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Profiles in Service

CELEBRATING LONG-TIME
ACADEMY FACULTY
AND STAFF



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

In this issue of *Saber*, we pay homage to long-time faculty members who have invested themselves and their careers into our cadets, their colleagues and the Academy. Like those who have served before them, these faculty have taught, inspired and shaped thousands of young men into ethical leaders in the community.

Last year, we welcomed Father Mark Pavlak as chaplain at Saint Thomas Academy. Fr. Mark has also benefited from the “Brotherhood” at the Academy, finding a friend and mentor in long-time staff member Joe Seidel. Fr. Mark has worked closely with Joe on students’ spiritual development through campus ministry activities, service work and the sacristan committee. I’ve invited Fr. Mark to share his experience and how Saint Thomas Academy is guiding boys in their faith journey.

Daniel E. Kubes ’87

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**SAINT THOMAS
ACADEMY**

MISSION

Our mission — to develop boys into men of character — is our promise to our students, our families, our community and the world.

We accomplish this through the transformative power of an educational and life experience deeply rooted in Catholic faith and traditions, academic excellence, military leadership, and an all-male environment.

Dear friends!

Well, I survived my first year of teaching morality to sophomore men (I’ll let you imagine the kinds of questions I received), but what a grace-filled year it was! Thanks in large part to the mentoring of long-time faculty members Joe Seidel, Kevin Zenner, and many others, I now have that pivotal first year under my belt. My hope for the upcoming school year is to devote more focus and attention on our Catholic identity here at Saint Thomas Academy.

Here is what I offered last school year, and what I plan on offering again this coming school year: daily Mass (either before or during the school day), confessions three times a week, Father’s Club and Mother’s Club Masses each once a month, our monthly all-school Mass, and we also hope to continue our monthly Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel. The “externals” of our Catholic identity are there, but I wanted to share with you a little bit about our “internals” — the things you may not see.

Our teachers in the Theology department have done exceptional work in teaching the truths of the Catholic faith, what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and how to begin and nurture a prayer life. These young men are now attending daily Mass and seeking out the Sacrament of Confession more frequently, they are taking class visits to the chapel during Adoration, and they are being taught how to pray the Rosary and how to discern the movements of the Holy Spirit in their lives. These are just to name a few. What a gift our Catholic faith is, and how blessed we are to live it out every day at our school.

However, I am determined to go deeper. “Cast into the deep,” our Lord said to his disciples (Luke 5:4). This coming school year, we will further strengthen the Catholic identity of this school, so that these young men will learn to be men of Christ and men of prayer. If we can continue to teach them that, I am convinced everything else will fall right into place.

Saint Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

*Fr. Mark Pavlak
Chaplain*



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Profiles in Service

BY DAVID JACOBSON

Service is a critical concept in both military leadership and Catholicism, two of Saint Thomas Academy's four pillars. Therefore, it's no surprise that the Academy is home to outstanding service providers. But the breadth, depth, and variety of service offered by the eight individuals profiled here is astonishing.

Perhaps the greatest testament to them, and to the strength of the Academy, is their longevity. All have served at least 20 years, spending decades positively impacting the Saint Thomas Academy community and shaping the lives of our young men.



JOE SEIDEL

Description of Service: Seidel joined the Academy in 1987 as a campus minister and scripture instructor. After a three-year sabbatical focused on foster parenting, he returned to teach Faith in the Church in the middle school and Advanced Morality to high school seniors, while also developing the Crime and Justice class. Seidel directs and moderates the senior service graduation requirement and coordinates the senior service project each May.

Memorable Student(s): "A crew on senior project recently, who were sent back to school because it was raining. When they came back, they said, 'We're disappointed we can't work. We're willing to work in the rain.' To see that type of initiative and grit and commitment just blew my mind. I was so proud of them I couldn't even see straight."

Why STA(y): "It's an incredibly special place. Every single person really is thinking, 'How can I do excellent work today?' It's not a place people come just to be half-assed."

On the Meaning of Service: "I believe our goal is that when students graduate, they become great community leaders, maybe clergy, for sure great husbands and fathers, and that they become servant leaders, who roll up their sleeves and don't expect to be treated differently, who model by example how to help others."



Joe Seidel, pictured in his early days, working with students and coaching baseball with a group of kids from St. Paul Park & Rec.

Pictured right, Mark Westlake in his early years at the Academy.

Pictured below, Mark Westlake in the Innovation Center, with his safety gear.



MARK WESTLAKE

Description of Service: A science teacher at Saint Thomas Academy since 1989, Westlake directs the Academy's Innovation Center, serves as Co-Moderator of the Experimental Vehicle Team, is a Master Teacher for the Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam Program, and is a Notre Dame University STEM Fellow. He also has coached Nordic Skiing.

Memorable student(s): **William McLaughlin '98**, captain of the experimental vehicle team and Nordic Ski team. Westlake eulogized McLaughlin, who perished in the same plane crash that took Senator Paul Wellstone's life. "There was a kid who meant the world to me," Westlake said. "I can't think of anything that was harder in my whole, entire life."

Why STA(y): "I have enjoyed watching the students embrace failure as a part of their learning experience. Nothing great was ever accomplished on the first try! Encouraging students to take chances and try things that they have never tried is such an important part of what I do every day."

On the Meaning of Service: "Challenging students to make empathy part of their design process is fundamental to invention and engineering. We want our students to make a difference."

DAVE ZIEBARTH

Description of Service: Ziebarth joined the Academy in 1980 and has taught social studies and coached soccer, track, baseball, and football, including 13 years as head football coach.

Memorable Student(s): "I don't like to single anyone out. Every year there are a number of kids who make an impact on you. I laugh every hour of every day."

Why STA(y): "The relationships I developed with colleagues and students. I enjoy working with them. There are a lot of guys working at Saint Thomas Academy as teachers, who I taught or coached. It makes me feel young all the time. I'll be 64 years old, and I don't feel that old."

On the Meaning of Service: "When you go into the profession of teaching, you know you're not going to get rich. When I think of service I think, 'What can I do to guide them to a better life?' Being a teacher is a purposeful life. I'm going to retire after next year, so that will be at the end of my 40 years, and I am proud that I've lived a life of service."



Pictured above, Dave Ziebarth coaching football on the sidelines.

Pictured left, Dave Ziebarth meeting with a student.

FEATURE

JAMIE JURKOVICH

Description of Service: The director of the middle school for the last eight years started teaching history and geography at the Academy in 1994 and kept that up until three years ago. He has coached Knowledge & Quiz Bowl, baseball, basketball and football, and has led service trips to Guatemala and Chicago, as well as the Washington, D.C. Close-Up trips.

Memorable Student(s): “The Guatemala service trips were some of the best things I’ve ever done in my life. It’s not what we brought to them, it’s what they brought to us. It’s the lessons about humility and how the world works and our place in the greater scheme of things. That paradigm shift really shapes how the boys see the world.”

Why STA(y): “The relationships with faculty, families and the boys. I’ve met so many quality people through the years.”

On the Meaning of Service: “It should be about the boys. You’re there to serve them, which means holding them accountable, which means loving them enough to put in the time and caring enough to sometimes make the harder decision. The real service is to be understanding and still hold people accountable. It takes a lot of time and energy, and there’s pushback and disagreements, but it’s worth it.”



Pictured left, Jamie Jurkovich in his early years at the Academy.

Pictured below, Jamie Jurkovich greeting students as they arrive in the morning to the Middle School.



Pictured left, Pat Callahan when he first began teaching at the Academy. Pictured above, Pat, second from the right, in a faculty group photo.

PAT CALLAHAN

Description of Service: An English teacher at the Academy since 1984, Callahan also has coached soccer, baseball, football, and basketball. He also provides the public address voice at many events.

Memorable Student(s): “I had a colleague, Dave Bassett, a science teacher for many years, who fought cancer and died. At the wake, I introduced myself to his son, Dave Bassett III, whom I had taught. He said, ‘You don’t have to introduce yourself. I know exactly who you are.’ He introduced me to his wife: ‘This is Pat Callahan. He taught me how to write.’ That was the first wake I ever left feeling sky high.”

Why STA(y): “The students and the colleagues. The academic freedom, the fact that the kids like to learn, and the colleagues who have become close friends, like Dave Ziebarth. The administration has been supportive, and the middle-school director, Jamie Jurkovich, is great to work with.”

On the Meaning of Service: “Dedicate myself to the well-being of the students entrusted to me. Help them gain confidence in their English skills and help them develop as human beings.”



DOUG HOVERSON

Description of Service: Hoverson has taught history and government for 28 years and has coached track and field, speech, and debate. He does some work on the scoreboards and public address at athletic events and occasionally sings “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Memorable Student(s): “The alumni who come back to coach. A lot of them do it as a side job or as volunteers. They have a love of the sport or activity, and we visibly had fun working with them when we were their coaches. A lot of the students look at that and think they’ll come back and do that some day.”

Why STA(y): “A lot of it is being able to work with a really good group of faculty. The history/social studies department has been together a long time. We complement each other well. Also, being able to develop long-terms relationships with the families has been fun. Now I have several students who are sons of former students of mine, and it’s been kind of neat to see progressions of brothers go through. That’s been really rewarding.”

On the Meaning of Service: “My definition of service is similar to my definition of leadership, which is creating the conditions under which other people can do their best work.”



Pictured above, Doug Hoverson teaching in class to his students. Doug Hoverson today and back in the day.

JOHN GEROUX

Description of Service: After teaching chemistry and physics from 1984-1994, Geroux became the audio/visual coordinator, responsible for most every sound system, screen, projector, SMART Board, software and event recording on campus.

Memorable Student(s): “In the late ’80s, I developed an independent study in chemical engineering for John Goodpaster. About 20 years later I see him walking toward me. I knew he’d gone on and gotten his PhD in chemistry. We were talking, and he gives me his doctoral thesis and tells me he mentioned me in it. It said something like ‘I would be remiss if I did not mention Mr. Geroux in high school, who gave me one of the most challenging things I’ve ever done in science.’ It was really nice.”

Why STA(y): “I enjoy working with the boys. Part of the reason I got out of the classroom was because I didn’t like losing them (upon graduation). I hated saying goodbye to them. Also, I have a lot of freedom to do almost anything I want within the constraints of the job.”

On the Meaning of Service: “My mantra is ‘better.’ Whatever we are doing to help our students, I want us to do it better. I want to help. I want to blow in like the wind, and you turn around, and I’m not there, but I did leave a silver bullet.”



Pictured above, John Geroux playing cards with his colleagues, when he first began teaching and his classic pose for the camera today.



Julia Fahey playing music with other faculty members, Julia directing her choir, and pictured today.

JULIA FAHEY

Description of Service: When it comes to her length of tenure at the Academy, music teacher Julia Fahey is “not sure, 28-plus years?, but I know I am in the oldster group now.” Whether teaching choir at the high school or School of Rock in the middle school, she “works to develop students and find out who they are through music...help them explore, create, and take risks in a loving environment.”

Memorable student(s): “I’m always looking for that one student who comes into my class with shoulders slumped. Maybe they don’t know anybody. My goal is to build that person up throughout the year. I’m going to help that person realize all the greatness that they are.”

Why STA(y): “It’s the boys. We have great discussions about songs, and sometimes we talk about what’s going on in the world, and teach them that it’s OK for them to have emotions, that it’s healthy.”

On the Meaning of Service: “It’s showing boys how to be a person that fits into this world, realizing that we are all fragile human beings.”

A Last Word on Service from Joe Seidel

“When I came to Saint Thomas, everyone talked about the old guard, who came home from World War II and made the Academy their career until the late ‘70s or early ‘80s. I thought if we stayed here long enough, one day we’re going to be the old guard, and I guess we are. We’re responsible for passing on to the next group of teachers the modeling of commitment and relationship-building that we do with the boys. If we stick with them, almost every one of them will blossom. The veteran teachers need to never forget that.”



1. Joe Seidel coaching the JV golf team.

2. Pictured as a Seasonal Deputy with Washington County Water Parks & Trails Unit.

3. Joe Seidel (left), Peter Wynia (middle), Solfreid Ladstein (right).

4. Joe Seidel with his mentor, Wally Wescott.

Taking a Chance Pays Off and Pays Forward

BY DAVID JACOBSON

“I grew up poor,” said Tim Kelly. “My father died when I was six years old. My mother was a waitress. I was at Basilica School when a Saint Thomas Academy recruiter came and gave me a scholarship.

I could not have gone to the school but for that scholarship.”

Kelly '64, shares that background by way of explaining why

he donated a full scholarship that eventually went to **Matt Delmont '96**. Kelly gained so much from his time at the Academy — which propelled him through the University of Minnesota, two years of Army service, and 45 years as an attorney — that he felt compelled to pay it forward.

Kelly was especially influenced by Joe O'Brien and Father Welzbacher, “broadly educated individuals, who had a profound love of learning, and from that I began to love learning. That gift from Saint Thomas was very valuable to me....Saint Thomas took a chance on me, and I think that creates an obligation. As you get older, you think back, ‘To whom am I obliged?’”

When Kelly called the Academy offering to re-pay his scholarship, conversation turned to his paying the way for an incoming student. He had no role in choosing Delmont as the recipient, but it seems no coincidence that Delmont also had no father in his life.

“Saint Thomas Academy was an amazing experience, coming from welfare and Section 8 housing,” Delmont recalled. “It opened doors for me that wouldn’t have otherwise been possible.”

Between the academic rigor and Delmont being “one of just three or four black students” in his class, he faced a difficult transition. He faced no overt racism, but could not help but be aware of socio-economic differences. However, faculty reassured him academically, and Delmont said he benefited from the school’s military structure, religious aspects that informed the values he adopted, and the all-male environment “where nobody was showing off, which made it a safe place to be a ‘nerd’ and try to be as smart as possible, excel in the classroom and in sports, and be yourself.”

He achieved in all those areas. Delmont competed in track and field and played basketball and football and was second in command of the cadet corps as a senior.

“Saint Thomas Academy was an amazing experience, coming from welfare and Section 8 housing. It opened doors for me that wouldn’t have otherwise been possible.” — MATT DELMONT '96

After graduation he earned a social studies degree from Harvard in 2000, spent several years in business, gained his master’s and doctorate in American Studies at Brown, and then launched an academic career that took him from Scripps College to Arizona State University to his present post as the Sherman Fairchild Distinguished Professor of History at Dartmouth College. He teaches modern American history with a focus on civil rights and has published three books on the topic.



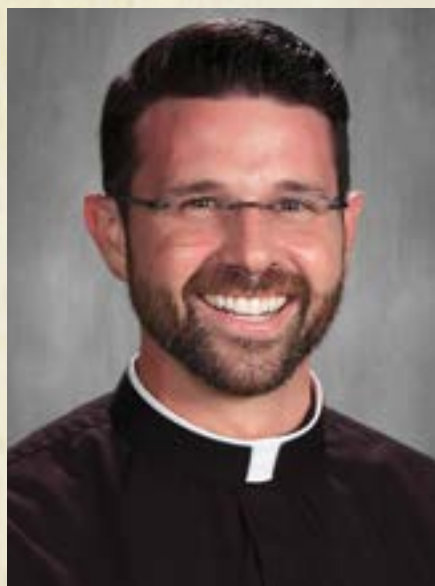
Matt Delmont '96

Delmont said his Saint Thomas Academy experience gave him confidence, that his senior speech prepared him for his current classroom presentations, and perhaps most importantly, he learned “how to navigate places where you are not in the majority. That’s what I’ve encountered at Harvard and Brown and at all my jobs. I developed strategies in middle school and high school for how to make that work, how to be true to myself while navigating these institutions.”

Delmont and Kelly have had sporadic contact, starting in Delmont’s junior year at Saint Thomas Academy, five years after Kelly funded his scholarship, and continuing with brief correspondence in 2010-2011 around the release of Delmont’s first book. “I definitely have a strong sense of gratitude. I appreciated it at the time, and in my twenties, but now that I’m an adult, that sort of generosity is even more remarkable to me.”

Where Are They Now?: Father Michael Daly

BY DAVID JACOBSON



Father Michael Daly '07

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Father **Michael Daly '07** continues to frequent many of the same places he did during his Saint Thomas Academy years. For example, he continues his missions to Honduras that began at the age of 11 at the heels of his father, an orthopedic surgeon, and his mother, a nurse.

Daly's dad provided medical care at an orphanage, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos, as well as at a public hospital and even from a semi-trailer that roamed the countryside of Honduras. "I wanted to be an orthopedic like my dad," Daly said, "so I shadowed him in ORs and clinics and out into the slums with him. During high school, it was a challenge to be at Saint Thomas Academy with all these great opportunities, and then going into the slums, these two worlds colliding, and trying to reconcile being blessed with a great family but also being exposed to extreme poverty, violence and disease."

Seeking ways to bridge those two realities, Daly led 11 classmates to Honduras for their senior service project. He continued to question his purpose and his calling, even as he studied pre-med, theology and philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. During his freshman year, he journeyed to Calcutta to work for the Missionaries of Charity at the Home for the Dying.

"It was a culture shock and a reality check," he said. "That woke me up to ask not just what I wanted to do in my

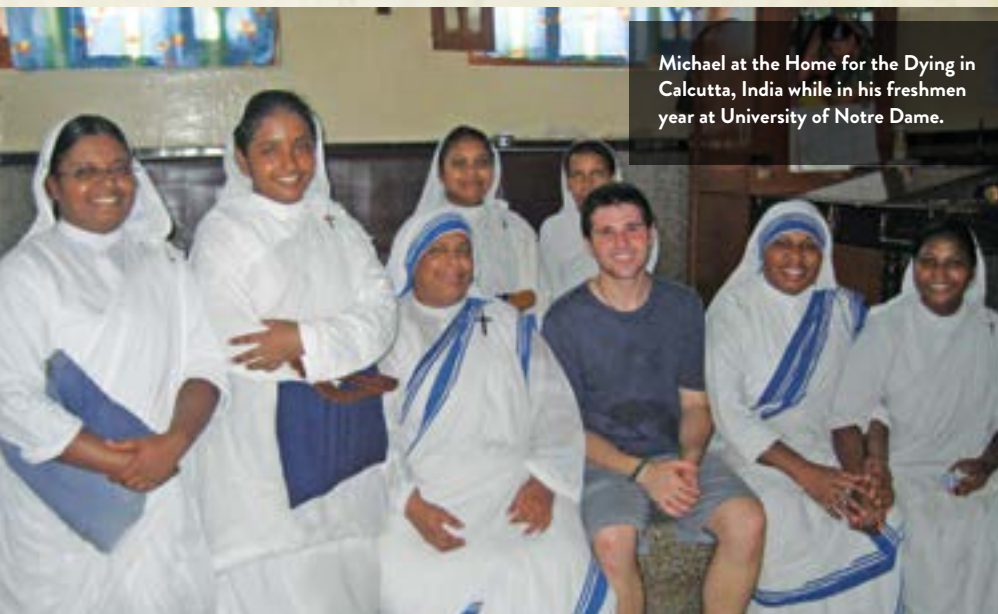
profession but what Jesus wanted me to do. I had a man die in my arms as I was praying the *Our Father*. That put things into perspective. He was the poorest of the poor. In the caste system, this person was an untouchable.

"When we worked with the poor in the streets, we were spit at and had rocks thrown at us. It was a turning point for me to see the Missionaries of Charity go into the worst, most violent slums without any fear. I mean these little nuns were the purest and most humble sisters. It was a paradigm shift that opened me to something other than med school."

By his senior year at Notre Dame, Daly opted for seminary. The roots of that decision extended back to the Academy, where he would "sometimes get bored in class and ask to go to the bathroom, but also make a pit stop in the chapel and just visit the Blessed Sacrament for 30 seconds, and there was this presence that I couldn't explain and couldn't deny in that silence and solitude of prayer.

"Even though it was momentary, His heart beat in mine...Experiencing the pain and suffering of the poor, growing up and seeing the slums, the Eucharist was able to bring peace and truth and calm to my struggle to bridge those two worlds."





Michael at the Home for the Dying in Calcutta, India while in his freshmen year at University of Notre Dame.

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Missionaries of Charity Mother House, Calcutta, India.

ABOVE LEFT: STA football (outside linebacker).
ABOVE: Pictured right, at NPH Honduras during STA middle school.
ABOVE RIGHT: NPH Honduras during STA high school.

Daly was ordained in 2016 after five years of seminary at the University of St. Thomas, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree. His first assignment was at Saints Joachim and Anne in Shakopee, then St. Stephen's in South Minneapolis, and now, in addition to his work in Honduras, he serves as Parochial Vicar at St. Odilia Catholic Church in Shoreview, MN and Vicar for Archdiocesan Latino Young Adults.

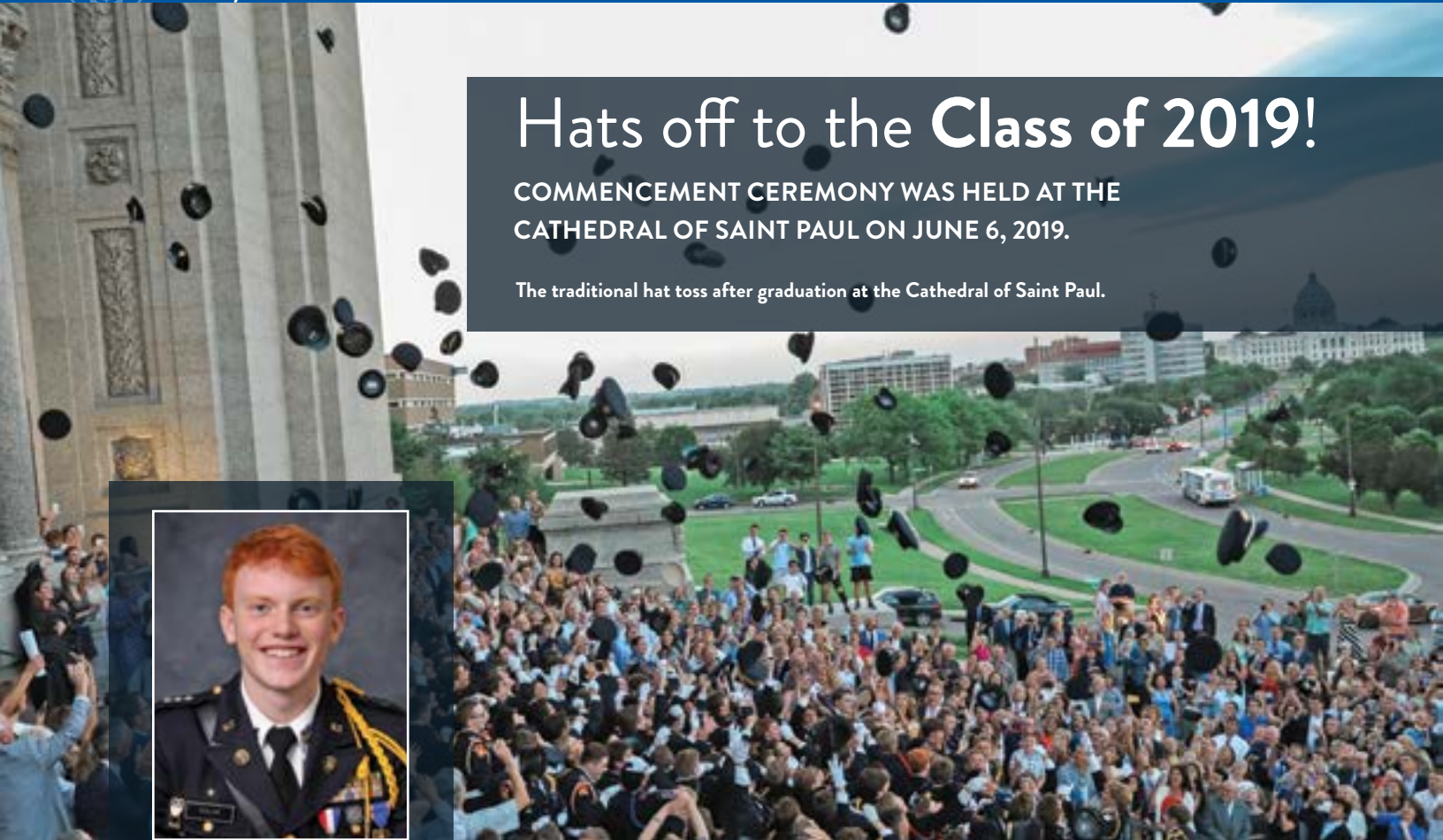
Summarizing that journey and how Saint Thomas Academy impacted him, Daly quotes St. Catherine of Siena — “Be who you are, and you will set the world ablaze” — and explains that he benefited from the teachers, priests, and football, hockey and lacrosse coaches, whose “witness revealed to me who I am and what I’m called to be in order to set the world ablaze.”



Hats off to the Class of 2019!

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL ON JUNE 6, 2019.

The traditional hat toss after graduation at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.



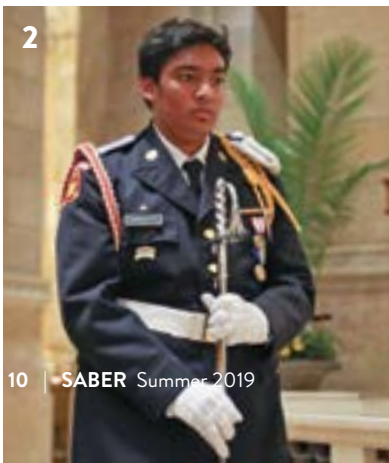
LUKE KOLAR
2019 VALEDICTORIAN



LUCAS MONTPETIT
2019 SALUTATORIAN



1. 2019 Commencement speaker Father Nels Gjengdahl addressing his former cadets.
2. Jeevan Venkatesan '22 carrying the Saber for the presentation.
3. Celebrating before the ceremony in the downstairs of the Cathedral.
4. Luke Marks '11 posing with senior Mason Lowell and the instagram graduation photo frame.





Seniors pictured in apparel for their college destination.

COLLEGE DESTINATIONS FOR 2019 CADETS

Babson College
 Baylor University
 Boston College
 Butler University
 Claremont McKenna College
 College of the Holy Cross
 Colorado College
 Colorado School of Mines
 Colorado State University
 Creighton University
 Drake University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Hamline University
 Harvard College
 Holy Cross College
 Indiana University at Bloomington
 Iowa State University
 Lafayette College
 Loyola University Chicago

Marquette University
 Normandale Community College
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 Saint John's University (with College of Saint Benedict)
 Salve Regina University
 Santa Clara University
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Southern Methodist University
 Southwest Minnesota State University
 St. Cloud State University
 St. Cloud Technical & Community College
 St. Olaf College
 Texas Christian University
 The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina
 The University of Arizona
 United States Merchant Marine Academy
 University of Chicago

University of Colorado at Boulder
 University of Denver
 University of Kansas
 University of Minnesota, Duluth
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 University of Missouri Columbia
 University of Nebraska at Lincoln
 University of North Dakota
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Sioux Falls
 University of South Dakota
 University of Southern California
 University of St. Thomas
 University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
 University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
 University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
 Wesleyan University
 Xavier University



MOTHERS' AND FATHERS' CLUB LEADERSHIP FOR 2019-20

Thank you to Kris Goldade for her dedicated leadership as Mothers' Club President this past school year. We welcome Amy Fafinski (**Charlie '19, Michael '21**) this year as she takes the helm.

Thank you to Doug Goaley for his dedicated service as Fathers' Club Chair and we welcome Mike D'Agostino (**Thomas '13, Robert '14, Tim '16, Joseph '20**) as he assumes the leadership role.



Amy Fafinski



Mike D'Agostino

Myser Family Foundation Teaching Award

The Myser Family Foundation Teaching Excellence Award, a financial award generously established by the Myser family (the late **Buzz '52**, Pat, **John '77** and **Michael '79**), recognizes teaching excellence at the Academy. A committee comprised of parents, students and faculty vote for two deserving members of the faculty who have been on staff for at least five years.



Karen Flanagan,
Spanish



Rebecca Benz,
English

VISTA BAND AWARDS

DIRECTOR'S AWARD

Sam Cunniff '19 and Jack Bartlett '20

This award is given annually to students who show exemplary leadership, responsibility and musical dedication to the VISTA Band program.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG AWARD

George Budzius '19

This award is given out by high schools nationwide to recognize "outstanding musical achievement and an incredible dedication to the program."

JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA AWARD

Janae Lorick '19 (Vis)

This award is given to that student who displays excellence in loyalty, cooperation, leadership, dependability, musicianship and participation.



Confirmation

Eight cadets were recently confirmed with Archbishop Hebda and Saint Thomas Academy's own Father Mark Pavlak. Pictured are the Class of '21 cadets: **Timothy Revnew, Patrick Minkel, John Grismer, Joseph Zak, Christopher Peters, Thomas Moser, Alexander Hanson, and Joseph Brennan.**



Wil Applebaum '21, Daniel Staelgraeve '21 and Jenna Westlake '20 hard at work creating their wearable gear.



Wil Applebaum '21 modeling the prototype.

NASA WEAR PROJECT

A team from Saint Thomas Academy has been invited to NASA Langley Research Center in August to share student-designed, wearable, radiation countermeasures with NASA engineers and scientists. The team was one of just five high school teams in the country invited to NASA Langley, where they will share their designs, learn about the engineering process, participate in STEM engagement activities, and tour NASA Langley Research Center. NASA is funding all the teams' travel (housing, transportation, and food) costs.

Through a competitive process, teams of students and educators submitted design proposals for wearable anti-radiation garments via video for evaluation by NASA scientists and engineers who design these technologies in their work. Developing radiation countermeasures are an important step as the United States returns astronauts to the moon by 2024 and continue onto Mars.

This engineering challenge has taught the team about deep space exploration while designing wearable gear to help astronauts decrease their radiation exposure and increase flight time. The students also received direct insight from NASA through webinars and online information sessions with NASA subject matter experts on deep space travel, radiation and the design process.

The team includes:

Wil Applebaum '21 of Mendota Heights

Will Hoppe '21 of Saint Paul (Mac-Groveland)

Daniel Staelgraeve '21 of Saint Paul (Merriam Park East)

Jenna Westlake '20 of Lakeville

Faculty advisers:

Mark Westlake, Director of the Saint Thomas Academy Innovation Center

Caroline Little, science teacher at Visitation School

TOP 14 CORPS OF CADETS LEADERS NAMED

Congratulations to the Class of 2020's leaders of the Corps of Cadets for the 2019-20 school year. Company Commanders are **Mitchell MacDonald**, **Nicholas Tucci**, **Alex Roth**, **Stephen Betts**, **Jacob Goldade**, **Gabriel Sirek**, **Jose Melendez** and **Devin Klein**. Staff are **Jack Fenlon**, **Hayden Ousley**, **Jack Kelly**, **Joseph D'Agostino**, **Nicholas Kettler** and **Jacob Miller**. Sergeant Major is **Benjamin Reppenhagen**.

CADETS OF THE YEAR

At the end of each school year, the Brigade chooses three exemplary students from among the Cadets of the Quarter recipients. Congratulations to **Cadet of the Year** — **Joseph Kolar '22**, **Cadet NCO of the Year** — **Jack Martin '21**, and **Cadet Officer of the Year** — **Henry May '19**.



BRIGADE FORMAL INSPECTION

This year, the Corps of Cadets inspection was conducted by the University of Minnesota Senior Army ROTC cadre and cadets. The inspectors provided the cadets with focused lessons on attention to detail and preparedness. Rising to the challenge with a score of 594/600, the cadets were named an Honor Unit with Distinction for the 36th consecutive year.



GRANDPA STATUS

Middle School English Teacher Pat Callahan welcomed his first grandchild, a girl named Emma, this past June. Congratulations!

Minnesota Council on Economic Education

Saint Thomas Academy took part in the Economics Challenge and the Personal Finance Decathlon this past spring. Faculty members Dean Simmons and Dave Ziebarth taught the AP Economics and Economics classes that qualified members for the state competitions.



ECONOMICS – PERSONAL FINANCE

The Personal Finance Decathlon is an exciting competition for high school students that engages students' content knowledge and critical and creative thinking skills while creating a fun incentive for students to take ownership of their education, their choices, and their futures. Teams of students compete online to demonstrate their knowledge of personal finance by taking an online test covering questions in 10 areas of personal finance. Winning teams were then invited to the state championship on April 17 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis where they received a case study and prepared a presentation of financial recommendations to a panel of judges with an opportunity to earn a trip to nationals. Pictured participants are Callan Happe '19, Michael Barry '19, Weston Gervais '19, Andrew Finn '19, and teacher Dean Simmons.



ECONOMICS CONTEST

In the Economics Challenge, teams of students competed in a series of challenging tests of their economic understanding and reasoning abilities. Teams competed at the state level on April 3 with a chance to attend the national competition in New York City. Pictured participants are Andrew Finn '19, Camden Callstrom '19, Peter Holmes '19, Luke Kolar '19, and teacher Dean Simmons.



Minnesota American Legion Boys State Conference

Six Saint Thomas Academy rising senior cadets attended the 2019 Minnesota Boys State Conference hosted by the American Legion. Minnesota American Legion Boys State is a week-long experience of learning about Minnesota government at the local, county and state levels by “doing.” It is a week of intensive study and involvement. Pictured from left to right are: **Jacob Miller**, **Mitch MacDonald**, **Sully Bluhm**, **Nick Tucci**, **Nick Kettler**, and **Joe D’Agostino**.

NAQT IN ATLANTA

Saint Thomas Academy qualified for the National Academic Quiz Tournament by placing tied for 9th (out of 121 teams) in the Minnesota High School Quiz Bowl. The NAQT was held in Atlanta May 24-26 and the team of **Teddy Farrell ’21**, **Peter Holmes ’19**, **Jack Libbesmeier ’19**, **Joseph Michel ’21**, and **Cason Willman ’20** went 4-6 to place 260th out of 336 teams.

KAYDET YEARBOOK DEDICATION

The Class of 2019 voted to dedicate the *Kaydet* yearbook to math teacher and department chair, **Erick Westerback ’82**. Mr. Westerback joined the Academy in 2001 and also serves as Head Coach of the Tennis and Nordic Ski teams. The dedication reads: As a teacher, Mr. Westerback challenges his students to succeed to their full potential. Always taking time to help them, it is clear that Mr. Westerback cares deeply for those he teaches. His classroom has a relaxed environment which allows everyone to work at his own pace and succeed to full potential. Mr. Westerback constantly has a positive attitude which brightens students’ days as they walk through the halls of Saint Thomas Academy.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE

Science teacher Lisa Clausen’s 6th graders have been designing and 3-D printing rocket cars that need to travel the fastest along a 14 m track. They are studying Newton’s Laws of Motion and the cars are helping them understand how each of the three laws is at work in the motion of the car, along with other forces such as friction and gravity. They are reinforcing their learning of the Engineering Design Process at the same time.



SPRING SPORTS UPDATE



BASEBALL

The Cadet Baseball team finished as State Champions in Class 3A for the first time since joining the MSHSL in 1974 under the direction of first year Head Coach, Matt Kelly. The Cadets overall record was 21-9. They were led by Senior **Callan Happe** who led the team in total at bats and runs on the year and **Duke Coborn** who led the team in pitching.

GOLF

The Saint Thomas Academy Golf team was perfect in the regular season and they finished as Metro East Conference champions. The Cadets finished third in the State Tournament which was played at Bunker Hills. They were led by seniors **Brady Arnett**, **Muzzy Donohue**, **Drew Jackson**, and **Henry May**. In addition, Donohue was named an All-State selection while Arnett, Donohue and May were named All-Conference. The team was coached by **Greg Vannelli '72**.

LACROSSE

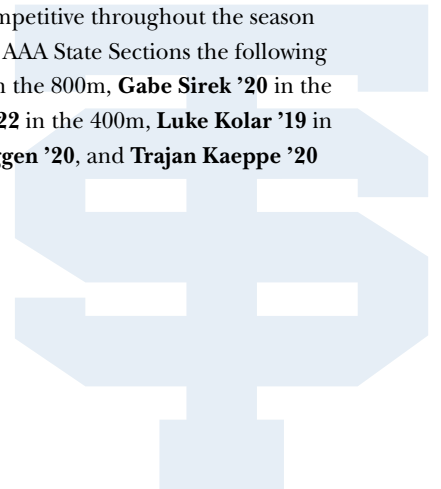
The Cadet Lacrosse team made their first appearance in the State Tournament and finished fourth overall under Head Coach **Luke Marks '11**. They completed the Metro East Conference schedule undefeated and clinched the Conference Title, also a first in school history. The Cadets were led by the state's top goal getter, Senior **Luke Williams**, and junior goalie, **McClain Beaudette** who led the state in goalie wins and second in save percentage.

TENNIS

The Saint Thomas Academy Tennis team put together another solid season as they finished with a 5-3 record in the Metro East Conference. According to coach, **Erick Westerback '82** they were led by Junior **Mitch MacDonald** and Sophomore **Alex Bursey** who had a doubles record of 10-2. Coach Westerback just completed his third season as Varsity Head Coach and also coaches the Visitation Tennis Team.

TRACK & FIELD

The Cadet Track & Field team also has a new coach in Daniel Connors. Under his direction the Cadets were competitive throughout the season and saw many different contributors. In AAA State Sections the following athletes placed: **Thomas Thurlow '19**, in the 800m, **Gabe Sirek '20** in the 300m hurdles and 110, **Grady O'Neill '22** in the 400m, **Luke Kolar '19** in the 1600m and 3200m, **Ben Reppenhaggen '20**, and **Trajan Kaeppe '20** in the shot put.





Fall Sports Schedules

Home Games

Football

Thursday, August 29
vs. Coon Rapids
7:00pm

Friday, September 20
vs. Apple Valley
7:00pm
**Tackle Cancer Night*

Friday, September 27
vs. Hastings
7:00pm
**Homecoming Game*

Friday, October 11
vs. Hill-Murray
7:00pm
**Senior Night*

Soccer

Thursday, August 22
vs. Highland Park
7:00pm

Tuesday, September 10
vs. Hill-Murray
7:00pm
**Spotlight Game*

Saturday, September 14
vs. Humboldt
1:00pm

Thursday, September 19
vs. Hastings
7:00pm

Tuesday, September 24
vs. Simley
7:00pm

Thursday, September 26
vs. South St. Paul
7:00pm
**Homecoming Game*

Saturday, September 28
vs. Hiawatha Collegiate
7:00pm

Saturday, October 5
vs. Blake
1:00pm

Don't miss your favorite
Cadet sports streaming online!

Cadets.com/broadcasts



SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY FACULTY & STAFF:

What I Did for Summer Fun

**JOHN BINA** (INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TEACHER)

"I spent a week in France moving our daughter Katie into her abroad program. Our first stop was the Normandy beaches. The big crater I'm standing in was made by a 1000 pound Allied bomb near some German gun emplacements."

**ANNE MCQUILLAN** (ASSISTANT TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR)

"I will be camping for the first time in the Boundary Waters and running RAGNAR from the Twin Cities to Duluth with a team from Saint Thomas Academy."

**KATIE SCHULTZ** (LEARNING SPECIALIST)

"My summer 'fun' was moving my 90 year old father out of his home of 65 years. He is settling in to his new 'digs.'"

JULIA FAHEY (CHOIR)

I attended the Choir Festival in France — the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and the Liberation of France.

NEIL HETHERINGTON (COMMANDANT OF CADETS)

"I will be visiting Ogden, UT; Pittsburgh; Alaska (for a cruise); New York and running RAGNAR with Saint Thomas Academy."

**LUCY POOLE** (NURSE)

"I am a Master Gardener and I volunteer at a community vegetable garden which donates all food to a local food shelf. We donated 647 pounds last year."

**JAMIE JURKOVICH** (MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR)

"I will be going to Ireland with my family."



BILL MCCARTHY (HEALTH/PE TEACHER)

"My wife and I went to Ireland this summer. We visited the Courtyard at Dublin Castle, which is the place where the British handed over power to the Irish Republic."

BRANDON LUTTERMAN (ART TEACHER)

"This summer we welcomed a new addition to the family, Archie."



NORMA GUTIERREZ (DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING)

"I will be visiting Laguna Beach, CA to see family and visiting Notre Dame."



MARK WESTLAKE (INNOVATION CENTER DIRECTOR)

"I will be teaching at EurekaFest at MIT in June, STEM Trustey Fellowship work at Notre Dame in July and NASA's Langley Research Center in August."

DOUG HOVERSON (HISTORY/GOVERNMENT TEACHER)

"My quest this summer is to bicycle to every library in the Hennepin County system and do at least some library-related work at each. This may become a blog."



CURT COOPER (DEPUTY COMMANDANT)

"I will be instructing the Saint Thomas Academy Summer Camps, teaching wilderness survival, canoeing and shotgun courses."



JODIE WHALEY (DIRECTOR OF EVENTS AND PARENT STEWARDSHIP)

"I will be going to Seattle to visit my daughter."

54TH ANNUAL Saint Thomas Academy Community Auction was a RECORD BREAKER!

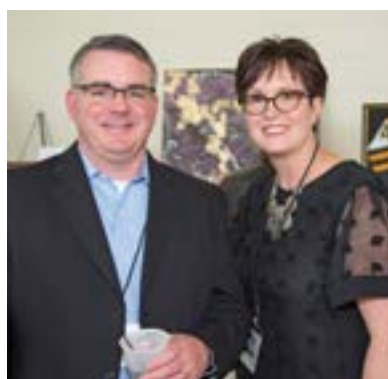
A sincere thank you to all who participated in and supported the 54th Saint Thomas Academy Community Auction — *Brotherhood*.

This past April was a night of Past, Present and Future coming together for a record breaking evening! The generosity of donors, advertisers, volunteers and attendees helped us to raise more than \$775,000! This included \$266,000 to our Fund-a-Need program which directly supports our families who need it most during challenging times.

The 2019 auction chairs; Shelley and Brian Kueppers '85, Jen and Vern Lovegreen '85, Katie and Andy Wilhoit '87 went above and beyond the call of duty and made this event a HUGE success for Saint Thomas Academy and our Cadets. Hats off to all!



FRIDAY FAMILY EVENT
SNAPSHOTS



Save These Dates!

All are welcome — please join us for these community events this fall!



5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC

Thursday, September 12, 2019

12:30 p.m.
Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club
2920 220th Street East
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Register now at cadets.com/sportingclays.



ANNUAL JOE FINNEGAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 9, 2019

12:00 p.m.
Mendakota Country Club

To date, this tournament has raised more than \$700,000 for the scholarship funds at Saint Thomas Academy, Cretin-Derham Hall, and Visitation School!

Register online at www.signmeup.com/JFMGT.



TASTE OF STA

Thursday, October 3, 2019

6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Flynn Hall – Holtz Gymnasium

This **FREE EVENT** features wine, beer, and food from vendors with a connection to the Academy!

Please RSVP at cadets.com/taste.



2019 HOMECOMING AND PARTY ON THE PLAZA!

Friday, September 27, 2019

5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Gerry Brown Stadium

Join us for food trucks, fireworks and fun for the whole family!

CadetWorks Internship Program

Registration for the 2019 CadetWorks Interview Day is now open!

Visit www.cadets.com/cadetworks to sign up. Read below for more information on the program.

THE PURPOSE

Through the CadetWorks Internship program Saint Thomas Academy aims to connect businesses with dynamic and qualified college-age Cadet alumni. This program helps college-age alumni develop relevant career experience through helping them secure internships in their field of interest. Second, the program provides partnering companies a connection to candidates who not only graduated from Saint Thomas Academy, but currently attend some of the nation's top colleges and universities.

THE PROCESS

The CadetWorks committee aims to cultivate interview opportunities, internship positions and other relevant work experiences for those Cadet Alumni that register for the program. Over the course of the year members of the CadetWorks committee solicit businesses that are interested in interviewing candidates for potential opportunities. The program concludes with our annual interview day over Christmas break where all our partnering companies join us for a day of interviewing candidates. After the interview day our companies are free to make offers or bring candidates in for another interview.

LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE PROGRAM?

Contact Luke Marks '11 at lmarks@cadets.com or 651 683-1572.

STA Give Day

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 5th Annual STA Give Day a tremendous success. Through the support of our amazing community, we were able to kick start the Aquinas Annual Fund campaign for the 2018-2019 school year.

Last year, more than \$575,000 was raised from over 1500 individual donors. Alumni, parents, parents of alumni, friends of the Academy, and students all came together to support and advance the mission of Saint Thomas Academy.

Our Advancement Office is already putting together its plans for STA Give Day 2019. Make sure your 2019-20 fiscal year gift coincides with STA Give Day 2019 and watch your mailbox this fall for details about how you can participate.

**REMEMBER TO MARK
YOUR CALENDAR FOR
NOVEMBER 13, 2019!**

If you would like to offer a "challenge match" to the community on STA Give Day 2019, please contact Mike Maxwell '84 at 651-683-1577 or mmaxwell@cadets.com.



2019 Edward G. Hames Alumni Honors Award

The Saint Thomas Academy Alumni Association is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2019 Edward G. Hames Alumni Honors Award — **DR. JOSEPH HAMEL '39**. A full

profile of Dr. Hamel will be featured in the next issue of the *Saber*.



Dr. Joseph Hamel '39

"Well known and admired" is how the 1939 yearbook describes Dr. Joseph Ignatius Hamel.

Dr. Hamel is a retired OB-GYN and the recipient of the 2019 Hames Alumni Honors Award. After his time at STMA, Joseph studied at the College of St. Thomas, and later went on to earn his MD from Marquette University Medical School. Dr. Hamel received honors at both institutions. He served in the U.S. Air Force after his residency, and then entered private practice in Minneapolis, eventually starting his own firm, where he delivered over 10,000 babies. In his field, his skills were well known and respected. So after his retirement from active practice, Dr. Hamel went on to teach as a clinical professor at the University of Minnesota. In addition to his medical practice, in 1975 Dr. Hamel helped build the Physicians Health Plan or what today is known as Medica. He and his wife of 66 years, Katherine Hamel, also gave considerable time to the church including providing marriage preparation for couples at their parish and volunteering their talents to aid seminarians and local religious orders. Dr. Hamel is the father of six children and his two sons, **Joseph '70** and **Nicholas '77**, graduated from the Academy respectively. Those that know Dr. Hamel note that he is humble in his service to God, his family, and his patients.

CLASS OF 2019 STA Athletic Hall of Fame

The Alumni Association is proud to announce the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2019. Join us in honoring these outstanding individuals on Friday, September 27, 2019 as a part of Alumni Reunion Weekend!

GREG VANNELLI '72 was an accomplished three sport athlete at the Academy. During his time at STA he was a four-year letter winner on a hockey team that was region champions in 1969, 1970 and 1971. He was selected as the captain of the hockey team for both his junior and senior seasons. Greg was also the baseball captain his senior year in 1972. The 1972 senior poll voted Greg "Best Athlete", and he continued his athletic career at the College of St Thomas where he was a 2x All-American in hockey. Greg returned to the Academy in 2003 to take over the hockey program with his brother Tom. While coaching at the Academy, Greg helped lead the Cadets to five state titles in 16 years, including a three-peat from 2011 to 2013. Greg currently serves as the Cadet golf coach where he has led the Cadets to six straight Minnesota State Tournament appearances.



Greg Vannelli '72

JIM BARD '74 led the way for some of the Academy's most successful wrestling teams. He was a four-time letter winner during his time at the Academy and was the captain of a 1974 team that won the conference championship, and notched wins over traditional rivals such as Cretin and Hill-Murray. Individually he is arguably the most successful cadet wrestler of all time having won two consecutive individual state championships in his junior and senior seasons. After the Academy Jim continued his wrestling career at St. John's University in Collegeville where he represented the Johnnies at the NAIA National Championships.



Jim Bard '74

PETER ASSAD '75 was a remarkable athlete while at the Academy. He lettered twice in football and was a superstar running back for the 1973 and 1974 Cadet football teams that won conference championships, and narrowly missed bids to the state tournament. Individually, Peter was the captain of the 1974 team, and was All-Conference and All-State his senior year and represented the Academy at the 1974 MN All Star Game. Peter's 1973 and 1974 seasons are still remembered as two of the best individual seasons by a Cadet football player. To this day, Peter is still ranked fifth in STA history for rushing touchdowns.



Peter Assad '75

JIM BOLAND '76 was voted "Most Respected" in the 1976 senior poll in large part because of his co-curricular and athletic achievements. He was the commander of the crack drill squad and captain of the 1976 baseball team. Jim was a three-time letter winner in baseball while at the Academy and helped lead the Cadet to a 1974 regional championship and a 1975 conference championship. In football, Jim was the leading rusher on the 1975 State Championship team, and was voted all-conference in that same year. He was also a member of the basketball team during his time at STA. After the Academy, Jim continued playing baseball at the College of St. Thomas where he was a four-year starter in center field.



Jim Boland '76

MIKAEL DAHLSTROM '01 was a rare three sport captain at the Academy. He was the captain of the 2000 Cadet football team that finished as state runner up. Individually Mikael was All-Conference and All-State honorable mention in football and represented STA at the MN State Football All-Star Game. In basketball, he also was a member of the 2000 and 2001 state runner up basketball teams. As an individual, Mikael was a captain for the Cadet basketball team in 2001 and was All-conference and All-metro in 2001 as well. In track he was the Team MVP in 2000 and 2001, conference MVP in 2001 and was a three-year letter winner, as well as three-year All-Conference athlete. In his Junior year he was an integral member of a team that was True Team State runner-up. After his time at the Academy, Mikael continued his athletic career playing basketball at the University of St. Thomas.



Mikael Dahlstrom '01

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Thank you to all that made the 55th Annual Alumni Open a major success! Thanks to the tremendous support of our alumni community the Alumni Association

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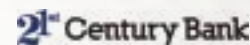
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J. Patrick Plunkett '66, Marnie Olson VIS '69, Tim Plunkett '73,
Paul Plunkett '75, Michael Plunkett '76, Matthew Plunkett '88,
Ben Plunkett '90, Brian Plunkett '10 (deceased),
J.P. Plunkett '10, Alex Plunkett '14.
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Mark Gartner '85



1950s



Honor Flight Twin Cities sponsored army veterans **MIKE SWEENEY '51** and **TERRY CARROLL '52**, who served together, on their 21st flight and trip to Washington DC.

1960s

TIM GALLIVAN '67 is soon to sell his interest in Minnesota Realty School which he co-founded 7 years ago with his business partner, Mike Brennan, and join the crowd of retirees. Tim will continue to teach part-time at the school as well as teaching Continuing Education (CE) to various real estate companies throughout the State of Minnesota.

BILL KENNEDY '68 and his brothers were added to the Janesville (WI) Senior High School Honor Wall. The Kennedy brothers own Rock Road Companies and have long maintained a reputation for quality work and fair business practices. For the company's 100th anniversary in 2013, the brothers started the Kennedy Family Foundation to support nonprofits in and around Rock County.

1970s

DR. CHUCK KELLY '71 was featured in the *Star Tribune* article "We can't all be Tiger Woods: Minnesota doctors say spine surgery isn't for everyone." The piece discusses how spinal fusion surgery helped Tiger Woods collect another major championship, but may not be for everybody.



BILL FOUSSARD '72, a member of the Board of Directors for Cerenity Senior Care, was recently named Board Trustee of the Year by LeadingAge Minnesota.



TIM MURNANE '77 was named one of the 10 Most Admired CEO's for 2019 by the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*.

Congratulations to **JIM**

HANTON '78 for being awarded with the 2019 Officials Excellence Award by USA Swimming. Jim served as admin vice chair for Minnesota Swimming from 2009-13 as well as general chair from 2013-17, and was instrumental in the adoption of the Competitive Excellence Initiative.



Public speaker and youth motivator **JOE BECKMAN '97** was featured in the article "Beckman shows love to Beckman". The article discussed a recent speaking engagement that Joe had at Beckman Catholic High School, and Joe's message on self-love and human connection for students today.

1980s

DAVID DIETZ '85 took command at the Navy Reserve unit based in Charleston, SC supporting SPAWAR sending officers and sailors to the fleet upgrading the fleet with the latest technology. David also just received the Legion of Merit for work with his previous unit.

1990s

JASON SEDLAK '93 is proud to announce his new business: College H.U.N.K.S Hauling Junk and Moving Eden Prairie which opened on April 15th.

JOHN MOWERY '95 was recently featured in the University of St. Thomas article "The Ups and Downs of a Student-managed Fund". The article discusses the merits of a student ran investment fund. The Academy has recently started a similar program.

MARTIN LUDDEN '98

recently finished his second year as Executive Director of St. Paul Neighborhood Network, a nonprofit, public-access community media center. Martin currently lives in Mac-Groveland with his wife, Julia, and his sons Martin and Sam.

2000s



Pursuing his dream of becoming a head football coach, **RICK FRYKLUND '02** will assume control of the Park Cottage Grove High School football program next fall. Although we are disappointed at his departure from the Academy, we are happy that he is getting the opportunity to fulfill his dream.

1980s



Members of the **CLASS OF 1981** got together last weekend on Schultz Lake just north of Duluth. Pictured from left to right **PAUL BUETHE '81**, **MARK BURNS '81**, **MARK MADISON '81**, **TOBY MADDEN '81**, **TIM THEISEN '81**, **RICH TREGILGAS '81**, and **TY CLARK '81**.



Members of the **CLASS OF 1982** and **1983** got together a couple of weeks ago for Mark Verbeck's wedding. From left to right **DR. MIKE DORLE '82**, **DAVID WALCZAK '82**, **MARK VERBECK '82**, **THOMAS BERQUIST '82**, and **PHILIP REIM '83**.

TYLER HUNTER '06 recently passed the examination and experience requirements to call himself a **CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™**. He also just celebrated his 5 year anniversary at Buckingham Strategic Wealth in St. Louis, Missouri where he currently serves as an associate wealth advisor.



NATE SCHWARTZBAUER '08 returned home safely from a deployment to Afghanistan with his team, SFODA-3122. Nate included this message "We had a very fulfilling deployment, some got hit but everyone made it home alive. We were so very fortunate, and happy to be home. I carried this flag and STA banner on every mission."

2010s

1st Lieutenant **MICHAEL DEASEY '12** was recently married to Nicole Frederickson at Nativity of Our Lord in St. Paul, MN. For the ceremony, Mike used some of the Academy's sabers for the recessional.



Clarke University has officially named **RYAN BARNES '15** the university's new head men's lacrosse coach.



SAM JOHANN'S '15 graduated from Xavier University this May with a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems with a focus on Cybersecurity. While swimming for Xavier he led the men's swim team to a 2019 Big East Championship earning 3 individual and 4 relay top finishes. But, to top off his collegiate career, he was recently awarded the 2019 Xavier Male Athlete of the Year.



Congratulations to **NICK MORREALE '15** on being selected by the San Francisco Giants in the 14th round of the MLB Draft.



Former Cadet hockey and current Saint Mary's University hockey player **TOMMY STANG '15** has had a breakout season both on and off the ice. Tommy's hockey season was highlighted by a spot on the All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic conference First-Team. Off the ice, Tommy has made a real impact on the non-profit NorsKids Foundation.



BRANICK WEIX '15 was recently featured in the Boston College News segment "Taking Flight — Boston College 'Seniors to Remember'!"

Four former Cadet Swimmers met up at the National Club Swim Meet at Ohio State University: University of Nebraska **NICK JOHNSON '17**, University of Minnesota **JAKE PURSLEY '15**, Villanova University **DANNY LEE '17**, and University of Notre Dame **JACOB GEREND '18**.

Four Cadet hockey alumni are currently taking part in NHL Development Camps. **ROBBIE STUCKER '17** is participating with the Columbus Blue Jackets, **PETER TUFTO '15** is with the Detroit Red Wings, **SEAMUS DONOHUE '15** is with the Philadelphia Flyers, and **TOMMY NOVAK '15** is with the Nashville Predators.



RAY CHRISTY '18 (right) and the Alberta Junior Hockey League's Brooks Bandits won the 2019 Jr. A Canadian National Championship this past week.

GRANT HESLETON '18 joined the U.S. Army National Guard in July of 2018 and is currently attending the University of Wyoming pursuing a degree in Petroleum Engineering.

Former stand out long snapper for the Cadet Football team, **AXEL RAARUP '18**, made the University of Notre Dame football team, look for #42 on NBC in the Fall.

JACK ROWE '18 was recently published on the website "Intellectual Takeout" for his piece "An Unforgettable Life: Three Reason Nat 'King' Cole Needs a Biopic".

2010s



PETER KRIEGER '12 was a huge part of the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldog's 2019 NCAA National Championship in Men's Hockey!



Members of our **CLASS OF 2019** traveled to Northwestern University in Illinois for the National Economics Competition. While there, they met up with **JOSH MOLLNER '06** (center). Josh is currently an Assistant Professor of Managerial Economics & Decision Sciences at Northwestern.



CAREER UPDATES

TOM MOORE '74 was recently named the new Pierre Superintendent of Parks in Pierre South Dakota.

Congratulations to **CHRIS NICHOLS '87** on starting a new position as Vice President of National Sales at Cult Artisan Beverage.

Congratulations to **KIP WINDEN '02** for starting a new position as a Resident Physician at UT Health San Antonio.

Congratulations to **RYAN PATRICK '04** for starting a new position as an Investment Banker (M&A) at Chartwell Financial Advisory, Inc.

Congratulations to **MICHAEL SHORT '05** on starting a new position as an Investment Banking Summer Associate at Lazard Middle Market.

Congratulations to **GEORGE WILLIAMS '06** on his promotion to Account Executive at GlobalTranz.

ADAM GENTNER '06 was recently promoted to Senior Director of Latin America and New Markets at Sonnen, Inc.

Congratulations to **NATE BIRR '07** for starting a new position as Transaction Advisory Services at RSM.

Congratulations to **ANDREW JOHNSTON '07** for being promoted to Enterprise Account Executive at SendGrid.

Congratulations to **MATTHEW MILEY '08** for starting a new position as Regional Sales Director at StrategyCorps.

Congratulations to **CHIP BERRY '08** for starting a new position as Sales Representative at Apollo Technology Group.

BEN SCHNEEMAN '08 recently started a new position as UHG R&D Ventures at United Health Group.

Congratulations to **MATT BAER '09** for starting a new position as Regional Sales Manager at Gulfstream Aerospace.

JACK SCHNEEMAN '09 started a new position as the Chief Operating Officer at Phraze.

Congratulations to **TOM CERRITO '09** for being promoted to Senior Underwriter at Wells Fargo Auto.

Congratulations to **DANNY ABBOTT '10** for starting a new position as an account executive at Lighthouse Software, Inc.

Congratulations to **ALEX JURICH '10** for starting a new position as a Commodities Associate at Citadel.

Congratulations to **JACK CLANCY '10** for starting a new position as a Leadership Experience Intern at Optum.

Congratulations to **ELLIOT HOEKSTRA '10** for starting a new position as Satellites Project Manager at Inspiration Design Center.

JOHN GARRY '10 recently started a new position as Venture Associate at High Alpha.

AGUSTIN CANO '11 recently started a new position as an employee relations business partner at Life Time Inc.

MICHAEL LOKOWICH-KOHLER '11 started a new position as an operations tech at HIPERFIRE.

JORDAN KRUGER '11 was named one of the 15 Up-and-Coming PR and Social Media Marketers to Watch by ACH Communications.

JAMES KOLAR '12 recently started a new position as Business Development Coordinator at LPA Retail Systems.

Congratulations to **ISAAC HAYES '12** for starting a new position as a Packaging Systems Engineer at E&J Gallo Winery.

SEAN BYOM '12 was recently promoted to a Boost Services Consultant at Epic.

Congratulations to **JOE MURPHY '12** for starting a new position as a senior internal auditor at Sleep Number.

Congratulations to **ETHAN RASMUSSEN '12** for being promoted to Consultant at Bluewolf, an IBM Company.

Congratulations to **CURRAN YARANO '12** for starting a new position as an Account Associate at Time Matters Entertainment.

Congratulations to **MICHAEL WENGER '13** for being promoted to Senior Customer Success Manager at GE Digital.

Congratulations to **KELTON ANDERSON '13** on starting a new position as a Law Clerk at National Labor Relations Board.

Congratulations to **ALEC SCHWARTZ '13** for starting a new position as an Account Manager at Insight Global.

Congratulations to **TIMOTHY SAMEC '13** for starting a new position as an Engineering Intern at Marvin.

NATHANIEL DONOVAN '13 recently started a new position as a Financial Analyst for Global Markets at IBM.

Congratulations to **TEIG HUTCHINSON '14** on starting a new position as an associate at JLL.

Congratulations to **CHRIS IVERSON '14** on starting a new position as a Graphic Design Intern at Marquette University.

Congratulations to **MICHAEL PETERS '15** for starting a new position as a Research Associate at Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard.

Congratulations to **LOGAN STUCKER '15** for starting a new position as a Software Engineer at Optum.

Congratulations to **ZACH GILLILAND '15** for starting a new position as a Senior Ambassador at CLEAR.

Congratulations to **CHRIS KETTLER '15** on starting a new position as an Investment Banking Analyst at Craig-Hallum Capital Group.

Congratulations to **MARCUS SCHLEPER '15** for starting a new position as the Front Desk Agent at Marcus Hotels & Resorts.

Congratulations to **LIAM ADAM '15** as he will be joining Allianz as a member of their operations team.

Congratulations to **JOHN COLLERAN '16** for starting a new position as a Clinical Research Intern at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Congratulations to **THOMAS KOLAR '16** for starting a new position as a tax intern at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Congratulations to **JOE HENDERSON '16** for starting a new position as an Investment Banking Summer Analyst at Harris Williams.

Congratulations to **JOSEPH WHEELER '16** for starting a new position as an IT intern at 3M.

Congratulations to **MATTHEW NEWELL '16** for starting a new position as a Brokerage Services Intern at Colliers International.

Congratulations to **COLIN GLASS '16** for starting a new position as a Direct Care Professional at ACR Homes.

Congratulations to **WILL BORWEGE '16** for starting a new position as an Incoming Investment Banking Summer Analyst at Lazard Middle Market.

Congratulations to **HUY BUI '16** for starting a new position as an Incoming Advisor Development Summer Analyst at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Congratulations to **SAM EDGERTON '17** for starting as a Mechanical Engineering Intern at PPSI.

Congratulations to **JAKE RASCHER '17** for starting a new position as an Incoming Investment Analyst Intern at Mount Yale Capital Group.

Congratulations to **DAVID O'NEILL '17** for accepting a position in Washington D.C. as a Congressional Intern.

Congratulations to **ARIEL LARIN '17** for starting a new position as a Direct Care Professional at ACR Homes.

Congratulations to **JACOB GEREND '17** for starting a new position as a Human Resources Intern at Midwest Dental.

Congratulations to **AXEL RAARUP '18** for starting a new position as a finance intern at Scanlan International, Inc.

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers these classmates and friends of the Academy who recently passed away or of whose death we were recently notified. We have made every effort to present an accurate list.

Richard Lathrop '39
January 1994

Virgil Mylan '40
June 2019

Chester A. "Chet" Brzezinski '41
April 2019

Tom Gallogly '44
May 2019

John Lonergan '44
March 2019

John Grant '45
March 2019

James "Rip" Pryor '45
April 2019

Howard F. Loo '46
April 2017

William Fischer '47
October 2005

Bud Graves '47
May 2019

Bill Lynch '48
May 2019

Michael Tierney '48
March 2019

Jack Monahan '49
April 2019

Jack Abbott '51
May 2019

Roger Swenson '51
May 2019

Ken Fischman '52
May 2019

John Gebo '52
February 2019

John A. Koop '53
April 2019

Julius Pedro '54
December 2018

Thomas Savoie '55
June 2019

Tom Mach '57
September 2018

Frank Mitsch '58
January 2017

Mike O'Brien '58
March 2019

John Clarey '59
April 2019

Michael Anderson '60
April 2018

Jack Beagan '60
September 2017

Jerry Sturdivant '63
June 2019

Richard Bassett '66
May 2019

Matthew Ettl '83
June 2019

Paul Lunzer '83
March 2019

Mike Murnane '88
April 2019

Jared Krier '98
June 2019

Bobby Lauppe '10
April 2019

LEROY "BUSTER" BROWN
Former Faculty/Staff Member

J. PATRICK CASEY
Former STA Headmaster from 1979-1988 and a Board of Trustee Member

ELAINE GEPHART
Former Faculty/Staff Member

RAJAH AFIFE KOLB
Former Trustee



Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- 1 New high school uniform sale
- 5 New high school uniform sale
- 5 New parent orientation (all grades) and Class of 2023
- 5 First full day of Marching Band Camp
- 12 Cross Country, Football and Soccer begin
- 26 First Day of School

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Opening Mass and reception @ 9:05 AM
- 9 Back to School Night
- 16 Student Academic Awards Night
- 25-27 Alumni Weekend
- 25 Academy Honor Awards Dinner (*OPUS Sancti Thomae* and Hames Award presentations)
- 26 Alumni Memorial Mass @ 3:30 PM
- 26 Senior Alumni Gathering (Class of 1969 and prior)
- 27 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction
- 27 All-Class Reunion/Gathering

September, continued

- 27 Homecoming Party on the Plaza and football game
- 28 Homecoming Dance

OCTOBER

- 2 Grandparents' Day (all grades) @ 11:30 AM
- 3 Taste of STA @ 6:00 PM
- 17-18 No School — MEA
- 26 Disco Mixer
- 28 Admissions Showcase (Open House)



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Annual Taste of STA!

Thursday, October 3
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Holtz Gym

This FREE event is for all adults in the Saint Thomas Academy community. Invite your friends, neighbors, family and even your co-workers to join you at one of the best events of the year!

Taste of STA features FREE food, wine, beer, sodas and more from purveyors with a connection to Saint Thomas Academy. Enjoy the night eating and drinking with those in our community.

Please RSVP to this FREE event at cadets.com/taste

