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## MAXIMIZING POTENTIAL

It took a couple years for **Paul Bolton '96** to find his passion, but once he did, he landed in the perfect spot to act on it. As a higher education leader for 10 years, Paul was able to lead teams of professionals whose goals were to assist others in maximizing their full potentials through the intangible transaction of education. He dealt in what he terms “human capital,” which offered him the opportunity to help others achieve personal growth. Paul recently transitioned from working in higher education to a new role in March. As the Director of Business Development at Leadership Louisville, he will still have the opportunity to greatly impact others.

As a legacy, Paul was destined to attend St. X. His grandfather William K. “Bill” Breunig graduated in 1940. He also had two uncles matriculate – Mark Breunig '76 and Jeff Breunig '70. Paul has many great memories from his high school days, but what stands out the most is feeling part of a large community or brotherhood, and the inner strength that afforded him. His favorite teacher was Chris Grisanti, who he remembers as just a “good human being.” He adds, “Mr. Grisanti was always positive and the kind of person with whom you could have a good conversation.”

Paul was a shooting guard on the basketball team and fondly remembers Coach Joe Bergamini. He is quick to point out that their 1995 team was the last Tiger squad to make it to Rupp Arena for the Boys Sweet Sixteen. Biology was his favorite class, recalling Mr. Dan Amlung’s ability to take complex topics and make them understandable and interesting. He believes the most important part of his St. X experience was how teachers and administrators instilled in students the ability to deal with adversity and challenges and succeed in spite of them. This is a very important part of Paul’s life philosophy and is best summarized by this quote by Jim Rohn: “Don’t wish it were easier, wish you were better.”

After high school, Paul was attracted to Spalding University, primarily so he could continue his basketball career. However, after a couple years, he realized it was time to leave his identity as an athlete behind him and start developing his other interests. Spalding was the perfect place to do that. It was a small community where he could develop himself as a well-rounded person and begin to redefine himself.

After obtaining his communications degree at Spalding, Paul had a series of sales jobs, including a position at Proctor and Gamble. A pivotal moment occurred later when he began his work in post-secondary education. It was at Sullivan University, and later at Spalding University, that he found his passion – leading teams and working with students (specifically adult learners) to assist them in maximizing their potentials. Previously, he found himself constantly pushing others to continue their personal and professional educations, and he will continue his personal brand in his role at Leadership Louisville.

Paul and his wife, Michelle, now find themselves giving this same advice to their three children as they further their educations. Brendan (17) is a member of the National Honor Society, Sadie (15) is very artistic, and Drew (14) has already built his own personal computer!

Written by Gerry Kauffmann '80



## A LONG ROAD HOME

Shortly after graduating from St. X, **Jeremy Cole '95** left Louisville for the University of Kentucky. The St. Rita product could not have guessed it would be nearly 25 years before he returned to his hometown. In 2000 as his undergraduate years ended, Jeremy was able to secure an internship at the White House. “I was fortunate and appreciative. It set the stage to jump headfirst into opportunities or be open to the idea.” Jeremy experienced an early lesson of politics while in Washington – winds can and typically do change. He witnessed the intensity of the Florida recount firsthand, and he was working on Pennsylvania Avenue during 9/11.

“When I left Washington, we were going to war,” he recalled. “I was on antibiotics due to anthrax contract tracing (DC mailrooms were hit) and it was a tough climate for political work and career planning.” He continued working around the country, though, running local, state, federal, and national political campaigns.

In 2005, Jeremy decided to take on a different challenge when he went to work for the global management-consulting firm Accenture. For more than a dozen years, he had the opportunity to learn and work with several Fortune 100 clients, living and spending time in Brazil, India, Switzerland, Singapore, and throughout the U.S.

“Accenture is extreme executive training. You have to create value and compete daily. My time at St. X certainly helped me navigate client-based services.” In 2013, a new opportunity arose that proved too good to pass up. Teaming up with a leader who he had previously helped run for U.S. Congress, Jeremy became CEO of Blake Management Group (BMG), a senior living operator based in Jackson, Miss.

BMG helped pioneer new ways to operate luxury senior living for residents that either need assistance in the aging process or cognitive support services due to dementia. Under Jeremy's leadership, they integrated best practices from the areas of hospitality, culinary, health care, and customer service to grow the Blake portfolio from three communities to more than 25 across nine states. Jeremy moved his family to Louisville in 2019 to be closer to family and friends. He also felt it advantageous for his career.

"It is pretty ironic that I've lived all over the place, but my hometown happens to be the very center of an industry where I found my calling," he offered. "Louisville truly is a national leader in senior living."

Regarding his high school friendships, he noted, "I am proud to say I have remained close with many in my St. X circle. Over the years we have met in cities around the world, staying loyal to each other, and now I get to see them weekly."

Last year, Jeremy left BMG to become a Partner and Chief Operating Officer of LifeCare Properties, LLC. He supports the company's senior living real estate development and operations focus. They have two communities currently in Texas and more scheduled for development.

Jeremy and his wife, Laura, live in the Highlands with their daughters, Rosemary (5) and Vivienne (3). He was recently accepted into the Harvard Graduate School of Design. He would love to hear from Tiger alumni at [jcole@comvest.net](mailto:jcole@comvest.net).

Written by Kelly Purcell Stratman

## LENS OF A TIGER

From taking pictures of friends with a point-and-shoot camera in high school to a professional filmmaker and photographer of UFC champions, **Jeff Sainlar '06** has had quite an adventure. He gained early experience in photography and film by shooting RiverBats games from the stands and taking an Introduction to Film class at St. X. "I really fell in love with the process of developing black and white film and creating images," he says. And that process helped him become a better photographer.

Following St. X, Jeff attended Western Kentucky University and earned his degree in Photojournalism. Next came a variety of photojournalism internships. From being part of a journalism team following ROTC students throughout the summer boot camp

at Fort Knox to working for *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and *The Ann Arbor News*, Jeff gained valuable experience shooting a variety of genres. In the end, Jeff found his passion in sports. He recalls, "I enjoyed capturing the rawness of sports action and the emotion that comes from winning and losing. The hard work, dedication, and passion that goes into it. It's very real and on display in front of hundreds to millions at a time."

Jeff found his next internship covering Muay Thai and MMA in Phuket, Thailand, at a gym called Tiger Muay Thai. It is the largest training camp/Muay Thai facility in the world, with about 50,000 customers across the globe who come to a martial arts haven on a tropical island in the south of Thailand. Just one day after applying, he was offered the job, and he relocated to Thailand within a week. He was one of seven interns at Tiger Muay Thai, and Jeff was one of two hired permanently after three months. Jeff was charged with marketing, social media, and public relations for the gym, which in large part helped expand the gym to the massive infrastructure it is today.

Sainlar worked at Tiger Muay Thai in Thailand for six years. He also freelanced for other companies that hired him to travel all over Asia, the Middle East, Australia, and New Zealand to work with athletes and brands. Jeff notes that traveling "has been the best part about my job. Taking that random internship in Thailand when I was just 24 was the best thing I ever did. I've probably traveled to over 40 countries."

Working freelance, Jeff was hired as a contractor in 2015 for The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC). During these jobs, Jeff began making connections with high-level athletes such as Israel Adesanya and Alexander Volkanovski, both current UFC champions. Jeff was then hired by Adesanya, a Nigerian-born New Zealand professional mixed martial artist and former kickboxer and boxer. Adesanya is currently signed to the Ultimate Fighting Championship, where he is the UFC middleweight champion. Jeff had a working relationship with Israel prior to his UFC success, noting, "It's been very remarkable to see him rise from obscurity to maybe the second-largest profile fighter in the UFC."

When asked what he hopes to capture from the lens, Jeff Sainlar stated, "There is so much raw emotion in preparing for battle – the highs and lows or winning or losing – that I just try to capture the story to the best of my ability."

You may reach out to Jeff at [jeff.sainlar@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.sainlar@gmail.com).

Written by Wes Sublett '95

Jeff Sainlar with  
UFC middleweight champion  
Israel Adesanya



Photo credit: Mike Roach



## OUR HISTORY WITH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Racial tensions in Louisville were high in the winter of 1958. Public schools had only just been integrated in the 1956-57 school year. Redlining still prevented black families from moving into all-white neighborhoods. I was a freshman at St. X, playing in what my teammates and I believed was the best high school basketball program in Louisville under head coach Gene Rhodes.

As my freshman class entered the building at Brook and Broadway earlier that fall, most of us had something in common besides our age, our gender, and our Catholic heritage. Most of us had never met a black person our age, much less competed against an athlete who was not white.

But that had not been true of our basketball team, which had been playing Central High School since 1950 when St. X Principal Brother John Joseph and Central's principal agreed to compete in sports, breaking the so-called color line. In the era of segregation, Central was the only high school available to black students in urban Louisville. Unable to compete for official KHSAA state titles, all-black high schools throughout Kentucky were forced to compete in their own separate state tournaments. So, the games between the Tigers and the Yellow Jackets, though hotly contested in front of segregated cheering sections, were mostly for bragging rights.

But 1958 was different. In 1956, under court orders, all athletic titles in Kentucky were finally desegregated. In 1958, St. X Basketball teams at the freshman, JV, and varsity levels were all formidable. And one of the teams we all knew we had to beat to claim the mantle of best that year – for real, not just for bragging rights – was Central, still an all-black school despite desegregation.

The Yellow Jackets were on the schedule, and everyone knew what was at stake. What most of us didn't know was that rumors were spreading that some people connected with the KKK had threatened a bombing if the games went on. Some officials had advised canceling the contests. But our principal, Brother Thomas More, was having none of it.

He was keenly aware of how the "Know Nothing" Party of the 1800s had threatened the Xaverian Brothers when they came to Louisville. He knew of bias against Catholics, and he knew about the hostility in some quarters that arose when St. X and Central had decided to play at the beginning of the decade. He refused to cancel. The games were played.

Some might have noticed a bigger security presence but probably thought it was because of the racial tensions already at play in the city. I only learned the truth years later when one of my English teachers from St. X, Brother Marion, told me the story when we were both in the same graduate school class at Columbia University in New York in 1966.

Postscript #1: No bombs were ever detonated.

Postscript #2: Our varsity team lost. But the Tigers beat The Yellow Jackets in the Regional by two points in two overtimes and then went on to win the 1958 KHSAA State Basketball Championship.

Postscript #3: Central, still an all-Black squad, finally won its first KHSAA state basketball title in 1969. But that title was not the first KHSAA state championship for the Yellow Jackets. Their first came in the spring of 1958, following the bitterness of their loss to the Tigers in basketball. I was running on the varsity track team by then. We were good. The Yellow Jackets were better. They won the state title in track for Central's first official KHSAA championship.



Postscript #4: Earlier that fall, St. X's varsity football team had won the State Championship, making St. X one of the rare schools to accomplish the feat of holding both KHSAA basketball and football titles in the same school year. To get there, they squeaked by Central 7-0.

Postscript #5: A year after that eventful season of 1957-58, a group of Louisville junior tennis players, including several from St. X, were traveling north to play in some U.S. Junior Championship matches. They were sponsored by a St. X dad named Bill Cooper whose sons were on the squad – several of whom are in St. X's Alumni Hall of Honors. The group had one Black teammate, a player from Flaget High School. The group stopped for lunch near Cincinnati. But the restaurant's staff refused to serve that young man, saying the white kids could come in but their teammate would have to eat in the car. Mr. Cooper and the team refused the offer. They all ate in the car. The owner found out what had happened and came out to apologize. He said they all would be served if they ever returned. Mr. Cooper told the man he'd better mean what he said, because the squad would stop there on the way back to Louisville. And they did, served inside this time. All of them.

Final Postscript: What we all learned from the Black athletes we competed with and from those Brothers and coaches at St. X who helped us grow up in those long-ago days in the old school on Broadway was something that still holds true today: The arena itself does not care about color. Never give in to racism. Ever.

—And the effort between Central and St. X goes on:

In March of this year, the Diversity Club of St. X and Central's Black Student Union began joint meetings every other week in response to recent events that continue to haunt Louisville's struggle for racial equality. The stated aim of these meetings is to "develop and recognize the common humanity we all share." Speaking for those of us who still remember those efforts by our two schools in the late 1950s, "Amen to that."

Written by Joe Kroh '61

## VISCUSI CENTER TO SUPPORT LEARNING DIFFERENCES

St. X recently announced it is dedicating brand-new space and resources to its learning differences program. The **W. Kip & Joni Viscusi Achievement Center** provides 2,500 square feet of space in the current Callahan Center renovation project and will be used to support students with documented learning differences.

The Viscusi Achievement Center is funded through the Viscusi family's \$250,000 donation to the X Effect Campaign. Dr. Viscusi, a member of the St. X Class of 1967, is the University Distinguished Professor of Law, Economics, and Management at Vanderbilt University. "Joni and I are honored to help St. X provide such a unique facility tailored to meet the needs of its students with learning differences," said Viscusi. "We make this investment in the school's mission and to ensure the Xaverian Brothers tradition of excellence in education continues for generations."

The Viscusi Center will open in August, and some of the features will include academic achievement and enrichment through extended day programs, tutoring with peers, ample time for testing, standardized educational testing, individual attention, and separate testing rooms.

St. X has been supporting students with learning differences since the 1980s when **Brother Edward Driscoll** was the school's principal. **Mr. David Ianke '84** and **Mrs. Rhonda Glaser** carried on his good work by helping establish a formal program. Most recently, **Dr. Beatriz Pacheco** has been serving as the Learning Differences Resource Coordinator, but she departs at the end of this school year to pursue new opportunities at the collegiate level. St. X has hired **Mr. Tony Kemper** and **Mrs. Christina King** to direct the Viscusi Center for the upcoming school year. [See related article in this magazine.]

In the 2020-21 academic year, nearly 300 students at St. X have a documented learning difference. "We want to do everything in our power to meet students where they are. Our students with learning differences are in every academic level at St. X, and they have unique needs," said St. X Principal Amy Sample. "This center will give us the dedicated space to teach students skills and how to advocate for themselves. When they walk across that stage at graduation, they will be prepared for life beyond St. X."

The X Effect Campaign was publicly announced in the fall of 2019 and is the most extensive fundraising campaign in school history. The \$51 million effort supports critical priorities of renovating the Callahan Media Center, building the Sangalli Interactive Learning Center, expanding endowed scholarships for academic opportunity and excellence, and growing annual support and planned gifts to the school. To date, the campaign sits at nearly \$47 million in gifts and pledges.

## GALA GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED DESPITE VIRTUAL PROGRAM

On February 27, St. X hosted its first virtual Gala...A Legacy of Giving. We are grateful for our long list of supporters, including our presenting sponsors **Maker's Mark** and **Stock Yards Bank & Trust**. Celebrity appearances by emcee **Terry Meiners '75** and Maker's Mark's **Rob Samuels '92** were followed by **President Paul Colistra** and senior **Leo Biagi**, who delivered a testimonial about his high school experience. As always, we ended our program with the \$40,000 Grand Prize raffle drawing. Congratulations to winners **Swain** and **Ginger Beard** who are parents of a St. X graduate and a St. X sophomore.

As part of this year's event, we offered for purchase one-of-a-kind Maker's Mark cocktail kits with a featured Gold Rush drink recipe. The kits also included hand-blown glasses provided by **Casey Hyland '90** of Hyland Glass. 100% of proceeds from the sale of the cocktail kits were directed to support need-based scholarships.

Our mobile auction was a rousing success as it featured more than 240 items for bidding. Combined with the proceeds of the cocktail kits, the Gala generated more than \$200,000 for our tuition assistance program.

We also want to acknowledge our dedicated volunteers who were instrumental in making the Gala possible. The Steering Committee provided creativity and strong leadership, and included **Jim** and **Cathy Dahlem (co-chairs)**, **Christie Sherman**, **Danielle Walters**, **Ginger** and **Swain Beard**, **Rob** and **Beth Bush**, and **Christie Blincoe**.



Rob Samuels '92, Managing Director of Maker's Mark Distillery, was a generous sponsor for St. X's first-ever virtual Legacy...A Gala of Giving.

## NEW FACES TO JOIN LEADERSHIP TEAM

St. X announced in April that it has hired several professionals in new leadership positions for the upcoming school year. **Tony Kemper** will co-direct the Learning Differences Program with **Christina King** who will transition from her current role as guidance counselor. **Ronzell Smith** will serve as Assistant Principal for Student Life.

The selection of Kemper and King to run the Learning Differences Program fills the void created by the upcoming departure of Dr. Beatriz Pacheco who is pursuing an opportunity on the West Coast. Dr. Pacheco has been on the faculty at St. X since 2005. During that time, she has served as a member of the English Department and most recently as the Director of Learning Differences.

Tony Kemper is a longtime educator who has served as Head of School at The de Paul School since 1994. His responsibilities include overseeing all school operations and educational processes. Under his leadership, The de Paul School has been Louisville's academic leader in the remediation and preparation of students with specific learning differences. Mr. Kemper began his career in 1981 as Director of Tutorial Programs for the Bloomington de Paul Reading & Learning Association. He holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a master's degree in Special Education Administration from the University of Louisville. Tony and his wife, Carol, reside in Georgetown, Ind. The couple has two children, Ben, St. X Class of 2018, and Carmen, a senior at Floyd Central.

Christina King joined St. X in 2020 as a member of the Counseling Department. She brings almost 20 years of experience serving students with learning differences. She has worked in various roles supporting students, including learning support services, exceptional childhood education, and educational consulting with Square One. In 2015, Mrs. King developed a learning difference program for a K-12 private school. She holds degrees from Bellarmine University, including a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Master of Arts in Teaching, and Master's in Teaching Special Needs. Christina and her husband, Michael, have two children, Alexander and Lucy.

Ronzell Smith is currently a teacher with Jefferson County Public Schools. He was hired in 2011 by JCPS as a Special Education Teacher. During his 10 years with JCPS, he has served as a Student Response Resource Teacher, Behavior Support System Resource Teacher, and a Positive Behavior Intervention Support Resource Teacher. Mr. Smith holds a bachelor's degree from Central State University, a master's degree from Antioch McGregor University, and an administrator certificate from Indiana University Southeast. Ronzell and his wife, Christie, have two children, Alana, a freshman at Manual, and Christopher, a sixth-grader at Jefferson County Traditional Middle School.



Tony Kemper



Christina King



Ronzell Smith

## LONGTIME COACH AND TEACHER RECEIVES 2020 BORDERS AWARD

In February at a senior assembly, the Thomas Borders Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to **Joe Bergamini '73**. The award, named for and funded by Tom Borders '61, is the highest honor bestowed upon a member of the faculty. It is typically presented at graduation, but the school was unable to gather last year for an award presentation.

Coach Bergamini retired in 2020 after 42 years of service to his alma mater. He was a treasured member of the Business and Technology department and the Math department. His other roles included coaching basketball for more than 30 years and coaching baseball. Joe has accumulated school honors over the years, including the Ryken Award, the Herman Miles Award for Service, and the Board of Directors Endowment Award for Faculty Excellence.



President Paul Colistra and Principal Amy Sample presented longtime coach and teacher Joe Bergamini with the prestigious Thomas Borders Excellence in Teaching Award.



## PHONATHON AND eXtreme MADNESS BOOST ANNUAL FUND

For more than 30 years, the Alumni Phonathon has played a significant role in growing the Annual Fund and improving donor participation and awareness. Challenges brought on by COVID-19 were met head-on as the Advancement Office switched on-campus calling efforts to a remote format (which allowed for out-of-state participation) and unveiled eXtreme Madness, our first-ever alumni giving tournament.

The **eXtreme Madness Tournament** challenged classes to give to the Annual Fund to score points. Classes were randomly assigned to one of four regions: Driscoll, Wills, Callahan, and Sangalli. Each started the tournament with points based on its donor participation percentage prior to February 1. In addition to scoring points by making gifts, Phonathon volunteers earned 10 bonus points. The response was overwhelming. Alumni participation and Annual Fund dollars were up year-over-year through March 31, and this puts St. X in a great position to exceed its \$2.5 million Annual Fund goal.

We congratulate our regional winners – the **Classes of 1967 (Driscoll)**, **1972 (Wills)**, **1973 (Callahan)**, and **1977 (Sangalli)** – for their noteworthy performances, but are especially proud of the championship effort demonstrated by the **Class of 1973** which secured 259 points. An eXtreme Madness Tournament trophy will be presented at the Alumni Tailgate and football game on Friday, September 3.

If you have not made your gift to the Annual Fund, there is still time. Donate by June 30 to support the young men at St. X. As you will see in this thank-you letter written by a student financial aid recipient, the support of alumni is meaningful. Thank you for truly making a difference!



Dear St. X Community,

My name is Ethan Harned, and I am a senior here at St. X, and one of the many students impacted by your generous gift to our community. As a student, I am challenged daily by a renowned faculty that pushes me to think outside the box. Whether through service-based learning or innovative research, St. X has encouraged me and my classmates to be collaborative leaders courageously inspiring others through the Xaverian charisms.

Over the past four years, St. X has given me the courage to achieve things I never thought were possible. At the start of the pandemic, I became a volunteer for an organization called Inheritance of Hope, which serves families affected by terminal illness. St. X has instilled in me the strength to serve others selflessly without fear of heartbreak, so I jumped in with an open mind and willing heart. I am part of a team that leads weekly support groups for children facing the loss of a parent.

This also has correlated to the college process. When I started out as a freshman, I never knew I would be one of the guys St. X sends to prestigious schools. I lacked the confidence to reach that high. But, the gifted faculty and staff invested their energy into me and gave me the confidence to shoot for the stars. They truly believed in me and were determined to help me reach my potential. I am so excited to have the opportunity to attend the University of Notre Dame next fall, and I am grateful to St. X for helping me make it a possibility!

As I prepare to embark from St. X into the next chapter of my life, I have spent lots of time reflecting on how I can be intentional in my last few months. However, I know that the culmination of my time here will only represent a part of my spiritual legacy. How I choose to use my life in the future can have positive impacts for generations to come. That is why I have chosen to be part of my class's senior gift committee. It has given me the opportunity to pay forward your generosity and help my fellow Tigers.

While looking at our vast alumni, family and friend network, I would like to give credit to your monumental spiritual legacy that has helped define my St. X experience. Because of your contributions, I have been able to come to St. X for four years. I have been blessed as a Xaverian Scholar, and a financial aid and a Ryken Leadership Scholarship recipient. In 2019, my family fell on difficult times, but St. X was there to uplift us. The financial aid and scholarship program made St. X affordable for my family, and I know it has done the same for countless others. That is an opportunity I will always be grateful for. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for continuing to build bridges for students from all backgrounds!

Appreciatively,

Ethan T. Harned  
Class of 2021

# ATHLETICS

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## 2021 WINTER SPORTS SEASON



In April, Wrestling Coach Jim Kraeszig '85 announced his retirement after 17 years (two stints) at the helm. Kraeszig coached three state championship teams, one as an assistant coach (1998) and two as a head coach (2001 and 2013). He will continue to teach science courses at St. X.



The Tiger Wrestling team finished sixth at the KHSAA State Wrestling Championships, placing six wrestlers in the top eight of their respective weight classes.



Senior Matthew Meyer won the 113-pound title at the State Wrestling Championships. He finished the season undefeated (24-0).



The varsity Basketball team finished the season 19-7, and Coach Kevin Klein was named 7th Region Coach of the Year.



The Archery team finished third at the Region 4 Tournament. Junior Nate Jarboe qualified for the State Archery Tournament as an individual competitor.



Senior Ben Varga was named 7th Region Player of the Year after averaging 17.6 ppg and leading the state in three-pointers made per game (3.9).





Senior Aaron Cambron won the KHSAA State Bowling Boys' Single Championship, defeating Lance Morris of Lee Co. in the final. Cambron had previously won the Region 4 Singles title with the help of a perfect game.



The Bowling team won the Region 4 Team Tournament and had the best finish in program history at the state championship by advancing to the semifinals.



The Swimming & Diving team started the season with a bang by dominating the #1 team in the country, Cincinnati St. X, 198-88. The team would go on to set nine of 12 St. X pool records during the 2021 season.



In April, the Swimming & Diving team captured its 33rd consecutive KHSAA State Championship, sweeping all three relay events and claiming individual state titles for Holden Smith (200 IM & 100-yard butterfly), Charlie Crush (100-yard backstroke), and Will Scholtz (100-yard breaststroke). The team title ties the boys' national record with the Bolles School (1988-2019).\*



The Hockey team finished the year strong by advancing to the championship game of the JV tournament held in Lexington.



The Tiger Hockey team prepares for its annual showdown against Trinity at Iceland.

\*Photo by Chip Dumstorf '81

Sports photography by Michelle Hutchins

## BANKING ON FAMILY'S VALUES

The influence of family on each individual cannot be underestimated. That's especially true for **James Anthony Hillebrand '87**, the seventh of Lorena and Bob Hillebrand's eight children.

"Saint Xavier High School has been part of me since I was born and has played an integral part in my life and the lives of all the Hillebrand family," he says, noting he has three brothers and four sisters. His late father graduated in 1951. His brothers roamed the halls before him – **Bobby '76**, **Bill '79**, and **Barry '83**. His late mother, a spirited Tiger volunteer, is the reason Hillebrand shortened his name to "Ja." He explained, "People often ask me why I spell it that way, and my answer is always the same – because my mom said so."

Ja Hillebrand's corporate passion is Stock Yards Bank & Trust Company, founded in 1904. Since joining SYB in 1996 to develop its Private Banking Group, he has become President and a member of its Board of Directors (2008), CEO (2018), and Chairman of the Board (2021).

The foundation for that success is family. "Through my parents' actions and words, I was taught to respect others, embrace and reach the highest standards in everything I do personally and professionally, and to 'do it the right way' – my dad's simple definition of ethics," he observed. "I am fortunate that Stock Yards Bank & Trust embraces similar values to the ones I was raised to understand as being the standard."

Classmate **Paul Hirn '87** agreed, saying, "I was lucky enough to know his family and siblings – very hard-working, independent small business owners, and generous supporters of St. Joseph Children's Home. In hindsight, knowing his family helps me understand who he was then and who he has become."

"Coming from a large family has lots of positives – some you don't realize until you age," Hillebrand commented. "With 10 people under one roof, you can imagine the struggle to provide, but my parents succeeded in so many ways. My mother always said, 'You always had what you needed and occasionally you got what you wanted.'"

Hillebrand's high school experience was invigorating. "I had so many great teachers at Saint Xavier," he recalled. "They were always willing to do whatever it took to help you. But some come to mind for things outside the classroom: Life lessons (thank you, **JP Higgins**); the value of giving someone a break (thank you, **Alan Donhoff**); and dealing with the pain of losing my brother Bobby (thank you, **Father Deatrick**)."

"My interest in banking started the first day working as a summer teller at Citizens Fidelity Bank over college break because it had air conditioning and allowed me to learn in a real-world setting what I was studying at Bellarmine," Hillebrand related. "My other option was to continue working as the youngest son in my father's electrical company. The truth is I was a horrible electrician... I had a thirst for learning the banking industry and was hooked on the community bank service model."

Stock Yards Bank is on a roll. In the midst of the pandemic and social unrest, it was recognized as a 2020 Small Banking All-Star for its achievements. After the acquisition of Kentucky Bank in Central Kentucky in June 2021, SYB will become one of the largest banks in the state. Hillebrand's mentor was another Tiger alumnus, **David Heintzman '77**, who played a significant role in SYB's history.

Hillebrand's longtime friend **Craig Dilger '87** said, "Ja's rise to lead Stock Yards Bank has been amazing. It has come through hard work, dedication, and determination. The path

to the top was not an easy one padded with family wealth and connections. Ja focused on the goal and worked hard to make it happen. His position is impressive, but the path he took to get there is the real story!"

"I am forever grateful for my parents' commitment to Saint Xavier and its mission," Hillebrand stated. "I am a better person for it. My years at Saint Xavier solidified the values that I had been raised with, and those values have served me well personally and professionally ever since."

His classmate **Mike Croce '87** accurately concluded, "St. X provided discipline and structure for us all. Ja is a sensitive person with a strong moral compass who operates with a high level of integrity – all of which I think were cemented, fostered, and enhanced by the St. X experience."

About the Author:

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Pictured are many of the 31 St. X graduates employed by Stock Yards Bank & Trust. Five decades of alumni are represented at the company.



## IN MEMORIAM

Owen A. Shrader '40  
 Edward S. Anderson '43  
 Jacob D. "Jack" Ernst '43  
 J. Fred Hutt, Jr. '44  
 Charles J. Schmetzer '44  
 Gene F. Zipperle, Sr. '46  
 Robert J. Gutman '47  
 William P. Kelly, Jr. '47  
 Thomas J. Ott '47  
 Clarence L. "Bill" Ramser '49  
 David L. Kiesler '50  
 Thomas G. Klapheke '50  
 Edward H. Seitz, Jr. '50  
 Edward J. Boone '51  
 Paul P. Bollinger, Sr. '52  
 Joseph C. Clinard '52  
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 John M. Merkt '66  
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 James E. Tafel '70  
 Samuel K. Stephens '71  
 Richard B. Condon, Jr. '73  
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 Daniel L. Heck '75  
 Kenneth A. Wiseman '75  
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 Glenn M. Bonn '77  
 Thomas G. Sutton '77  
 Albert T. "Bert" Barth III '78  
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 William E. Roberts '78  
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 Todd S. Wilson '84  
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### XAVERIAN BROTHER ENTERS INTO ETERNAL REST

**Brother Harry Eccles, C.F.X.** passed peacefully on March 8, 2021, at Nazareth Nursing Home in Louisville. Harry joined the Xaverian community after graduating from St. X in 1945. He received the religious name **Brother Bernard**, which he kept until the late 60s when he returned to his baptismal name. Brother Harry (Bernard) taught in different Xaverian schools from 1950–1979. He was assigned to St. X from 1963–1966, and served some of that time as assistant principal.

Brother Harry's ministry changed in 1979 when he accepted the Director's position on behalf of the Richmond Diocese at its Volunteer Ministries Community in Blackstone, Va. Ten years later, he began ministry in Haiti where he remained until health issues required him to join Louisville's Ryken House community in 2014.



Let the St. X community pray for the soul of our faithful alumnus and servant of God.



### GOLF REGISTRATION OPEN

Annual Alumni Golf Outing, presented by

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**Monday, July 26, 2021**

**7:30 a.m. Hurstbourne**

**1:00 p.m. Hurstbourne**

**1:00 p.m. Wildwood**

**\$600 per foursome and \$100 hole sponsor opportunities**

**Register at [saintx.com/golf](http://saintx.com/golf).**

Thanks go to our hospitality sponsors, **Byrne Dental** and **Schuler Bauer Real Estate Services**. We also thank **Stock Yards Bank & Trust** for its continued support of the \$10,000 Hole-in-One competition.

# CLASS NOTES

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## Class of 1955

Class Agents: Howard Meyer (502) 451-8800, Bob Weihe (502) 459-6397, and Jim Rademaker (502) 939-5943

Send class note submissions to h.meyer@oldkyins.com or jrad2@twc.com. If you have a new email address, please send to Howard Meyer.

We do not have current addresses for classmates **Ken Bailey**, **Bill Dalton**, and **Terry Sullivan**. If you have any information, please contact Howard Meyer.

**Ed Buckler** is still going strong. He works full-time at his home remodeling business in Naples, Fla. Say hello to Ed at buckit1@aol.com.

After graduation, **Charles "Charlie" Cutsinger** attended Ahren's Trade School. He became a master plumber and owned his own plumbing business for 54 years. He and Mary, his wife of 62 years, had six daughters. They stay busy with their 22 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

After a 35-year career with the Kroger Company, **Andy Fuchs** is retired and living in the Lyndon area. He and his wife, Judy, have four children and have been happily married for 61 years.

**John F. Casey** graduated from Notre Dame magna cum laude and received his master's degree from Syracuse University. John enjoyed a successful career in the radio communications business. He and his wife, Inghar, are retired and living in Burlington, N.C.

## Class of 1956

Class Agent: Bill Habich (502) 594-0709

The class plans to celebrate a 65-year reunion on Saturday, September 25. Invitations will mail in July.

## Class of 1957

Class Agent: Dick Mueller (502) 552-6075

The class hopes to resume monthly lunches soon. Watch for email communication from Hank Brodfehrer or email him at hankbrody1@gmail.com.

## Class of 1958

Class Agent: Carl Niemann (502) 451-6174

**Phil Hasselwander** enjoyed a special gift for his 80th birthday. Thanks to his children, he finally received a hot-air-balloon ride.



## Class of 1959

Class Agent: Doug Ganote (502) 648-0851

Class lunches will resume soon. Contact Doug Ganote for details at (502) 648-0851 or dwganote@gmail.com.

The most frequently asked question **Doug Ganote** receives is "how many classmates have passed away?" As of late February, 83 of our classmates have died.

**Des Ahern** and his wife, Sue, are healthy, have had their shots, and go to Mass at St. Brigid. They have three children and five grandchildren. Des quit smoking in 2003 and has been retired for 11 years. One of his best friends is **Jeff Fowler**. Des still golfs and sometimes sees **Ralph Wirth** when he plays at Seneca.

**Jerry Hubbs** was honored by UofL's J.B. Speed School of Engineering at the 2019 Louisville Alumni Awards ceremony.

**Fr. Jim Wiseman** lives in Washington, D.C., at St. Anselm Abby and says hello to everyone. He teaches online at Georgetown, runs every day, and is heading to England for a General Chapter meeting of Benedictine Monks. Fr. Jim is studying Spanish so he can read fascinating books. He also hopes to visit Spain in July.

**Buddy Crask** lives in Elizabethtown, Ind., on 100 acres and stays busy with the upkeep of his property and home. He had both knees replaced and developed a serious infection but has recovered. Buddy misses our monthly lunches and is looking forward to when we can get together again.

## Class of 1961

Class Agent: Ed Weis (502) 267-8120

The class will celebrate a 60-year reunion Thursday, November 4. Stay tuned for details or contact Ed Weis with questions at edwincjr@bellsouth.net.

Class lunches have resumed. Join us on the second Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m. For location details, contact Ed at edwincjr@bellsouth.net.

## Class of 1963

Class Agents: Jerry Barnes (502) 338-9710 and Bob Coomes (502) 550-2123

Members of the Class of 1963 had a quarter zip embroidered for **Mickey Schad** to commemorate his three state tennis championships at St. X. It was presented to him in December. Mickey thanks his classmates.



## Class of 1965

Class Agent: Jack Will (502) 649-4540

The class will celebrate a delayed 55-year reunion Thursday, September 23. Invitations will mail in July.

## Class of 1966

Class Agent: Ed Mayer (502) 741-0213

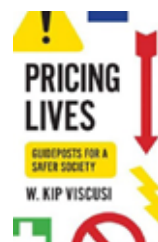
The class will celebrate a 55-year reunion June 11-12. Invitations were mailed. Register online at saintx.com/1966reunion.

Members of the class have resumed their gatherings on the first Monday of each month around 6:30 p.m. Contact Ed at 502-741-0213 or eamayer@bellsouth.net.

## Class of 1967

Class Agents: Charles Nalley (502) 821-2349, Greg Pike (502) 386-9349, Jim Ratterman (502) 553-5615, Tony Santamassino (502) 439-5039, Mike Shea (502) 609-3212, and David Vollmer (502) 939-9864

**W. Kip Viscusi** served as the President of the Southern Economic Association in 2020. His book *Pricing Lives: Guideposts for a Safer Society* was recognized by the American Risk and Insurance Association as the 2020 Book of the Year.



**Bruce Rogers** had his novel *School's Out* published by Wayzgoose Press in Eugene, Ore. He began writing it while obtaining his MFA at Boston University, but it sat untouched for decades. Bruce finally reread and edited it for publishing. It is set in the 1970s in Boston and western Colorado.

**Kenny Besser** and Bernadine Sabel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

**Mark Leppert** recently memorialized his watching of the 1986 crash of the Challenger in person.

In January, **Chuck Krebs** sold his business, Krebs Optical, to his daughter Courtney McKinney. He looks forward to traveling to see his new grandson in Seattle, Wash., and heading to Florida once he is vaccinated.

## Class of 1969

Class Agents: Steve Liebert (502) 905-3593 and Steve Lannert (502) 689-8286

**Kevin Taylor's** wife of 46 years, Patricia, passed away October 25 after a battle with esophageal cancer. Your prayers are appreciated.

**Dennis Becker** now divides his time between Louisville and Florida.

## Class of 1970

Class Agent: Tim Haas (502) 930-1159

The class plans to celebrate a delayed 50-year reunion Saturday, September 25. Invitations will mail in July.

**Bill Weyland**, Founder/Chief Strategy Officer of Weyland Ventures, LLC, was named one of *Business First's* Power 50 Honorees. This inaugural class highlights the community's most influential leaders.



In March, **Bill Wagner** retired after 22 years as CEO of Family Health Centers, Inc.

### Class of 1971

Class Agent: Bert Erny (502) 445-9987

Plans are in the works for a 50-year reunion. Stay tuned for details.

### Class of 1972

Class Agent: Pete Wimsatt (502) 299-4721

The Catholic Committee on Scouting honored **Fr. Bill Hammer** for his outstanding contributions to Catholic Boy Scouting.

### Class of 1974

Class Agent: Frank Hulsman (502) 298-5340

*Business First* has named **Bill Kaiser** one of 20 People to Know in Wealth Management and Financial Planning. He is Vice President and Trust Officer for Central Bank & Trust Co.

### Class of 1975

Class Agent:

**Alan Gates** has been named Cherokee District Eagle Board Chairman for the Lincoln Heritage Council of Boy Scouts of America. His duties will include approving potential Eagle Scout projects, meeting with Eagle Scout candidates and their Scoutmasters, serving on the Eagle Scout Boards of Review, and presentation of Eagle Scout honors.

**Charlie Hulsman** has accepted the position of Business Manager for Sts. Simon and Jude and Most Blessed Sacrament parishes. He is still Chairman of the Boy Scout Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Louisville.

### Class of 1976

Class Agent:

If you would like to assist with planning for the 45-year reunion, please contact St. X at (502) 637-8485.

### Class of 1977

Class Agent: John Raque (502) 296-5831

**David Reed** has more than 30 years of experience with the Hays Automotive Group. His roles have ranged from sales rep to career development manager to general sales manager. His current position is purchase option specialist. David invites all fellow graduates to allow him to fulfill their automotive needs. He and owner/President Billy Hays '76 take great pride in making sure Tiger alumni are treated with care. Contact David at Town & Country Ford at (502) 964-8131, on his cell (502) 435-2573, or at howiegetthere@twc.com.

### Class of 1980

Class Agent: Scott Raque (502) 419-5220

The class plans to celebrate a delayed 40-year reunion. Stay tuned for details.

**Mike Schmidt** became a volunteer firefighter in 1981. He retired in 2005 from Louisville Fire and Rescue as Captain. Mike continued his career at Fern Creek Fire Department and retired as Chief in 2019. He enjoys playing golf, traveling, and going to the lake. He has one son and one daughter.

### Class of 1981

Class Agent: Jerry Roby (502) 693-7629

The class plans to celebrate a 40-year reunion. Stay tuned for details.

The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association named **Joe Buechler** the 2020 Kentucky Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year. He is the head coach at Holy Cross High School. His teams have won four straight Class A state titles.

Two extremely talented classmates entertained us all via social media and the radio during COVID-19 lockdown. **Ben Graves** (and daughter Rebecca) performed covers from their "Living Room Studio." Ben has been a regular with several local bands over the years and has amazing musical talent! **Pat Younger** released his first EP – It Just Takes Awhile. Check out Skid Row State of Mind on YouTube. It received weekly rotational play several weeks on WFPK. He's proof that you're never too old to chase your dream. Sometimes "it just takes a while."

### Class of 1982

Class Agent:

**Tony Schmidt** joined the Kentucky Air National Guard in 1982 and has 37 years of service. He has been all over the U.S. and the world with the 123rd Air Lift National Guard. He is also Chief Master Sergeant of the Department of Military Affairs and is a Major with the Fern Creek Fire Department. He and his wife, Paula, have been married for 31 years.

### Class of 1986

Class Agents: Chris Brown (502) 639-4333 and Jim Sadlo (502) 874-6888

The class plans to celebrate a 35-year reunion Saturday, September 25 at The Bonnycastle Club. Stay tuned for details.

### Class of 1987

Class Agent: Ted Bordador (502) 262-1648

**Ja Hillebrand**, Chairman and CEO of Stock Yards Bank & Trust Co., was named one of *Business First's* Power 50 Honorees. This inaugural class highlights the community's most influential leaders.

### Class of 1988

Class Agents: Brian Doheny (502) 938-0199 and Mike Dant (502) 718-0973

The Louisville Metro Police Department promoted **Matt Meagher** to Major and assigned him to the First Division.

**Todd Case** moved back to Louisville this past July after being away more than 30 years. He recently opened his own restaurant called pizzaville, LLC. Visit him at 2901 Goose Creek Road (at the corner of Westport Road) for a great dining experience and a discount for alumni and St. X students. He is also excited his son, Jackson, will be a St. X freshman this coming fall. You can connect with Todd at brewbake11@gmail.com or (502) 381-2243.



### Class of 1989

Class Agent: Tony Wilcox (502) 262-4559

The Catholic Committee on Scouting honored **Bernie Schum** for his outstanding contributions to Catholic Boy Scouting.

### Class of 1990

Class Agent: Tim Corrigan (502) 817-4177

The class plans to celebrate a delayed 30-year reunion. Stay tuned for details.

**Jamie Brown** was named the head football coach at North Oldham High School.

### Class of 1991

Class Agent: Todd Siegel (502) 689-5318

The class plans to celebrate a 30-year reunion Friday, August 27. The River Deck at Captain's Quarters is reserved. Invitations will mail in late June.

### Class of 1992

Class Agent: John Langford (502) 718-8961

**Tony Pottinger** recently transferred with the U.S. Department of Justice from Washington, D.C., to the Louisville office, where he serves as a senior attorney. He and wife Joan are proud parents of daughters Greta (8) and Mary (4). They are excited to be in Louisville after many years in the DC area. Tony was also recently promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.

### Class of 1993

Class Agent: David Cornett (502) 417-9022

The Kentucky Commercial Real Estate Alliance named **Justin Baker** Retail Broker of the Year.



### Class of 1994

Class Agent: Glenn Davis (502) 296-3950

**Scott Catlett**, Chief Legal and Franchise Officer for Yum Brands Inc., was named one of *Business First's* Power 50 Honorees. This inaugural class highlights the community's most influential leaders.

**John Craycroft** earned his Doctor of Philosophy, Biostatistics at the University of Louisville. He was also the student commencement speaker the Fall 2020 ceremony.

### Class of 1996

Class Agent: Joe Higgins (502) 753-3043

The class plans to celebrate a 25-year reunion. Stay tuned for details.

*Business First* has named **Tendai Charasika** one of “20 People to Know in Wealth Management and Financial Planning.” He is Chief Strategy Officer for Saling Wealth Advisors. This past January, he also began his term as an entrepreneur in residence (EIR) at the University of Louisville to help guide innovations developed at UofL to market. Tendai will work with inventors and the Commercialization EPI-Center to connect UofL technologies to industry and startups.

U.S. General Services Administration promoted **Jason Hoffmann** to Director of the Southern Ill./Ind. Property Management Operations Branch. His new territory covers 22 federally owned locations and over 230 leases totaling approximately 9 million rentable square feet of space. Jason will oversee a team of five supervisors and 23 property managers.

### Class of 1999

Class Agent: Charlie Dicken (502) 693-7583

*Business First* has named **Charlie Dicken** one of “20 People to Know in Wealth Management and Financial Planning.” He is Executive Vice President and Trust Officer for First Kentucky Trust Co.

**Chris Nall** joined Atria Senior Living as the Chief Technology Officer. Chris, and his wife, Amanda, live in Louisville with their three children.

### Class of 2000

Class Agent: Brooks Mayer (502) 558-4913

The class plans to celebrate a delayed 20-year reunion. Stay tuned for details.

### Class of 2001

Class Agent: Eric Krupiczewicz (502) 468-4488

The class plans to celebrate a 20-year reunion. Stay tuned for details.

The Louisville Metro Police Department promoted **Paul Humphrey** to Lt. Colonel. He was also appointed to Assistant Chief assigned to the Administrative Bureau.



### Class of 2003

Class Agents: David Phillips (502) 417-3662 and Kevin Barger (502) 645-0232

**Paul Brangers** graduated with his Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Augusta University and passed his boards for licensure as a CRNA. Upon graduation, he and his family completed a cross-country move to Yakima, Wash.

### Class of 2004

Class Agent: Patrick McMahon (502) 558-1526

The Kentucky Commercial Real Estate Alliance named **Nick Grisanti** Vacant Land Broker of the Year.



### Class of 2005

Class Agent: Joe Tronzo (502) 291-4330

The class plans to celebrate a delayed 15-year reunion Saturday, September 25. Events include golf at Nevel Meade and a gathering at Falls City Taproom. Invitations will mail in July.

**Dr. Michael Creed** earned a Ph.D. in Molecular Medicine from the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He has accepted a post-doctoral research position with AztraZeneca Pharmaceuticals in Gaithersburg, Md. His work is centered around stem cell and cancer biology. Michael has plans to wed his fiancé, Annie, in October.

### Class of 2006

Class Agent: Matt Raque (502) 296-5891

The class plans to celebrate a 15-year reunion on Friday, August 20 at Captain's Quarters. The River Deck is reserved. Invitations will mail in late June.

### Class of 2009

Class Agents: Will Spence (502) 216-0507 and William Walker (502) 553-3405

Do you have updated contact information or a class note submission? Email **William Walker** at [wwalker95@gmail.com](mailto:wwalker95@gmail.com) or text (502) 553-3405.

### Class of 2010

Class Agent: Barrett Metzger (502) 417-1126

Plans are in the works to celebrate a delayed 10-year reunion in November. Stay tuned for details.

**David Booth** is COO of FYR Diagnostics, a firm that develops diagnostic tools for diseases with large unmet clinical needs.

**Joseph Belza, Esq.** is a Business Advisor for FYR Diagnostics, a firm that develops diagnostic tools for diseases with large unmet clinical needs. Joseph is currently Corporate Counsel at Ziopharm Oncology.

**Sam Taylor** joined Northpointe Bank as Product Coordinator and is working with Craig Spencer '87. Sam is seeing early success learning from Craig who has been in the business for 25 years. If you are purchasing or refinancing, contact Sam at (502) 821-1097.

### Class of 2011

Class Agents: Will Ford (502) 619-8907 and Ben Taylor (502) 415-1888

The class plans to celebrate a 10-year reunion in November. Stay tuned for details.

### Class of 2014

Class Agents: Devin Kelly (502) 572-0173 and Charles Walker (502) 415-0271

**Daniel Dambros** joined the Herschend Family Entertainment team, owner and operator of Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay. Daniel began his career with Kentucky Kingdom in 2014 as a Rides Operator moving up to Team Lead and Rides Supervisor. After several years as the Operations Manager and Special Assistant to General Counsel, he accepted a position with Herschend as Director of Loss Prevention, Safety and Compliance. Daniel graduated from the University of Louisville in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He is an IAAPA Certified Attractions Manager, an ILTP Lifeguard Instructor, and a certified Emergency Medical Technician.

### Class of 2016

Class Agent: Nick Eimers (502) 807-8522

The class is planning to celebrate a five-year reunion. Stay tuned for details.

Do you have updated contact information or a class note submission? Email **Nick Eimers** at [nickeimers@gmail.com](mailto:nickeimers@gmail.com) or text (502) 807-8522.

## Tiger Nation Is Growing!



Email your birth announcement and photo to [alum@saintx.com](mailto:alum@saintx.com) and receive a St. X onesie (12-month size). Be sure to include both parents' names!



# SHOW US YOUR X



Tiger Spirit Around the World – **Thomas Bardenwerper '11**, a Marine Corps PsyOps Officer, and **Joe Sadtler '77**, a Red Cross volunteer, crossed paths while at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, in March. The two were having coffee at a picnic table on base when Thomas noticed Joe's Bellarmine class ring. They quickly realized the St. X connection.

**Matt Simon '96** and his son Beckett, an incoming St. X freshman, show their X's at the St. Louis Arch.



These graduates representing six decades make their X's at a recent gathering. Pictured (l to r) are **Joe Younger '68**, **Keith Spears '88**, **Joey Willis '92**, **Stuart Sparks '98**, **George Breit '74**, **Brad Sparks '00**, **Leo Miller '75**, and **Kenny Wessel '58**.



**Phil Hasselwander '58** and his grandson **Harrison Weis '20** show their Tiger pride. Harrison is Phil's fourth grandson to graduate from St. X.

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**Xaverian Brothers**  
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Xaverian Brothers Kenney Gorman, Richard Angarola, Ward O'Connell, and Cornelius Hubbuch '54 were recognized in a drive-by as members of the senior class, faculty, and staff departed campus after graduation practice in May. These beloved residents of Ryken House are moving to Treyton Oak Towers in Louisville where they can continue living as a community. The decision to close Ryken House was made by the Xaverian Brothers order and ensures that the 10 Brothers in residence will receive appropriate care for their varied daily needs which range from independent to highly skilled.