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# ST. JOHN'S JESUIT TITAN TOPICS

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## OUR MISSION

St. John's Jesuit develops Christian leaders. As a Catholic school in the Jesuit tradition, we inspire each student to achieve his greatest potential in a diverse, Christ-centered atmosphere distinguished by academic success and service as a *Man for Others*.



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*St. John's Jesuit celebrated its 60th anniversary of re-opening on Airport Highway on September 13, 1965. The entire student body gathered on the first day of school for a commemorative photo in the shape of a "60" to mark the milestone.*

# A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you'll see in this amazing issue of *Titan Topics*, St. John's Jesuit is a VERY young 60 years old!

It was a perfect day as the school gathered en masse in Lyden Stadium on Fred Beier Field to form the giant "60" that you see on the cover. The numbers were marked out with cones and string under the unparalleled leadership of Advancement Events Director Jo Ann Savage. As Mrs. Savage gave directions through a bull horn to our student body, the boys came into perfect formation within seconds and moved a hair to the right—and then back a couple of steps—to fill in the shapes so well. One of the new teachers commented, "We never would have tried something like this at my old school; the students would never have cooperated like this!"

Each of the alumni who gave superb induction speeches during the Hall of Fame ceremony mentioned that he could never have imagined going to another school, and that it was within the St. John's Jesuit halls that he was inspired by his teachers and classmates to reach deeper and become the man that God called him to be. From professional educators to military servants to those in the legal profession, each speaker exhibited wonderful reflection, and the gratitude our inductees expressed echoed the core values of our Jesuit mission. It was truly a special night.

Our community continues to be blessed by so many who give back in a wide array of ways, as you will read about in the pages that follow. Sean Wheelock '13 has created an app that offers immediate care and wonderful resources for adolescents with mental health challenges, and he has come to school to present to all of our students and work with our counselors to ensure that the resources within the app are used to their best capability to help students in crisis. Our Mothers' Club planned a beautiful Mass and banquet to provide an opportunity for moms and sons to pray together and then celebrate with friends at breakfast. The Croak family wanted to give back to our school to honor their patriarch, and their generosity will lead to one of the finest baseball facilities at any level in northwest Ohio beginning this spring; it will be a great gift for the baseball program for decades to come and will allow the



team to play even in the crazy weather that our spring typically provides.

I would ask that all Titans join the energy and momentum and continue to help us in this mission of Jesuit education, and that residents of Ohio please consider a donation to the Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)—the “no brainer” fund that allows you to designate your Ohio tax to scholarships at SJJ. Don't hesitate to contact Nick Butler '01, Vice President for Advancement at [nbutler@sjtitans.org](mailto:nbutler@sjtitans.org); he can walk you through the simple process so students can benefit.

A young 60—with much hope for the future! We are thankful for all who have brought us to this point, beginning in 1898 on Summit Street and continuing with great hope and spirit here on Airport Highway! *Ad multos annos*\*!

A.M.D.G.,

**Karl Ertle, *President***

\*Many happy returns!

# FR. TOM PIPP, SJ, RETURNS TO ST. JOHN'S JESUIT



*Fr. Pipp has returned to work with Director of Christian Service Julie Santiago and Director of Campus Ministry Richard Maume in the Office of Pastoral Ministries.*

A familiar face is once again leading the Office of Pastoral Ministries. Fr. Tom Pipp, SJ, assumed the role of Vice President of Jesuit Identity in August. He succeeds Fr. James Sand, SJ, who left Toledo to begin his Tertianship, the final period of formal training for a Jesuit priest.

Pipp is no stranger to the St. John's Jesuit community. His connection to SJJ spans decades, having served previously as a theology teacher during his regency and later as Director of Service and Vice President for Mission. A familiar and respected spiritual presence on campus, Pipp recently presided over the funeral Mass for beloved faculty member Ron Miller and is leading the formation of new faculty and staff.

"We're thrilled to welcome Fr. Tom back home to St. John's," President Karl Ertle said. "His deep understanding of Ignatian spirituality and his long-standing relationship with our community make him uniquely suited to guide and strengthen our mission at this important time in our school's history."

Most recently, Pipp served as Superior of the Northeast Ohio Jesuit Community, residing at John Carroll University while directing the Ignatian Spirituality Institute and leading regional Jesuit initiatives.

Since August, Pipp has been actively involved with school leadership, adult formation, and faith development of the student body. As the completion of the first semester draws near, Pipp has re-engaged on many levels and said, "Returning to St. John's Jesuit as a 'new/old' person, I have been enjoying being back in a high school environment and learning. It's been a joy to reconnect with old friends and alumni, and to serve in an institution solid in its Catholic, Jesuit identity. But after an absence of 16 years, I also realize that much has changed. I am learning the names of many new faculty and staff members, as well as becoming acclimated to the technology. For me, these weeks have been blessed in a very welcoming place."



Alumni and friends are welcome and encouraged to reach out to Fr. Pipp at [tpipp@sjtitans.org](mailto:tpipp@sjtitans.org).

# BOLD BUSINESS MINDS

## ENTREPRENEURS LEAD WITH JESUIT PRINCIPLES

*A Jesuit education puts emphasis on critical thinking. Students are challenged to expand their minds, question, analyze, and act. So the fact that St. John's Jesuit alumni often become entrepreneurs—creative thinkers who look for and take undiscovered paths in their careers—should come as no surprise.*

*Three creative thinkers who graduated in the 2000s are making great strides in their careers by looking at problems in a new way or courageously forging roads that previously did not exist—and building companies for the new products and services that come from these brilliant ideas. And these new companies have Jesuit ideals at the core of their missions.*

### SAM ANDERSON '01—SA RAIL



Sam Anderson is part of a Titan family that goes back decades and spans fathers, sons, uncles, cousins, and grandsons. He's also part of the Andersons, Inc. legacy, a nearly 80-year-old Toledo-based institution in the agribusiness and renewables sectors. The company's mission statement echoes the

Jesuit ideals—"our company is a powerful vehicle through which we channel our time, talent, and energy in pursuit of the fundamental goal of serving God by serving others"—so it's no wonder Anderson could rely on his strong family and educational foundations to help propel his career success.

After graduation from SJJ, Anderson spent a year working in a railcar repair shop operated by The Andersons, Inc.; he then earned a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and an MBA from University of Utah. He returned to The Andersons, Inc., to help the company grow its business in the North American rail sector. "When I started, we had one railcar repair shop in Maumee [Ohio] and 3,000 railcars. After 20 years, we had opened 30 repair shops across the United States, and we owned 25,000 railcars. I was fortunate to be surrounded by people who taught me how to attack the rail business so early in my career."

But even in a family business, careers aren't always predictable. Not wanting to rest on his name and previous success, Anderson took the path to create his own company in the niche vacated by The Andersons, Inc., when the company sold its railcar business. "I saw a unique opportunity in the market and created SA Rail."

Building his company wasn't always easy, but

**Anderson kept his Jesuit roots and family heritage top of mind as he worked through the early days.**

"I believe that if you are pushing yourself and those around you to build something, you will face adversity, and you must have the strength to get through it. I feel fortunate to have faced adversity at a young age while at SJJ—whether it was a teacher telling me my work was insufficient (which happened frequently) or a coach barking at me to improve (which happened even more frequently). SJJ set a tone early in my life for dealing with adversity partly because SJJ made things 'tough' and partly because SJJ gave me the perspective from a very young age that no matter how bad I thought things were, there was almost certainly someone in the world going through something much worse."

He pushed through the adversity to create a thriving company. These days, SA Rail has a presence in 17 states and a strong team of dedicated employees. Anderson's excitement with his company is evident: "It makes me proud when we are able to give back to the community and when current customers want to grow their business with us because I believe that displays a high level of trust in what is still a very young company."

While much of Anderson's day is spent looking toward the future as he expands SA Rail, he also looks back fondly at his time at SJJ. "Acting as a *Man for Others* and **knowing the importance of service** are powerful themes from my high school years. These concepts have been foundational for me when it comes to maintaining faith, raising a family, and building a business." He includes Tim Malone '69, former teacher and principal, and Ed Heintschel, former teacher and basketball coach, as influential to his development. "I always saw Tim as someone who led SJJ by example and



invariably knew the perfect thing to say to me when things weren't going well. He was never forced, always genuine. Ed was my coach, and virtually every experience in the basketball program made me stronger, and for that I am grateful."

With a keen eye on a business niche, an education to back up a business plan, and a Jesuit foundation to support his team, Anderson's entrepreneurial spirit has clearly proven to be a success.

## SEAN WHEELOCK '13—INNER PEAK



People often place "math majors" in a category of number crunchers with dry and boring careers. But some logical and orderly thinkers—such as Sean Wheelock '13—prove to be analytical geniuses who also have vision, creativity, and, most important, a caring heart for others.

Wheelock, the valedictorian of his SJJ class, was an Applied Mathematics major at Harvard University. He never planned to be an entrepreneur; in fact, the beginning of his career was focused on leadership, advancement, and prestigious degrees. "I originally thought I wanted to become a leader in corporate America. After four years at a prestigious management consulting firm in New York City that was supposed to fast-track my career to the top of the corporate ladder, I realized that having a positive impact on the world was more important to me than obtaining a senior title at a big firm. I attribute this desire to 'change the world' to St. John's focus on being a *Man for Others*."

"I was looking for purpose in my work, and I didn't feel right in a career that I didn't see as helping solve a major problem facing the world at scale. One of the lessons from SJJ that I carried with me throughout my life was the idea of the *Magis*—or The More. I have always challenged myself to ask what more I could do for others or the world around me. What could I be doing to have a greater impact? How could I challenge myself to be a better partner, friend, and businessperson?"

"That was when I decided I wanted to be an entrepreneur. I had always been interested in human psychology and decision-making, but it was my own personal journey struggling with anxiety and depression while at Harvard that inspired me to want to build a tool to help students build the resilience and coping skills to be able to handle the challenges the modern world presents."

Needing to know more about startups, Wheelock left his job at Bain and Company, a global consulting firm, to earn an MBA from Stanford University and get deeper into the entrepreneurial world, specifically related to the mental health sector.

**"Part of the reason I attended St. John's Jesuit Academy for 7th grade was because I was a couple years ahead in math, and I could take high school math classes while in the Academy. I have fond memories of taking math with honors freshmen as a 7th grader."**

—Sean Wheelock '13

# BOLD BUSINESS MINDS

## ENTREPRENEURS LEAD WITH JESUIT PRINCIPLES

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At SJJ, Wheelock participated in Christian service and campus ministry. He also started a March Madness bracket competition with his fellow Titans that raised more than \$10,000 to support clean water development in Honduras. He was the senior class president and a member of the golf and debate teams.

Wheelock and his co-founder, Ben Anandappa, felt it was important that the tool they would create would be **affordable and accessible**, which is the reason they built it as a web and mobile platform. "We want everyone to be able to afford high quality mental health support. We also wanted to meet today's youth where they are—on their devices—to reduce the friction of getting help as much as possible."

Today, Wheelock's company and app—Inner Peak—is making great strides in student mental health, including success at schools like SJJ and Notre Dame Academy in Toledo.

"The moments that make me most proud are hearing from students and teachers who use the app and find it helpful in their moments of need. We also track how students report feeling after they engage with the Inner Peak app, and 70 percent report feeling better after using it. We want Inner Peak to be the

way that all schools across the U.S. support student mental health, triaging student support needs and helping students build and maintain their mental well-being."

He added, "Our top priority as a company is having a positive impact on the world. Our north star is what is best for our student users, not what will make us the most money (though we are a for-profit business, as we believe this stance will allow us to have the greatest impact). We are thoughtful and cautious about potential implications of the technology we are using, so we have robust guardrails and safety measures in place."

With a clear focus on being a *Man for Others*, Wheelock and InnerPeak are changing lives through creative ideas aimed at students' well-being and positive mental health.

## Mark your calendar for ALUMNI GIVING CHALLENGE DAYS!

Remaining Dates: March 13 and May 17

All proceeds go to the Titan Annual Fund

- Tuition assistance
- Campus upgrades
- Curriculum needs
- Extracurricular offerings
- Retreats



A tailgate party will be awarded to the class with the highest percentage of alumni making a gift to the Titan Annual Fund by June 30, 2026! Make your donation via the QR Code at the left.

## MICHAEL EDDINGFIELD '13—OPENSUPPLY



Michael Eddingfield '13 might be the rare entrepreneur who knew from a young age that he wanted to have a career rooted in creativity. "I always felt attracted to the creative side of things and have always been the person with fresh and frequent ideas. Whether it was a new game, a funny joke at

school, artwork, or something else—I was always actively thinking of new ideas. I felt one day, one of them would stick." He has also been an avid reader of biographies of entrepreneurs, which he now believes further fueled his entrepreneurial passion.

He backed his creative idea-generation skills with a solid degree in business from The Ohio State University, which led him to his first career in the warehousing division of DHL. And although that sector may not sound especially creative to the outside world, he spent seven years there learning from industry pros, absorbing many aspects of business that would later serve him well, and looking for a potential idea that might allow him to eventually strike out on his own as a business owner.

**"I always knew I wanted to start my own company,** but finding the right time to do it is tough. I knew I needed strong knowledge of an industry so that I could find areas for improvements to ultimately generate the business idea, a network to be able to succeed from a sales perspective, and the confidence that I could do it on my own. For me, that recipe landed about seven years after I graduated from college."

"Today, our website, OpenSupplyCo.com, helps large manufacturers and companies find warehouses in the U.S. Think Zillow, but for warehousing. OpenSupply not only helps companies find warehouses that are a match, but also helps the warehousing companies by bringing them customers, which we consider a win-win," he said.



Eddingfield added that his team wanted to provide other services to the users of OpenSupply, so they also founded The Optum Group, which designs, engineers, and installs pallet racking that stores products—a major differentiator for the company.

At both OpenSupply and The Optum Group, Eddingfield incorporates lessons he learned from his time at SJJ. **"Bringing enthusiasm to my work, building camaraderie with the people I meet, and continuing to help people—**being a *Man for Others***—**has brought me fulfillment in what I do," he said. He cites staff members Steve Spenthoff and Doug Pearson for their guidance in the classroom and in life. "Mr. Spenthoff was and is passionate about the mission of St John's Jesuit and about creating *Men for Others*. He also understood that building camaraderie and working together as a group not only made us more powerful, but also made our experiences a whole lot more fun. Coach Pearson was instrumental in setting high expectations in the way a person is supposed to act on and off the football field. I believe he set so many of my fellow teammates on a trajectory that helped lead them to success later in life."

Eddingfield's lifelong creativity—along with his focus on maintaining an emphasis on being a *Man for Others*—will help keep his companies on the track to success as his young career grows.

# MOTHER/SON MASS & BREAKFAST

“The bond between  
*a mother and son*  
is a reflection of  
*God's love.*”  
— Pope Francis

The Mother/Son Mass & Breakfast is a long-standing and well-loved tradition hosted by the SJJ Mothers' Club. This year, Father Tom Pipp, SJ, presided at Mass and celebrated the importance of a strong relationship between mothers and sons. Mass in the Chapel of St. John Berchmans, followed by breakfast in the Carty Fox Commons, was held on September 14.



# DIOCESAN 8TH GRADE VISIT DAYS



Titans hosted more than 150 eighth grade boys on campus during Diocesan 8th Grade Visit Days, which took place September 23-25. Many prospective future Titans attended Open House in November and will return for a Titan for a Day visit before the end of the school year in May.



“While I took our future Titans through the entire campus on the tours, I made sure to spend extra time discussing my interests and activities.

I was happy to share my passions in sports, engineering, speech and debate, and other areas. So many amazing kids expressed a lot of interest in St. John’s.”

—James Ingle '26



# SJJ HALL OF FAME

## THE ST. JOHN'S JESUIT HALL OF FAME INDUCTS CLASS OF 2025

The St. John's Jesuit Hall of Fame committee identified six individuals and one team to be inducted as the Class of 2025. The ceremony, held on October 3, 2025, celebrated ideal examples of academic excellence, altruistic spirit, and athletic achievement.

### JUSTIN DALER '89



As a student, Justin Daler excelled in track and field as a pole vaulter, achieving a remarkable milestone by competing in the 1992 U.S. Olympic Track and Field trials.

Daler earned a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Tennessee

before returning to Ohio to attend the University of Toledo College of Law, where he received his Juris Doctorate.

Daler has dedicated his legal career to public service as an attorney and public defender. He currently serves as the Chief Public Defender for Wood County, where he advocates for those in need of legal representation. His commitment to justice and his community reflects the values instilled during his Jesuit education.

### JAKE EPPERSON '08

Jake Epperson is a surgeon in the Chicago metropolitan area. As a student at SJJ, he earned two state championships in swimming—one in the 100-yard breaststroke and one in the 200-yard individual medley. Throughout his high school career, he established seven school swimming records and received three Most Valuable Player awards.



Epperson's senior year at SJJ marked a historic season for the Titan swimming program. The team achieved remarkable success, highlighted by a significant upset victory over St. Francis de Sales High School in the District Championships—ending the Knights'

unprecedented 43-year winning streak in that competition. Epperson's athletic legacy at SJJ remains firmly established, as he continues to hold six school records.

Currently completing his surgical residency, Epperson continues to demonstrate the dedication and excellence that characterized his academic and athletic achievements at St. John's Jesuit.

### JAMES EYSTER '70

James Eyster was actively involved in cross country, *The Cavalier*, yearbook, theater, Quiz Bowl, and the Junior Council on World Affairs while at SJJ. He fondly remembers Fr. Sweeney as his favorite teacher.



Eyster earned his undergraduate degree at Princeton University and his Juris Doctorate from Fordham Law School, where he founded and served as editor-in-chief of the *Fordham International Law Journal*. He built a distinguished legal career as a partner at Lovell, Stewart, Halebian, and Jacobson, specializing in immigration and refugee rights.

Throughout his career, Eyster has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to public service and social justice. His extensive community involvement includes serving as president of the Chelsea School District Board of Education, co-chair of the Michigan Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, and national coordinator of the Immigrant Children Lawyers Network. He has held academic positions at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Ave Maria School of Law, and Peking University School of Transnational Law. His advocacy work extends to serving as an advisor to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and participating in United Nations forums on human dignity.

Beyond his legal career, Eyster is a talented musician and creative artist. He has received two Michigan Council for the Arts Creative Artists grants. His musical talents earned him second place at the 1996 Midwest Folk Harp competition, and he has been profiled in *International Who's Who in Music* and *Who's Who in America*.

His multifaceted life seamlessly blends legal advocacy, academic excellence, artistic expression, and community leadership, embodying the Jesuit ideals of service to others and the pursuit of justice.

### TOM HARMS, FORMER FACULTY

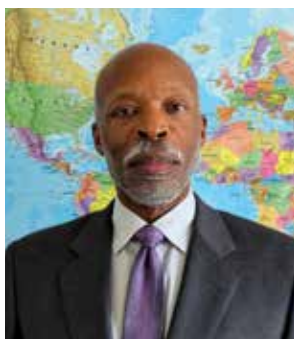


Ironically, Tom Harms was expelled from St. John's Jesuit and graduated from Bowsher High School in 1970. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Toledo and a master's degree in American Literature from Miami University.

Harms dedicated his career to education as an English teacher at SJJ, where he served with distinction for decades. His leadership roles included English Department Chair for eight years, Campus Ministry Director for eight years, and Integrity Committee Director for 10 years. He also served as a devoted moderator for various student activities: *The Cavalier* for 10 years, *The Promethean* for 12 years, and cheerleading for three years. His favorite teacher during his own education was Fr. Bader Cassin, SJ, who taught him English in ninth grade.

### EDWARD HOBBS '81

Edward Hobbs has dedicated his career to serving his country through military service and government work. He distinguished himself as the drum major of the SJJ band; he also played freshman football and participated in the Astronomy Club during his years on Airport Highway.



Hobbs earned a bachelor's degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from The Ohio State University in 1985, launching a distinguished 23-year career as a United States Naval Flight Officer. He later enhanced his military education with a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College in 2004, achieving the rank of Commander.

Following his retirement, Hobbs continued serving the US Navy for 10 years as an Operations Research Analyst, bringing his total government service to more than three decades.

Hobbs' commitment to service extends to community involvement, including the Knights of Columbus, multiple church ministry roles, and food pantry volunteer roles. His dedication to education continues through his work as a tutor and mentor to elementary school students in grades 3-5.

In a testament to his ongoing connection to his alma mater, Hobbs served as a Senior Project Presenter following the COVID-19 pandemic, sharing his expertise with the next generation.

### TIM MATHENEY '85

Tim Matheney has built a distinguished career in educational leadership spanning more than three decades. As a high school student, he excelled as editor-in-chief of *The Cavalier*, served as Executive Council Treasurer during his senior year, was named Salutatorian, and was a member of the National Honor Society.



Matheney earned his undergraduate degree in history from Princeton University in 1989. He also earned a Master of Arts in Educational Administration and Policy from the University of Michigan in 1997.

Matheney's career began at SJJ, where he served as a Social Studies teacher from 1989-1993 and as Alumni/Annual Fund Director from 1993-1995. During this time, he also advised the yearbook and led student retreats.

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Matheney served as principal of South Brunswick High School in New Jersey, where the school earned recognition as a National School of Character and *U.S. News'* Best High School. He later held roles as Chief Intervention Officer for New Jersey Department of Education, Founding Executive Director of Philadelphia Academy of School Leaders, and Superintendent for South Portland, Maine.

Matheney has served as a member of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School board. He has also contributed to educational discourse through his writing. In 2018, he published *Leadership that Lasts: Seven Actions toward an Enduring Impact*, a book that draws upon his SJJ experience, exploring concepts like *Magis* and reflecting on the joy of leading Kairos retreats.

## 1998-1999 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP HOCKEY TEAM

In St. John's Jesuit's storied athletic history, only a select few teams have earned the title of state champion. During the winter of 1998-99, the St. John's Jesuit hockey team transformed this aspiration into reality by claiming the Ohio High School Athletic Association State championship, though the title was stripped just two weeks later because of a technicality.

The foundation of the Titans' achievements rested on the leadership provided by eight seniors who formed the core of this championship squad. Co-captains Ben Assenmacher and Scott McKone paced the team offensively. The forward corps featured significant contributions from seniors Brad Schuller, Mike Zak, and Ryan Zdanowicz, each bringing relentless effort and passion to every shift. On defense, Brian Hartman anchored the blue line alongside the formidable duo of J.P. Henson and Brody Richter—dubbed the “Bash Brothers”—who excelled at reading the play and maintaining offensive pressure.

Among the season's standout achievements was a perfect 3-0 record against St. Francis de Sales High School, along with tournament victories at the Tam O'Shanter Holiday Tournament, the St. John's Invitational, and the Bowling Green/Huntington Bank tournament. The latter featured a memorable triumph over the team's longtime rivals, the Bowling Green High School Bobcats.

The Titans dominated the district playoffs, dispatching teams from Worthington, Findlay, and Centerville to earn a place in the state Final Four. Despite treacherous winter conditions, hundreds of devoted SJJ fans braved a severe snowstorm to witness the team capture the state championship trophy. However, the celebration was short-lived when the SJJ community received shocking news just one week later: a player had been declared ineligible because he had participated in a club hockey game during the regular season. While the Titans were forced to relinquish the trophy, their exceptional performance ultimately earned them a fifth-place national ranking.



# IGKNIGHT THE ACADEMY

Twenty years of Jesuit education in grades 6, 7, and 8, were celebrated at the first home game of the Titan football season! Many Academy graduates and former faculty returned to celebrate Mass, presided by former faculty member Fr. Lukas Laniauskas, SJ. At halftime, the school recognized the IgKnight the Academy Fund, a program designed to continue the unique learning

environment and student care established by founding/former principal and current administrative coordinator Chris '78 and Brenda Knight.

For more information about the IgKnight the Academy Fund, or to make a gift, scan the QR code.





# A COACHING LEGACY

*Ed Heintschel left a lasting mark in the history of high school basketball at St. John's Jesuit. Heintschel amassed a 725-224 record and a .764 winning percentage during his 40 seasons with the Titans. Under his helm, the Titans reached three state championship games and six Final Four games; the team also won 16 district championships and 17 league championships (City League and Three Rivers Athletic Conference).*

*But more than a passion for winning, Heintschel instilled in his players a love for teamwork. "Accountability, self-discipline, and the concept of working together is the baseline," he said. Undoubtedly these foundations are transferable skills, as many Titan basketball players have gone on to become leaders. In fact, many have gone on to become coaches and instill these same foundations in players around the state and the country.*

*Northwest Ohio currently boasts five head basketball coaches who graduated from SJJ and played for Heintschel. Through these stand-out coaches, the legacy of Titan basketball excellence is passed on: Mike Floyd '06 (Central Catholic); Terron "TJ" Gillespie '10 (Maumee High School); Benjamin "BJ" Raymond '05 (Start High School); Mike Schoen '05 (St. John's Jesuit); and Raymond "Shaun" Scott '07 (Cardinal Stritch).*

*True to who he was as a coach for decades, Heintschel still finds joy in watching his former players instill the life lessons of basketball into young players today and said, "I'm really proud of these guys. They are good leaders of young men. That's what it is all about."*

## MIKE FLOYD '06, HEAD COACH FOR CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



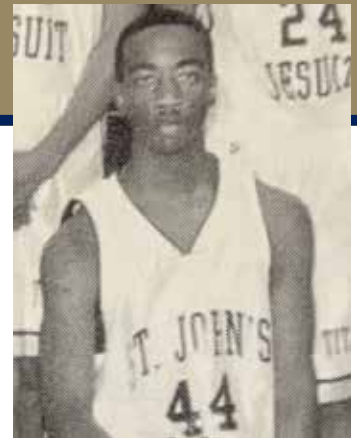
**"I am forever grateful for not only the coaches, but also for the teachers at SJJ who were able to pour into me what it meant to be a *Man for Others*. I am now able to instill those same life lessons in my players."**

*—Mike Floyd '06*

**Head coach for Central Catholic High School Mike Floyd '06** spent most of his young life striving to be a Titan basketball player. "From being a ball boy for the 1996 State Runner-Up team to playing in a state championship game myself, I was able to learn not only a ton about the game of basketball and how to be a part of a successful team, but also many life lessons that have stayed with me until this day. It was a privilege to put on that SJJ basketball jersey. I will never forget being told, as a freshman, that I was dressing varsity and putting that jersey on for the first time—especially because of the amount of respect I had in knowing the history of the program and the people who came before me."

## RAYMOND “SHAUN” SCOTT ’07, HEAD COACH FOR CARDINAL STRITCH HIGH SCHOOL

**Head coach for Cardinal Stritch** Raymond “Shaun” Scott ’07 said his approach to coaching is also reminiscent of his time as a Titan. “My high school basketball experience was very positive and shaped the way I coach today. It built my sense of discipline, teamwork, and character. Coach Heintschel expected greatness out of all of us, whether you were a star player or not. Not being a star player myself, but having that standard instilled in me, is key to the way I coach today.”



## MIKE SCHOEN ’05, HEAD COACH FOR ST. JOHN’S JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL



**Titan head coach Mike Schoen ’05** hardly remembers having another basketball coach, as Heintschel was his coach in grade school and high school. He then coached under Heintschel from 2009-2019 until he took the position as head coach when Heintschel retired. “I was always amazed at Ed’s ability to get the most out of his players, push the right buttons, and coach each player differently,” Schoen said.

Schoen faces all kinds of basketball coaches, but when he sees a Titan alumnus across the court, he feels a different kind of a connection to the game, as well as a brotherhood. He said, “What I know about an opponent coached by a fellow Titan is that he will produce a well-coached team that knows how to win. The team will be tough to beat because of its solid foundation. The players will know what it takes to win.”

## EIGNER BRINGS JESUIT PRINCIPLES TO PRO HOCKEY

*Peter Eigner ’20 might have been born with a hockey stick in his hand. A Minnesotan who grew up in ice arenas as the son of a hockey coach, Eigner played travel hockey before joining the Titans as a goalie and forward during his high school years. He also earned a spot on the Bowling Green State University team as a reserve goalie who saw gametime during his tenure, keeping his favorite sport at the forefront of his college experience. After college, he continues to keep his hockey dreams alive by working as a scout for the NHL’s Washington Capitals.*



**Titan Topics:** How did you get started in scouting as a career? Is that a path you had always wanted to pursue?

**Eigner:** For a while, I had thought about coaching as a career, but for the past few years I realized I would probably enjoy scouting more, so as soon as I finished playing in March 2025, I started reaching out to professional teams. I signed with Washington in September 2025.

**TT:** What are your duties as a scout? Where and how often do you travel?

**Eigner:** As a first-year scout, I look for and find the best NCAA free agents in the Midwest. Because most of the best prospects in college hockey have been drafted by other teams, we can’t just sign anyone, so my job is to look for undrafted players we think are good enough to play for us. My region is any college team within three or four hours of Washington, D.C., so each weekend I’ll drive to different schools to watch two or three games and make reports on the players. Later in the year, we will start recruiting the players we are interested in.

**TT:** Where would you like this job to lead...to coaching, to management?

**Eigner:** My goal is to be a general manager, so I plan to stay in hockey for the rest of my career. Washington’s general manager started his career as a scout, which is cool for me because I can pick his brain and learn how he advanced his way to his current position.

**TT:** How do you incorporate Jesuit principles into your career?

**Eigner:** SJJ has shaped a number of areas of my life, including the way I go about my daily interactions. I am honest with the players and agents I deal with, and I maintain good relationships. I also look for players who share the same principles, because character is something we really weigh heavily in our assessment of players. Playing ability is obviously needed to make it in professional sports, but having good character is a non-negotiable for us when evaluating players.

# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

## TITANS NAME NEW HEAD COACHES

### VARSITY HOCKEY



In July, Director of Athletics Bob Ronai named Jason Szykowski Head Hockey Coach of the Titans.

“Jason has an extensive hockey background, both as a player and a coach,” Ronai said. “He not only brings a passion, enthusiasm, and deep understanding of the game, but he also has a love for St. John’s.”

Szykowski has been a math teacher at St. John’s Jesuit for 15 years. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Middle Childhood Education from Miami University and played both varsity and club hockey at the university. During his time at Miami, the Red Hawks won the Club National Championship (2000), and he was named an All-American Defenseman twice and team captain four times.

Szykowski began his coaching career at Miami as a player/coach for the Red Hawks before taking over as the Club Hockey Head Coach from 2001–2003. During his

time at the helm, the team reached the ACHA National Tournament in 2002 and 2003 and was a national semifinalist in 2002.

“I am humbled and excited to be given this opportunity to lead the program. I am committed to excellence, and we are going to do this the right way: with devotion, character, and hard work. This position is a labor of love, a vocation. Our goal is to develop and grow young men of substance. The winning then takes care of itself,” Szykowski said.

From 2003–2014, Szykowski was an assistant on the Titans’ varsity staff. The Titans reached the Final Four in 2007 and 2008, winning the state championship in ’07.

Additionally, Szykowski’s experience extends to summer hockey schools, where he facilitates Defensemen Specialty Camps and Checking/Scoring Specialty Camps as both coach and director.

“I am honored to have people inside and outside the hockey community trust and believe in me. SJJ has tremendous history and tradition. It’s not a jersey that gets handed to anybody; you have to earn it.”

### VARSITY ROWING



On June 3, Director of Athletics Bob Ronai introduced Will Bridges as the Head Rowing Coach. Bridges comes to Toledo from the Olentangy Rowing Club, where he was named the head coach in 2023.

“I am incredibly excited to coach and lead the SJJ crew team! The water and the boathouse are fantastic and provide a great foundation for success,” Bridges said.

From 2018–22, Bridges was a member of The Ohio State University crew team.

Bridges began his career as an assistant coach with Olentangy in 2022 before taking over as head coach in 2023. Under his watch, the team grew from 40 to 60+ members, and the men’s team increased from 12 to 30+ members.

Ronai said, “Bridges brings an incredible amount of knowledge and expertise to St. John’s. We are fortunate to have him continue the long-standing, strong tradition of rowing at St. John’s.”

## A FULL CIRCLE MOMENT FOR TITAN ATHLETICS

By Tom Cole '69

*Tom Cole is a longtime supporter of St. John's Jesuit and the thousands of students who have walked the halls since he was a member of the first graduating class in 1969. Cole played football for the Titans and went on to play for Ohio Wesleyan University. He returned to SJJ as a teacher and coach for more than two decades, serving as offensive coordinator for Coach Fred Beier from 1981-2004. After SJJ, Cole went on to a successful local sports broadcasting career at BCSN. He now works in community relations for Taylor Automotive Group.*



“ It was the end of the 1985 SJJ football season and a must-win game for the Titans—a Blue Division Championship against Bowsher High School and a chance to play in the Shoe Bowl [an annual high school football event played at the University of Toledo stadium].

Rob Chudzinski '86, a six-foot, four-inch, 210-pound tight end with the hands of a surgeon, never dropped a pass. He could catch ping pong balls in a completely dark room with one arm behind his back. And that is exactly what he did against Bowsher that day. Chud caught six passes for 135 yards and three touchdowns. On the last catch, the Bowsher defenders interfered with him, pinning his arm behind his back. But Chud just caught the ball one-handed and fell into the end zone for a Blue Division championship for the Titans.

Rob Chudzinski had learned from four years of his Jesuit education to be tough, disciplined, open-minded, and confident. The Jesuits were always about potential and development of your skill set.

During that season, the legendary head coach of the University of Miami Hurricanes, Jimmy Johnson, was watching films of a Bowsher wide receiver from the SJJ game. He kept seeing SJJ number 84 making impossible catches and asked, 'Who is that guy?' Not long afterward,

Johnson invited Chud to visit and extended him his one and only offer for a full ride.

When Chud started out at Miami, he was twelfth on the depth chart at tight end. But true to his Jesuit education, he understood openness to change and courage to accept a challenge. He soon became the starting tight end and was on two national championship teams.

Chudzinski went on to have a successful career as a college coach and an NFL sidelines coach. He is now an offensive coach for Boston College, a Jesuit university where his son Kaelan, plays football and continues the family's Jesuit educational tradition.”

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## Go Titans!

# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

## TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

### TENNIS

Congratulations to the Titan tennis team on placing fourth at the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association (OTCA) State Team Final Four!

The Titans fell in the semifinals 3-1 to University School.

Miles Green '26 earned the Titans win (6-3, 6-3).

Congratulations on a great season, Titans!



### FOOTBALL

In September, the Titans traveled to the Glass Bowl to face the St. Francis de Sales Knights in a highly anticipated rivalry match-up. After breaking the game open in the second quarter, the Titans went on to win 29-21.



Coy Hamic '26 connected with Carson Pawlowicz '26 for the first Titan touchdown of the game, with Brandon Pratt '27 adding another before halftime. The Titan defense then forced a safety, and Sam Harshman '27 added one of two touchdown runs to cap off a strong second quarter.

### BASEBALL



Congratulations to the SJJ varsity baseball team on reaching the 2025 Catholic High School League (CHSL) Championship!

The Titans opened play with a 6-2 quarterfinal win over Detroit Catholic Central. SJJ then defeated De La Salle Collegiate 1-0 in the semifinal before falling to Brother Rice in the championship game at The Corner Ballpark in Detroit.

Great job, Titans!



### GOLF

The golf team won the District Championship at Shawnee Country Club. The Titans shot 309, finishing six shots ahead of second place.

Jake Craig '27 and Charlie Kazmierczak '27 led the team, shooting 76 each. Nathan Wren '28 shot 78, and Liam McQuade '26 shot 79.

### TRACK AND FIELD

Three Titans placed at the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) D1 Track and Field State Championship, held at The Ohio State University.

Caleb Root '25 placed fourth overall in the 300-meter Hurdles. Connor King '25 placed sixth in the Pole Vault. In the 100-meter Dash, Brandon Pratt '27 placed eighth.



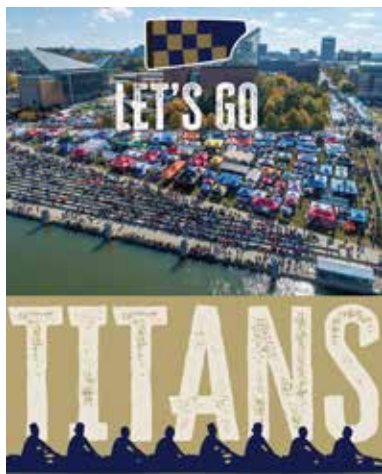
SJJ finished tenth in the DI State Championship on October 12-13 at Firestone Country Club. Mussa Orra '02 was named D1 District Coach of the year.

### CREW

The SJJ crew team wrapped up the fall season at the Head of the Hooch Regatta in Chattanooga, Tenn., on November 7 - 9. This national event included teams from nearly every state, including as far west as Washington and as far south as Florida, with competitive club teams representing entire cities and private prep schools, as well as collegiate and masters-level events.

Congratulations on a great season, Titans!

## FAST FACTS FROM THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS



This year marked the first time the Titans medaled at this regatta! Thanks to incredible camaraderie and support from the entire team all season, the Novice 8+ earned a first place gold out of 27 competitors and put SJJ on the map at a national level. The Novice 8+ boat also finished the season undefeated!

Congrats to all on an outstanding fall season!

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE HONORS

#### BASEBALL

##### All Catholic

JJ Foti '25

Donovan Mattimore '25

##### All League

Carson Bruning '25

##### All Academic

Tony Caracciolo '25

#### LACROSSE

##### All Catholic

Mason Bowers '25

Drew Duesing '25

Alexander Speer '25

##### All League

Kyler Ayers '25

Braylon Lewis '25

Owen Strayer '26

##### All Academic

Ian Moloney '26

#### CROSS COUNTRY

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Benjamin Kuhlman '27

Nick Walker '28

#### FOOTBALL

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Coy Hamic '26

##### All League

Karter Washington '26

##### All Academic

Cooper Binkowski '26

#### SOCCER

##### All Catholic

Josh Kegerreis '27

##### All League

Jaxson Babiuch '26

##### All Academic

Charlie Case '26

##### All Ohio

Jaxson Babiuch '26

- Members of the Class of 2025 attend 35 different colleges in 12 states.
- The professional tutors in the A+ Learning Center serve Titans daily by appointment; students may also drop in before and after school or during a free period.
- The Academy has a dedicated space where tutors work with students in grades 6, 7, and 8.
- SJJ allocated more than \$3.4 million in tuition assistance for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Titan athletic facilities include a newly turfed football field, a brand new track, and a newly turfed baseball field with new dugouts.
- The Jesuit Exchange Program helped 10 students to study abroad during the 2025-2026 school year.
- Fourteen team sports are offered, including eSports.
- Twenty-six Advanced Placement and Honors courses of study are offered.
- The Class of 2025 earned more than \$11 million in merit-based college scholarships.
- The Toledo Labre Program student volunteers served more than 1,300 meals last school year to the homeless and hungry in Toledo.
- All-school Masses are celebrated monthly, with an optional daily Mass at 7:20 a.m.

**The Ron Miller Alumni Scholarship**  
awards \$3,000 per year/per son to all Titan graduates! For more information, contact  
**Director of Admissions and Financial Aid**  
**Phil Anthony** at [panthony@sjjtitan.org](mailto:panthony@sjjtitan.org).

# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

## NEW FACILITIES FOR THE OLD BALL GAME

When the snow melts in March, just in time for spring baseball, the Titans will have a new field with a new name.

James M. Croak Family Park, named in honor of Dr. James Croak, is the vision of the entire Croak family. As the patriarch of the family and a standout pitcher for Clay High School's Varsity baseball team in 1961, Croak was a lifelong Detroit Tigers fan who loved playing catch with his son and grandsons. After his death in 2023, the family wanted to find a way to pay tribute to his memory. With strong ties to SJJ through son Dr. Andrew Croak '88, great-nephew Eric Croak '10 and grandsons Rowan Croak '24 and Grady Croak '27, a current member of the baseball team, the family proposed the idea for a facilities upgrade in 2024.

"Our family hopes the new baseball facilities and ongoing campaign will provide Titan athletes, their

families, and the team's fans with an environment where they will feel the community's support in both their athletic and academic endeavors," Dr. Croak said. "We believe in a strong Jesuit education, and we hope to inspire others to contribute to SJJ's mission of preparing young men from all backgrounds to be *Men for Others* through initiative, teamwork, and leadership."

Athletic Director Bob Ronai worked with the Croak family to align their vision with the needs of the Titan baseball program. "The upgrades will create a more positive experience for players, coaches, and spectators alike, leading to increased participation and competitive success. They will also significantly enhance the program's overall performance by providing a safer playing environment, boosting player morale, and attracting more student-athletes. Once completed, SJJ will have one of the premier baseball facilities in northwest Ohio," he said.



"Our players put in tremendous effort every day, and these upgrades reflect that commitment. Having a first-class facility will elevate their development and inspire pride in everyone who wears a Titan uniform."

—Sam Fischer,  
Head Baseball Coach



Much progress has been made during the past few months. By the end of the calendar year, the ballpark will feature the following:

- SJJ Titan-branded turf installation in the infield and bullpens
- New fencing around the field
- A new warning track along the left and right field fence lines
- Construction of new home and visitor dugouts, as well as an attached equipment room for the visitors' dugout
- A new press box attached to the home dugout
- Improved field drainage

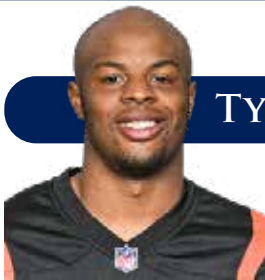
The Croak family has inspired the SJJ baseball community—past, present, and future—to rally around a campaign for a more extensive initiative. If the campaign is successful, it may include amenities such as a team locker room, a training room, additional batting cages, a spectator viewing mound, and field lighting in the future.

The James M. Croak Family Park will be dedicated in spring 2026. All alums are invited to attend the SJJ vs. St. Francis de Sales game on May 6, 2026, to experience the new park and root on the Titans against their cross-town rivals.



To support the baseball facilities upgrade initiative, scan the QR code or contact Vice President of Advancement Nick Butler '01 at [nbutler@sjjtians.org](mailto:nbutler@sjjtians.org).

# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS



## TYCEN ANDERSON '17: LIVING THE *MAN FOR OTHERS* MANTRA

Cincinnati Bengals safety and 2017 alum Tycen Anderson has played four NFL seasons, which allowed him to give his mother, Sandra, a special 50th birthday present.

In July, the day before he headed back to Cincinnati for team training, Anderson surprised his parents by purchasing a new home for them.

He pulled off the surprise with a little white lie. It was a special moment for Anderson, who has always expressed gratitude for his family's unwavering support.

"I picked up both my mom and dad from work and told them we were going to Bubba's 33 Restaurant in Toledo to have a meal together before I left for Cincinnati," Anderson said. "I told my mom we had to make one stop on the way to the restaurant—I made up a story



about the stop, and she bought it. The stop was at the house I bought them. My parents had no clue at all."

The Bengals are eyeing Anderson this season to strengthen the defense. He is a newer addition to Special Teams and has his sights set at the top for the 2025-2026 season.

## TAYLOR '24 TRANSFERS TO EXPAND TRACK OPTIONS



Track & Field standout Joseph Taylor '24 has transferred to the University of Florida. Initially a student athlete at Duke University, Taylor was named ACC Freshman of the Year, leading the university to its first conference championship in school

history. During the ACC Championships, Taylor broke four university records and finished second in the 400-meter Dash. He earned First Team All-America honors by placing fifth in the 400-meter at the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore.

Taylor joins a Florida Track & Field team that has won three of the last four NCAA Track & Field championships and is established as one of the top 4x400-meter relay teams in the country.



# THE BEAT GOES ON

Anthony Caruso '26 is one of two outstanding drum majors for the SJJ Marching Titans this year. Being a drum major is important in the high school marching world. The role represents the vital student leader of the band, responsible for being a role model and setting the standard for discipline, attitude, team building, and even conducting on the field and during stand tunes, which are short, popular songs played during breaks in the action to build excitement for the fans.

At St. John's Jesuit, the drum major selection process is highly competitive and includes an interview with the SJJ Band Director and a handful of SJJ faculty, a marching and playing test, and consistent demonstration of leadership, musicianship, and work ethic during the previous years of band involvement.

For Caruso, the honor of being selected for this role has added meaning, as his dad, Phil Caruso '98, was also the drum major when he was in the SJJ marching band. Truth be told, the honor has been sweeter through the lens of a proud alumnus. "I can hardly put into

words what a joy it is for me to watch Anthony lead the Marching Titans this year as Drum Major. Seeing him step up to display his leadership skills has been amazing and is just one of the many ways he has grown during these past four years at SJJ. I am so thankful that I get to see him use his God-given talents each week. The caption next to my photo in the 1998 SJJ yearbook says, 'Senior Phil Caruso stares out at his Marching Titans proudly.' I assure you, I'm now staring even more proudly than ever as Anthony leads *his* Marching Titans," Caruso said.

But the family legacy does not stop there. Remarkably, Anthony's grandfather and uncle were also drum majors in high school. That makes Anthony a third-generation drum major! Like those family members who experienced the love of music and leadership in marching band years ago, Anthony will never forget the experience and said, "I cannot imagine my high school years without marching band. I have made some of my best friends and learned countless lessons about leadership and hard work through the program."



# SJJ THEATRE

## DISNEY'S *NEWSIES JR.*

St. John's Jesuit Academy presented *Newsies Jr.* at the Timothy Leo McQuade Theater on October 4, 2025. Directed by Damian Rodgers '86, with assistance from high school student directors Max Buehler '28, Coleman Campbell '28, Stuart Puhl '27, and Scarlett Dalton SUA '26, the cast of more than 20 in grades 6, 7, and 8 gave a performance that thrilled the audience with lively song and dance!



## OUR TOWN BY THORTON WILDER



The Fall Play, *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, was performed at the Timothy Leo McQuade Theater on November 7-8 and 14-15, 2025. In a sentimental and moving performance about the most important elements in life, the cast included high school students from St. John's Jesuit, St. Ursula Academy, and Notre Dame Academy. *Our Town* was directed by Damian Rodgers '86.



# FINE ARTS IN FOCUS



For Titans who want to put emphasis on the fine or performing arts in high school, SJJ has many options! In Drawing I, for example, students can expect to learn many aspects of basic art, including line, shape, proportion, and perspective. Many classes and extracurricular offerings allow students to hone creativity and talent, embracing the Jesuit ideals of intellectual competence and an openness to growth.

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# INTRODUCING A NEW PLANNED GIVING COUNCIL

## WHY MAKE A PLANNED GIFT?

*Ray Zammit is a member 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 Society. 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 died in 2000; later, we were informed that he 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, 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!!! The young man was a senior, very nervous, and not quite sure why we were meeting. We told him about 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 Society. So, purchased a larger life insurance policy to work when the time comes, in conjunction with Dad's policy."

**The St. John Berchmans Legacy Society** is the giving society that recognizes those who leave a gift to benefit SJJ after death. The purpose of the newly formed Planned Giving Council is to advise, educate, and champion the power of legacy giving, fostering collaboration among professional advisors and actively connecting alumni donors with the mission of the SJJ St. John Berchmans Legacy Society.

## MEMBERS OF THE SJJ PLANNED GIVING COUNCIL

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- Jack Kelly '06, Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick
- Andrew Schaetzke '08, SJS Investment Services
- Wayne Milewski, Savage and Associates

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## Planned Giving Webinar

Join for a virtual seminar to address the fundamentals of planned giving and ways to include St. John's Jesuit in your giving portfolio. Hosted by members of the SJJ Planned Giving Council—Wayne Milewski, Pete Ruma '81, Jack Kelly '06, Andrew Schaetzke '08, and Mike Todak '75

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Questions? Contact Doug Pearson '82 at [dpearson@sjtitans.org](mailto:dpearson@sjtitans.org)



*Ray Zammit '69,  
Member of the  
St. John  
Berchmans Legacy  
Society*



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# CLASS NOTES

**Timothy Borden '85** was appointed as Port Director of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Columbus, Ohio.

**David Shipko '07** earned a Ph.D. in English from Johns Hopkins University.

**Jack Mewhort '09** was inducted into Toledo's City League Hall of Fame for football on November 3.

**Alexander Perry '11** is Director of Dealer Operations at The French Steel Company.

**Raymond Antypas '14, PharmD, MPH**, is the Pharmacy Manager at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in downtown Chicago. He oversees sterile compounding and central pharmacy operations, ensuring safe and effective preparation of IV medications for patients.



**Keith Jordan '16** was inducted into the Siena Heights University Hall of Fame for both Basketball and Track & Field.



Several Toledo-area alumni were nominated in 2025 for the prestigious 20 Under 40 Toledo award, including **Joseph Cira '11** (Toledo Firefighters Local 92), **Billy Mann '05** (Boys & Girls Club of Toledo), **Jack Mewhort '09** (Midland Title/Learfield/BCSN), **Robert Pownell '11** (The Program, Inc.), **Zachary Schmidt '08** (Bowling Green State University), and **David Zavac '06** (Office of Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur).

**Gabe Kynard '16** was inducted into the Lake Erie College Hall of Fame for his time as a member of the basketball team.



**Dylan Michael '26** designed the 2025 SJJ President's Christmas card.



**Joseph Taylor '24** has signed a Name/Image/Likeness (NIL) deal with Adidas.

Please scan any of these QR codes to update the Office of Alumni Relations, or contact Director of External Relations Mike Schoen '05 at [mschoen@sjjtians.org](mailto:mschoen@sjjtians.org).



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# TINY TITANS

## Welcome to the newest members of the Titan community!

Mike Schoen '05 and Christina Schoen, boy, Archie Michael, 7/31/2025

Zach Hillesland '05 and Claire Hillesland, boy, Max, 8/25/2025

Jacob Cappelletty '07 and Jessica Cappelletty, boy, Brady, 8/23/2024

Mac Silka '08 and Jessica Silka, girl, Madelyn Louise, 8/28/2024

Jack Mewhort '09 and Hannah Mewhort, girl, Molly, 11/14/2025

Wil Muller '10 and Taylor Muller, boy, Wil, 2/20/2025

Joseph Cira '11 and Taylor Cira, boy, Patrick, 3/11/2025

Luke Brahier '14 and Hannah Brahier, boy, Paul, 5/30/2025

Nolan Silberhorn '14 and Hannah Silberhorn, boy, Miles, 9/8/2025



## IN MEMORIAM

Name	Graduation Year	Date of Death
Michael J. Kwiatkowski .....	'90 .....	July 26, 2024
Kevin G. Foss .....	'75 .....	January 8, 2025
Michael J. Price .....	'89 .....	March 3, 2025
Ronald L. Wheaton .....	'74 .....	March 14, 2025
Charles L. Shipley .....	'70 .....	May 6, 2025
Timothy L. Wagener .....	'75 .....	May 10, 2025
James E. Claus .....	'73 .....	May 13, 2025
David J. Wasserman .....	'73 .....	May 18, 2025
Donald J. Kinney .....	'96 .....	May 27, 2025
Shane C. Stout .....	'90 .....	June 15, 2025
David F. Alexander .....	'75 .....	June 23, 2025
Dino F. Pinciotti .....	'78 .....	July 13, 2025
Nick J. Hodak .....	'86 .....	July 21, 2025
Walter J. Graff .....	'75 .....	September 15, 2025
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