, efficient, and safe. Winkler and staff work hard to teach the athletes correct form before building intensity; he said, "One of the things we try to do (in the weight room) is to make it more like a college atmosphere. We want to get guys ready to play at the next level if that is their goal. For guys who don't have that as a goal, we are still trying to get them in peak shape to compete at a high level for St. John's."

The Lyden Fitness Center now has a new Rogue Fitness Timer, thanks to Joseph Mitchell '78. The timer can be used in a variety of ways and will enhance the efforts of student-athletes in reaching maximum potential. "We are very appreciative of the gift of the new Rogue Fitness Timer. We are just getting started using it to its full potential. We use it every single day," said Dr. Winkler.



ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*

THE 2020-21 YEAR IN SPORTS WAS ONE FOR THE BOOKS

Even with contact tracing, no/low spectators, and social distancing, Titan Athletics had an exceptional year! In 2020-21, the Titans won Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRAC) championships in baseball (co-champions), basketball (co-champions), golf, soccer, and tennis. This success record easily earned St. John's Jesuit the All-Sports Trophy for the ninth consecutive year, with five conference titles and three runner-up finishes across ten sports.

The Titans earned three District titles in basketball, baseball, and track and field. A consistently well-balanced team performance carried the St. John's Jesuit track and field team. In a heartbreaking turn of events, high hopes for a basketball regional championship title and state Final Four tournament run was cut short by COVID-19 contact tracing.

Titan baseball had a season like no other! The team ended the year 24-7 overall with come-back wins in the regional semifinal game against Bowling Green and the regional championship game against Berea-Midpark. For the first time ever, the Titans played in the Final Four State Tournament in Akron, Ohio.

Several coaches received accolades, including Mussa Orra '02 (TRAC Coach of the Year for golf), Greg McElroy '87 (TRAC Coach of the Year for soccer), Mike Schoen '05 (*Blade* Coach of the Year for basketball), and Sam Fischer (District 7 Coach of the Year for baseball).

CROSS COUNTRY

All TRAC

1st Team

Jakob Moon '22

2nd Team

JT Furko '21

Anthony Patten '22

All District

2nd Team

Jakob Moon '22

GOLF

All TRAC

TRAC Player of the Year

Myles Murphy '24

1st Team

Joey Hoppenjans '21

Myles Murphy '24

Micaiah Sutton '23

Justy VonLehmden '23

2nd Team

Joey Gemerchak '22

Henry Rill '23

TRAC Coach of the Year

Mussa Orra '02

All District

District Co-Player of the Year

Joey Hoppenjans '21

1st Team

Joey Hoppenjans '21

2nd Team

Myles Murphy '24

Academic All-Ohio

Joey Hoppenjans '21

Andrew Pelok '21

FOOTBALL

All TRAC

1st Team

Julius Jackson '22

Brady Lichtenberg '21

Carson Toth '21

Thomas Zsiros '21

2nd Team

Blaise Beier '21

John Madden '21

Jaedyn McKinstry '21

SOCCER

All TRAC

TRAC Player of the Year

Dany Salim '21

1st Team

Cameron Doyle '22

Aion Morton-Wizgen '22

Dany Salim '21



ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*



2nd Team

Joe Colella '21
Ben Doenecke '21
Harley Laws '22

TRAC Coach of the Year

Greg McElroy '87

All District

1st Team

Cameron Doyle '22
Dany Salim '21

2nd Team

Aion Morton-Wizgen '22

BASKETBALL

All TRAC

1st Team

Brady Lichtenberg '21

2nd Team

CJ Hornbeak '23

All District

1st Team

CJ Hornbeak '23
Brady Lichtenberg '21

2nd Team

Jaedyn McKinstry '21

All District

1st Team

Brady Lichtenberg '21

2nd Team

CJ Hornbeak '23

All Ohio

Special Mention

Brady Lichtenberg '21

Honorable Mention

CJ Hornbeak '23

HOCKEY

All Northwest Hockey Conference (NHC)

**NHC Sportsperson of the
Year:** Andrew Pelok '21

2nd Team

Wil Halker '21
Andrew Pelok '21



SWIMMING & DIVING

All TRAC

1st Team

Jaden Brookens '21
Austin Reed '21
Jack Van Cott '21
Josh Van Cott '23

2nd Team

Jacob Ziegler '22

WRESTLING

All TRAC

1st Team

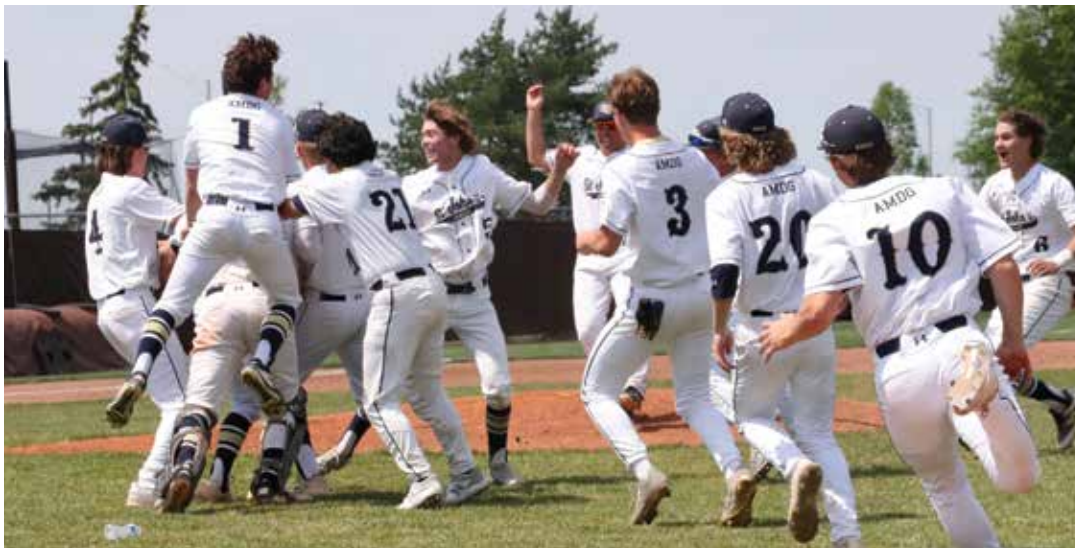
Sy Tubbs '21

2nd Team

Darrell Cross III '23
Will Lanier '21
Derrick LaPoint '21
Mateo Mack '24
Jackson Turner '24



ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*



BASEBALL

All TRAC

Pitcher of the Year

Jacob Davis '21

1st Team

Jacob Davis '21

Carson Toth '21

JP Wagner '23

2nd Team

Reece Magers '22

Ryan Snyder '21

All District

District Player of the Year

Jacob Davis '21

1st Team

Jacob Davis '21

Carson Toth '21

LACROSSE

All Region

Region 5 Attack of the Year

Andrew Miller '21

1st Team

Tyler Meader '23

Andrew Miller '21

2nd Team

Will Bohne '23

Colton Bollenbacher '21

Cole Kovacs '21

Josh Kraus '21

All State

2nd Team

Andrew Miller '21

TENNIS

All TRAC

1st Team

Nathan Allen '22

Alex Kufner '21

Aidan Williams '21

Tyler Wood '23

Raphael Yazji '22

2nd Team

Jack Oswald '24

Jonathon To '22

Special Recognition

Aidan Williams '21 won the District Singles title and placed 4th at the State tournament for singles tennis.



TRACK & FIELD

All TRAC

1st Team

Sam Ingham '21

Julius Jackson '22

Aaron Parks '21

Joe Stange '21

Joseph Taylor '24

Eyan Wilson '22

2nd Team

Omar Asad '23

Tyler Babb '22

Erion Jordan '21

Rocco Marra '22

Stanley Root '22

CREW

Titan Rowing is looking forward to returning to competition this fall.



ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*

Titans named as TRAC All Academic are student-athletes who meet each of the following three criteria: 1. Athlete must earn a varsity letter; 2. Athlete must be either a sophomore, junior, or senior; 3. Athlete must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. SJJ takes great pride in the number of student-athletes who were recognized for the 2020-21 academic year.

Hassan AbouAlaiwi '22 (soccer)	Tre Green '23 (football)	Anthony Patten '22 (cross country, track & field)
Saif Al-Abed '21 (soccer)	Wil Halker '21 (cross country)	Andrew Pelok '21 (baseball, golf)
Nathan Allen '22 (tennis)	LJ Hancock '22 (football)	Jacob Rashid '23 (soccer)
Omar Asad '23 (track & field)	Joey Hoppenjans '21 (golf)	Austin Reed '21 (swim)
Naweed Azizi '23 (soccer)	CJ Hornbeak '23 (basketball)	Aidan Riley '21 (cross country, track & field)
Tyler Babb '22 (football, track & field)	Cooper Hoyt '23 (cross country)	Henry Rill '23 (golf)
Joseph Barnes '21 (football)	Sam Ingham '21 (cross country, track & field)	Dean Romaker '22 (football)
Lucas Batdorf '22 (soccer)	Julius Jackson '22 (football, track & field)	Stanley Root '22 (football, track & field)
Blaise Beier '21 (football, track & field)	T'Shaun Johnson '22 (football)	George Saad '21 (tennis)
Chad Berg '21 (football)	Kam'Ron Jones '21 (track & field)	Dany Salim '21 (soccer)
Will Bohne '23 (wrestling)	Erion Jordan '21 (track & field)	Michael Sampson '21 (tennis)
Colton Bollenbacher '21 (swim)	Yaman Kanaan '21 (soccer)	Beckham Schmitz '23 (swim)
Ralph Brennan '22 (football)	Gabriel King '21 (track & field)	AJ Schuller '23 (football, track & field)
Alex Britt '23 (swim)	Luke Koszycki '22 (football)	Wil Skaff '21 (soccer)
Jaden Brookens '21 (swim)	Cole Kovacs '21 (swim)	Drew Smith '21 (football)
Jaiden Butler '23 (football)	Alex Kufner '21 (tennis)	Ryan Snyder '21 (baseball)
Alex Camacho '23 (wrestling)	Harley Laws '22 (soccer)	Joe Stange '21 (track & field)
Aiden Carroll '23 (swim)	Adrian Legall '23 (soccer)	Quinn Staten '23 (football)
Evan Carroll '21 (swim)	Seamus Leonard '23 (cross country)	Thomas Stearns '22 (football)
Caleb Click '23 (baseball)	Grant Leslie '21 (football)	Josh Taylor '22 (track & field)
Joe Colella '21 (soccer)	Blake Lichtenberg '23 (football)	Jonathon To '22 (tennis)
Nicolas Conway '21 (tennis)	Brady Lichtenberg '21 (basketball, football)	Justyn Toler '23 (basketball, football)
Darrell Cross III '23 (wrestling)	Ethan Lloyd '23 (wrestling)	Noah Tolson '21 (cross country)
Jacob Davis '21 (baseball)	John Madden '21 (football)	Carson Toth '21 (baseball, football)
Sammy DeFoe '22 (soccer)	Reece Magers '22 (baseball)	Aloysius Tubbs '21 (football, wrestling)
Braden deGross '22 (football)	Andrew Mathias '21 (football, swim)	Spencer Tyo '21 (football)
Reece DiSalle '21 (baseball)	Evan McConnachie '23 (soccer)	Jack Van Cott '21 (swim)
Ben Doenecke '21 (soccer)	Jonah McGee '21 (swim)	Josh Van Cott '23 (swim)
Cameron Doyle '22 (soccer)	Andrew Miller '21 (basketball)	Justy VonLehmden '23 (golf)
Jacob Dukate '23 (baseball)	Anthony Mitchell '22 (soccer)	JP Wagner '23 (baseball)
Isaac Edwards '21 (track & field)	Chase Monaghan '22 (soccer)	Ethan White '21 (cross country)
Gerik Flaczynski '22 (football)	Jakob Moon '22 (cross country, track & field)	Aidan Williams '21 (tennis)
Nathan Friesner '22 (baseball, football)	Zack Moon '22 (football)	Eyan Wilson '22 (track & field)
Ethan Fulkerson '22 (football)	Aion Morton-Wizgen '22 (soccer)	Tyler Wood '23 (tennis)
JT Furko '21 (cross country, track & field, wrestling)	Aidan Mott '22 (baseball)	Raphael Yazji '22 (tennis)
Alex Garcia '22 (wrestling)	Will Nieckarz '23 (baseball)	Zane Zeiter '23 (baseball, football)
Shane Garcia '21 (basketball)	John Obeto '21 (basketball)	Jacob Ziegler '22 (swim)
Joey Gemerchak '22 (golf)	Anthony Pacewicz '21 (soccer)	Zach Zitkovic '23 (football)
Daylen Glaze '22 (football, track & field)		
Orion Gonzalez '23 (track & field, wrestling)		

THE SHOW MUST GO ON

by Jett House '22

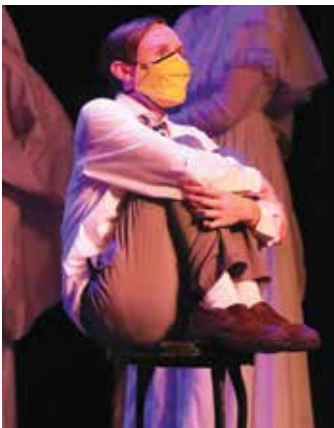
St. John's Jesuit High School and Academy's production of *The Addams Family* was performed before a limited, yet important, audience of family and friends in the McQuade Theatre in March. In the wake of COVID-19, the students had to be open to new protocols to ensure a safe and entertaining performance. The most notable of these changes was that the musical was performed by two separate casts. Each cast comprised more than 40 students

from SJJ, Notre Dame Academy, St. Ursula Academy, St. Mary Catholic Central, Toledo School for the Arts, Sylvania Southview, Sylvania Northview, and St. Joseph Sylvania Parish School.

This year's musical was directed by Damian Rodgers '86, who has been directing the SJJ musicals for more than 25 years. Even in the wake of a pandemic, Rodgers saw performing as a crucial way to serve the community. "We knew how important musical theatre would be to our students, our families, and our community in the difficult time facing our world. We believed that we could serve all of them by finding a way to safely perform a show that would bring joy, reprieve, and normalcy to our audience," he said. In addition to directing SJJ musicals, Rodgers is also a former lacrosse coach and frequently reverts to a coaching approach as a musical director. "There is no playbook for producing a musical, and there is certainly no playbook for producing a musical during a pandemic." With these extra precautions, the casts were able to perform eight shows to an audience made up of both in-person and virtual viewers."

Ben Tittl '23 said, "The time I spend preparing for the musical each year, as well as the friendships I make, are the most unforgettable part of my high school experience." Clearly, it was essential to present this show for the benefit of the performers.

Despite the required precautions, the show was a success, providing twice as many students an experience they could have together in a year of social distancing.



THEATER AT SJJ ENDURES THE CHALLENGES OF COVID-19

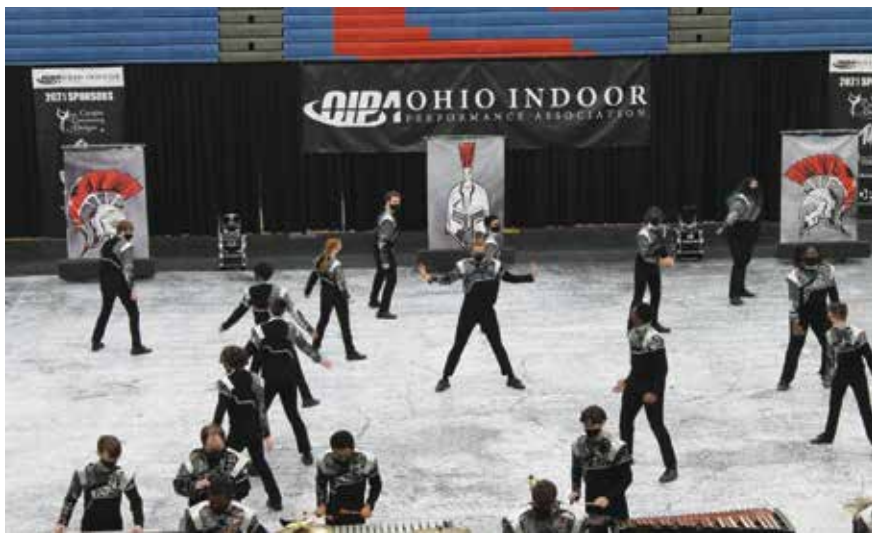
The traditional Fall Play was postponed to May 6-8 in hopes that COVID-19 restrictions for the cast, crew, and audience would be more manageable. The show did indeed go on, and the cast and crew performed Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* as the first-ever Fall Play in May!



BAND PROGRAM MAKES HISTORY IN 2021



For the first time in program history, the St. John's Jesuit Winter Guard and Indoor Drumline qualified for the Winter Guard International (WGI) World Finals. The teams are composed of Titans and girls from area Catholic high schools. This year, both teams earned a superior rating in the OMEA State Circuit competition. The Winter Guard advanced to national finals, ranked as one of the top 30 groups in its class in the country. The 2021 program, "A Rainy Day," creatively centered around the idea that "you can never have a rainbow without a little rain!" The Indoor Drumline advanced to national semi-finalists, ranked as one of the top 60 groups in the country; this team performed "The Fallen Brother," a performance of the battle between the Olympians and the Titans.



THE CLASS OF 2021 TAKES

VALEDICTORIANS:

Charles Mlcek
Anthony Pacewicz
Jordan Schuman

SALUTATORIAN:

Joseph Hoppenjans

SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD:

Braydon Lichtenberg

JESUIT SCHOOLS NETWORK (JSN) AWARD:

Gianni DeLucia

SPIRIT OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA AWARD:

Austin Reed

BISHOP'S CROSS:

Ryan Snyder

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS AWARD:

Seth Parsons

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

*The Titan tradition continued for
15 families in 2021.*

Blaise Beier, son of Michael T. Beier '89
Max Bruss, son of Neil Bruss '85
Evan Carroll, son of Joe Carroll '93
Gianni DeLucia, son of John DeLucia '80
Joseph Dilworth, son of John Dilworth '85
Reece DiSalle, son of Robert DiSalle '86
Jack Fretti, son of Jeffrey Fretti '79
Ford Frick, son of Christopher Frick '86
Sam Garcia, son of Joel Garcia '87
Wil Halker, son of Richard Halker '96
Joe Hoppenjans, son of John Hoppenjans '89
George Jacob, son of Josh Jacob '93
Josh Kraus, son of Philip Kraus '90
Gabriel Nitschke, son of Drew Nitschke '93
Camden Pharis, son of Chris Pharis '89


122
Graduates


14.2
Million in
Scholarships Awarded


80
Percent Received
College Scholarships
(of the total who applied)


155,000
Average Student
Award

Admitted Universities and Colleges

Adrian College	George Washington University
University of Akron	Georgetown University
The University of Alabama	University of Georgia
Appalachian State University	Gonzaga University
Arizona State University (Main Campus)	Hamilton College
Ave Maria University	Hampton University
Baldwin Wallace University	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Bard College	Hillsdale College
Bates College	Howard University
Boston College	University of Illinois at Chicago
Boston University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bowdoin College	Indiana University (Bloomington)
Bowling Green State University (Main Campus)	Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Bucknell University	University of Iowa
Butler University	Iowa Wesleyan University
University of California (Los Angeles)	Ithaca College
University of California (San Diego)	James Madison University
Calvin University	John Carroll University
Capital University	Johns Hopkins University
Case Western Reserve University	Kalamazoo College
University of Central Florida	Kent State University
Central State University	University of Kentucky
University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)	Lake Superior State University
Clemson University	Lipscomb University
Cleveland State University	University of Louisville
Colby College	Lourdes University
Colgate University	Loyola Marymount University
College of the Holy Cross	Loyola University Chicago
The College of Wooster	Loyola University New Orleans
University of Colorado Boulder	Marietta College
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	Marquette University
Columbia College (Chicago)	University of Maryland (College Park)
Creighton University	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Dayton	Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Defiance College	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Denison University	University of Miami
DePaul University	Miami University (Oxford)
Dickinson College	University of Michigan
Dominican University	University of Michigan (Dearborn)
Drake University	Michigan State University
Drexel University	Midway University
Duke University	University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
Duquesne University	New York University
Eastern Michigan University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Emory University	Northeastern University
Fairfield University	Northwestern University
University of Florida	Northwood University (Michigan)
Florida Atlantic University	
Florida Gulf Coast University	
Florida State University	
Fordham University	
George Mason University	

A PLACE IN TITAN HISTORY



Admitted Universities and Colleges *(continued)*

Oberlin College
 Ohio Northern University
 The Ohio State University (Main Campus)
 Ohio University
 (Main Campus)
 Ohio Wesleyan University
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Oregon
 Otterbein University
 Owens Community College
 Parsons School of Design at The New School
 University of Pennsylvania
 Pennsylvania State University
 University of Pikeville
 University of Pittsburgh
 Purdue University
 Reed College
 University of Richmond
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 Santa Clara University
 St. John's College (Annapolis)
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 Siena Heights University
 University of South Carolina
 University of South Florida (Main Campus)
 University of Southern California
 Stanford University

State University of New York at Binghamton
 State University of New York at Buffalo
 Stony Brook University
 Swarthmore College
 Syracuse University
 The University of Tampa
 The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
 The University of Texas at Austin
 The University of Texas at Dallas
 Texas Christian University
 University of Toledo
 Trine University
 Tulane University of Louisiana
 University of Utah
 University of Vermont
 Villanova University
 University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
 Washington and Lee University
 West Virginia University
 Western Michigan University
 Wilmington College
 University of Wisconsin (Madison)
 Wittenberg University
 Xavier University
 Youngstown State University

ADMINISTRATORS LEAVE THEIR MARK IN SJJ HISTORY

*The SJJ Community is thankful and forever impacted by the work of former administrators
Phil Skeldon and Greg Richard.*



Phil Skeldon spent 35 years advancing the mission of St. John's Jesuit through teaching and work in Pastoral Ministries and community outreach. Most notably, he expanded the Christian Service Program beyond

local agencies to the inclusion of national and international immersion experiences and numerous advocacy programs—instilling in the hearts of students the desire to be a voice for those on the margins. Among other initiatives, he spearheaded the Toledo Labre Program, now a hallmark of the community. Skeldon gave true meaning to the SJJ motto *Men for Others* not only through the compassion of his work, but also by the way he instilled in students a clear understanding of the tenets of the Grad at Grad. Rarely did a Titan graduate without the opportunity to embrace these. An alum visiting campus recently summed it up best by saying, “I thank Mr. Skeldon for putting a permanent rush for service in my blood.”



Greg Richard P'95 and GP '19 served SJJ for 37 years in various capacities teaching theology, working in campus ministry, coaching, directing the House program and the Office of Student Life, and most notably playing a significant role in

developing the robust retreat program that generations of Titans have experienced and carry with them to this day. Richard's most recent role as Vice President of Ignatian Identity has been significant in the way the school has been renewed as a strong Jesuit member school sponsored by the Society of Jesus. He has led many through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, helped build and sustain the Toledo Labre Program, and, for the past 13 years, started the day off for students, alumni, friends of SJJ, faculty, and staff with the Ignatian Thought of the Day. Richard has been a connector for

the SJJ community in many ways. His impact on the retreat program, and his love for the deeper meaning of Jesuit traditions has strengthened the student experience, creating lifelong bonds of friendship and *Men for Others*.



DR. KRIS BRICKMAN P'12 REACHES UNPRECEDENTED HEIGHTS

Dr. Kris Brickman, the team physician for SJJ Athletics, Board member, and SJJ alumni parent, would climb mountains to help others—literally.

Brickman, who serves the University of Toledo College of Medicine Emergency Services as Director, has had longtime aspirations of being a mountaineer. In a unique way, he recently checked this dream off the bucket list, while at the same time helping marginalized communities in far corners of the globe.

For two years, Brickman conditioned himself as best he could for the extreme conditions of Mount Everest, though nothing could thoroughly prepare him for eight weeks in a tent in the extreme cold. He faced the feat with added momentum by fundraising for two non-profit organizations—Hope Rises and Heart for Africa. Brickman, who founded Hope Rises, first became interested in the people of Nepal when he traveled there on a mission trip following a devastating 2015 earthquake. Since then, he has played a significant role in the affiliation UT established to help doctors in the country develop emergency medicine. Fast forward to 2021, and Brickman, who had been training to climb Mount Everest, also saw the opportunity to help Nepal and other under-resourced populations attain airway equipment they so desperately needed to combat COVID-19.

The Everest climb became a reality for Brickman in the spring, and although he did not complete the climb, he demonstrated incredible resolve to a life lived as a *Man for Others*. A complete account of his experiences, as well as donations links for both non-profits, can be found at **brickmanoneverest.com**.



LUAU PROM 2021

The Mothers' and Fathers' Clubs and school administration hosted a spectacular outdoor Luau Prom on May 1, 2021. In keeping with COVID-19 safety protocols, it was the first time in school history that a SJJ prom was held outdoors. The luau theme sprawled across the campus grounds as juniors and seniors and their dates enjoyed luau-style desserts and drinks, games, inflatables, and a beautiful night under the stars and lights of Lyden Field.





UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

For more information, contact Nick Vargas '06, Director of Advancement, at nvargas@sjtitans.org

Class of 1971 50th Class Reunion—August 13-14

Paul P. Szymanski '82 Golf Outing—August 28

Class of 1970 50th Class Reunion—September 10-11

Eric Floyd '96/Harshman Golf Outing—September 18

Chicago Alumni Reception—September 23

Columbus Alumni Reception—November 4

Young Alumni Thanksgiving Eve Social—November 24

Visit sjjtoledo.org for the latest alumni events and information.

UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENTS

The Ron Miller
Alumni Scholarship
provides sons of
an SJJ graduate
entering grades 6-9
an award of \$3,000
per year. This
scholarship may be
combined with other
tuition assistance!

Titan for a Day Visits Begin—September 1

8th Grade Tailgate Event—September 3 | Titans v. Perrysburg

Catholic School 8th Grade Visits—September 29-30

High School & Academy Open House—November 7 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

High School Placement Test Prep Course—November 13

High School Placement Test—December 4

Academy Placement Test and High School Make Up Placement Test—
December 11

For more information, visit sjjtoledo.org/admissions or contact any
member of the Office of Admissions

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CLASS NOTES

Michael “Rocky” Pinciotti ’69 recently retired as the Gallery Director at The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) in Narrowsburg, NY.



Knute Huber ’70 was the guest speaker at the Annual Father/Son Mass hosted by the St. John’s Jesuit Father’s Club on May 8. His presentation focused on the importance of servant leadership.

Tim Matheney ’85, a longtime teacher and administrator who founded an education consulting organization in Philadelphia, has been hired as South Portland, Maine’s, next superintendent of schools.



Sean Savage ’88 was named Best Investment Advisor winner in the 2021 *Blade* Readers’ Choice Awards. Sean is a financial advisor with Savage, providing wealth advisory services to individuals and retirement/benefit plan services to corporations. Sean also recently founded The V Project, Victory over COVID-19 through Vaccination. (See article on page 13.)



Brendan Malone ’01 has assumed the position of Dean of Faculty and Students at St. John’s Jesuit.

The Los Angeles Rams and premium custom menswear company Knot Standard (CEO, **John Ballay ’02**) have teamed up to create a selection of custom, formal apparel for players, coaches, and staff to wear on gameday and at Rams events.

Brandon Fields ’02 was a recipient of the “20 Under 40” award in Toledo. Brandon and his wife, Katie, are the owners of Inside the 5 Brewing Company with locations in Sylvania and Perrysburg; he is also a former professional football player.

The Diocese of Toledo has named **Garrett Malone ’04** as a 2021 Golden Apple Award recipient. The Golden Apple is an award that goes to teachers who have shown achievement and are committed to Catholic education. Since 2011, Malone has taught Early American History in 8th grade. Additionally, he teaches 6th grade Foundations and Academy Leadership Enrichment classes.



Tyler Perino ’18 spoke to juniors and seniors on April 20 about pledging a college fraternity and the severity of his hazing experiences in an effort to raise awareness and promote sound decision-making.



Max ’23 and Tyler Perino



Titan LAX alumni **Chandler Bankey ’19**, **Nathan Aloï ’19**, and **Sam Rodgers ’19**, led the John Carroll University lacrosse team to a conference championship and the Division III NCAA Tournament appearance last spring.

Hitesh Thind ’20 and **Dylan Savona ’20** presented a new innovative design for a soccer ball as guest speakers at the inaugural Titan Tank competition hosted by the SJJ Entrepreneur Club.

2021 Virtual Senior Project Presenters

Ford Bennett ’05
Anthony Bruno ’15
Ed Hobbs ’81
Austin Hulbirt ’98

Dana Jensen ’92
Pete Schoen ’15
Austin Wuerfel ’12

TINY TITANS

Please welcome the newest members of the Titan family!

Anthony Bialorucki '99 and Kate,
Enzo, January 31, 2020

Brian Rossnagel '05 and Rachel,
daughter, November 10, 2020

Craig Assenmacher '95 and Julianna,
son, November 11, 2020

Joseph Stibley (Faculty) and Katy,
Parker Joseph, December 27, 2020

Gregory Gomach '06 and Katelyn,
daughter, January 12, 2021

Andrew Slattery '01 and Caitlin,
son, March 5, 2021

Bryan Breininger '04 and Laura,
Brooks, March 8, 2021

Spencer MacQueen '09 and Kellsey,
daughter, March 29, 2021

Adam Dane '02 (Faculty) and Aimee (Faculty),
Lavinia Kristine, April 4, 2021

Scott Senci '12 and Ashley,
son, May 6, 2021

Sean James '00 and Marissa Fields,
two sons and daughter, May 16, 2021

Corey Meinzer '06 and Samantha,
daughter, May 18, 2021

Andrew Schaetzke '08 and Rochelle,
Ellie, May 24, 2021

Chris A. Braunreuther '98 and Irina,
Amelia Rose, July 5, 2021

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Class	Deceased Date
Reilly, Peter J.	'70	11/8/19
Cornett, Paul M.	'80	12/11/19
Dumas, Kevin J.	'90	11/26/20
Zavac, Matthew J.	'81	12/13/20
Welly, Robert H.	'69	1/11/21
Gongwer, Thomas W.	'69	3/16/21
Stewart, Terrence J.	'73	3/17/21
Szymanski, Matthew J.	'75	3/28/21
Alexander, John S.	'78	5/15/21
Emerson C. Foster	'72	5/25/21
Quicker, Kerrigan M.	'88	5/25/21
Clendenin, Chad Levrett	'09	5/26/21
Kansorka, Christopher W.	'81	6/1/21
Bennett, John R.	'80	6/9/21
Senci, Scott A.	'76	6/22/21
Noe, Travis K.	'10	6/30/21
Kosanovich, Chad J.	'13	7/13/21
Fr. Daniel Zak (our "Honorary Jesuit")		7/10/21

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Becoming a member of St. John's Jesuit's Board of Trustees is an honor, a major responsibility, and an amazing opportunity to help the SJJ community grow, thrive, and expand. This year, several new Board members have joined the team, and all are ready, willing, and able to provide their guidance and expertise to keep SJJ in its position as the premier all-boys educational institution in northwest Ohio.

SARAH ZIBBEL



Sarah Zibbel is a Senior Vice President and the Chief Human Resource Officer for Libbey. In her role, Sarah develops and implements a comprehensive organizational strategy to support the current and long-term needs of the company. Prior to joining Libbey in 2018, Sarah worked at Owens-Illinois, Inc., in various positions within the

global human resource leadership team. Sarah graduated from St. Ursula Academy, where she currently serves on the Board of Directors. She has a degree from the University of Dayton and an executive MBA from Bowling Green State University. Sarah and her husband, Rick (SJJ '94), live in Perrysburg with their four children. Their oldest son graduated from SJJ in 2019 and another son will attend the Academy in the fall. Sarah is also the daughter of long-time SJJ staff member Greg Richard.

TERRANCE CROSBY



Terrance Crosby, known to many as TC or Terry, is the Community Outreach Ambassador for the Taylor Automotive Family. Throughout his life, Terry has been an active philanthropist and community leader and has served on several executive board committees. His global views will assist school leaders in more

fully identifying the needs of the student body and add a broader perspective on community and equal educational opportunities. Terry grew up in Toledo and graduated from Devilbiss High School. From an early age, he excelled in sports. He was the Toledo City League Player of the Year in both football and basketball, and he was selected First Team All-Ohio in both sports, as well. Terry attended the University of Tennessee on a full basketball scholarship and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology. By the end of his senior year, Terry was drafted into the NBA as a third-round draft pick for the Kansas City Kings (now the Sacramento Kings) before spending 13 years playing basketball overseas. Terry was inducted into the Guinness Book of World Records for scoring 73 points in a single basketball game while competing

in the British Basketball Association. Terry is blessed with three children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

FR. DAN REIM, SJ



Father Reim serves as Vice Superior of the Jesuit Community and minister of the Spiritual Program for Adults, as well as in campus ministry at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland. Fr. Reim was born in Cleveland Heights, but his family (which included 10 children) moved to Erie, Penn., when he was young. He

attended an all-boys Catholic high school in Erie and then John Carroll University. He participated in an eight-day silent retreat his freshman year and was part of a discernment group his sophomore year. Following those experiences, he left John Carroll to become a Jesuit priest and was ordained in 1995. (Fr. Reim made a stop along the way at SJJ, where he taught Religion in 1991-1992). His journey led him to two master's degrees (counseling psychology and theology) and more than two decades of working in campus ministry at John Carroll and the University of Michigan.

DAVID SMITH



David Smith has been the President of Loyola High School Detroit since 2019. (He succeeded Fr. Mark Luedkte, SJ, when Fr. Luedkte was re-assigned.) Born and raised in Detroit, David attended Catholic schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree

in Political Science, he worked for Johnson & Johnson for 30 years. He has held various positions in sales, marketing, and general management. Prior to coming to Loyola, David served as president of Johnson & Johnson's Vision Care division in Japan. While living abroad, David and his family were active in their Catholic parishes around the world. His extended family includes multiple diocesan priests and a Franciscan sister. David and his wife, Sarah, reside in Detroit.

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A photograph of a graduation ceremony. In the foreground, several graduates in blue gowns are looking up, some with their hands raised. Numerous black graduation caps with orange tassels are floating in the air above them. The background features a line of green trees and a clear blue sky. A tall stadium light pole is visible on the right side of the frame.

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