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**Scientia:** knowledge; **Crown:** St. Margaret's;  
**Knight:** Benilde; three Benedictine Crosses

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In February, I returned to Benilde-St. Margaret's School as president after an 11 year absence. Excited and ready to engage the community again, I have been grateful to return and proud of our school every day since. My observations early on illustrate the exceptional nature of the BSM experience that our students and families enjoy.

Our mission absolutely matters! Our school is committed to the development of the whole student in body, spirit, and mind through rigorous academics, faith development, broad extracurricular opportunities, and a commitment to serve. These pillars of our students' education strike a beautiful balance that fosters meaningful, lasting growth of each individual. The mission is not only important on a personal level but resonates in our surrounding communities and even across the globe. It is a part of the BSM identity; our students influence the world.

Furthermore, the Benilde-St. Margaret's learning experience is focused on preparing our students for an economically and socially dynamic world. Our learning is rooted in faith, truth, and knowledge but also centers on skills and attitudes that will endure as our students take on new pursuits throughout life. To these ends, our talented faculty and staff guide Red Knights through authentic learning on a daily basis. As an example, last month teams of students collaborated across math and science disciplines to design a successful satellite mission to Mars.

Another defining characteristic of our school is the incredible sense of community. Our students and families are bound by their experiences whether they are grounded in Catholic faith, engaging courses, state championships, or meaningful service to others. This had never been more apparent to me than during my first few weeks back. The number of personal connections that I have made with Red Knights scattered across the globe has been astounding. Being a part of Benilde-St. Margaret's School is a lasting phenomenon.

The spring offers great opportunities for all to return to campus and enjoy the school. Our athletic teams are finally able to compete on the outdoor fields. The spring musical, *Wonderland: Alice's Rock & Roll Adventure*, featuring music composed by BSM alum **Michael Mahler '00** will certainly be a hit. Several alumni events for our graduates are on the calendar. Whether you are a current student, parent, grandparent or a Red Knight from the past, please make BSM a destination at some point in the near future.

In my time ahead as president, you can expect a dedicated and enthusiastic commitment to our school's mission. We will continue to recognize the building blocks of our past while always pushing ahead toward a promising future.

Thank you to all who have made and continue to make Benilde-St. Margaret's such a unique place. Blessings to you and your families throughout the Easter season.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Ehrmantraut'.

Dr. Adam Ehrmantraut  
President





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# A Red Knight Homecoming

## BSM's new president returns to walk the halls

**"Once a Red Knight, always a Red Knight"** is an expression we often hear repeated in the classrooms and hallways of BSM. That saying was proven true once again when BSM welcomed its next president, Dr. Adam Ehrmantraut, who assumed his new role at the beginning of February. Following an exhaustive search conducted by a board-appointed presidential search committee working in conjunction with Cohen Taylor Executive Search Services, Adam Ehrmantraut was the clear choice to lead BSM in the years ahead.

There's a certain feeling of destiny about this choice, or a homecoming, if you will. While Ehrmantraut has been a professional educator for almost twenty years, serving as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal, he actually began his teaching career at BSM in the late 1990s.

At that time, he was a social studies and business teacher, along with being an assistant hockey coach, adviser to Youth in Government, a dean, and he led mission trips to Guatemala and El Salvador. During his last year at BSM in 2006, Ehrmantraut served as interim principal.

Alums from that era remember Ehrmantraut fondly as shown by quotes such as these posted on Facebook page after he was announced as the new president:

*"He truly was one of the best teachers!"*

—Shannon (Larson) Marek '05

*"I loved Ehrmantraut! He was a great history teacher."*

—Katie (Ledin) Harwood '02

*"Boom! I had him as a teacher around 2005 or so. I can still remember his classes. Congrats!"*

—Andrew Weigman '06

Though Ehrmantraut went on to become an assistant principal at Minnetonka High School for six years, followed by a four-year stint as principal at Tartan High School in St. Paul, BSM was never far from his heart. "Since 1999, when I began working at BSM, I built a deep professional and personal connection to the school that never dissipated even as I moved to new professional experiences," says Ehrmantraut. He continued to follow BSM athletics and check the school's website to see the latest developments at BSM. "The *Crown and Shield* was still read cover to cover in my home," he adds.

Ehrmantraut goes on to say, "I believe wholeheartedly in what BSM is doing for its students with its centralized mission built around whole student education, in body, spirit, and mind. To me, that's a crucial way to look at a strong education plan." He notes that one of the initial responsibilities for the president is to observe and listen to the way BSM has framed its Benedictine, Sisters of St. Joseph, and LaSallian charisms over the past 43 years.

In addition, the way BSM puts faith into action through service work was a major draw for Ehrmantraut to return to BSM. He points out that, "Catholic identity must always be a part of BSM's culture, conversations, decisions, and plans. It must be specifically woven into the school's goals, operations, assessments, and relationships. In essence, BSM's Catholic identity must be lived daily."

Dr. Ehrmantraut also believes that the president of BSM must be extremely visible in the various settings that support whole student education. He fully intends to "be present in classrooms and at functions that celebrate academic success, to be visible at a variety of extracurricular events (football, dance, speech, etc.), and to participate actively at masses, prayer services, and retreats."



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## where his career in education began

In 2015, Ehrmantraut was recognized as one of the Minnesota Principals of the Year based on the progress at Tartan High School. He brings that same drive and striving for excellence to his position as president of BSM. He observes that, “BSM’s president must lead the school’s strategic vision to specifically address rigorous and relevant 21st century academics, service, faith development, and extracurricular experiences.” When interviewed by the *Knight Errant* on his first day on the job, Dr. Ehrmantraut told student reporters that “[My goal is] to continue to push the school forward and make sure the students’ experiences get better and better over time. [I will] make sure that all the financials of the school are in great shape so generations to come can enjoy this experience.”

Ehrmantraut earned his Bachelor’s degree from the University of Minnesota, Master’s degree from the University of St. Thomas, and his doctorate from Saint Mary’s University. He currently lives in St. Paul with his wife Mary-Megan and three children: James (10), Sophia (7), and Sadie (6). His children are already eager to become Red Knights. ▶

Finally, Dr. Ehrmantraut feels truly invigorated and excited about leading BSM at this important time in the school’s history, and he, too, acknowledges this sense of homecoming. He says, “When I began at BSM in 1999, I was part of this mission and felt completely ‘home’ working with students, parents, families, and colleagues. It was a place where families were welcomed whether they were multi-generational or new to the school. Students were pushed across a wide breadth of opportunities to develop their ‘real’ selves, and there was a true sense of vocation among the faculty and staff.”

**We say, “Welcome home, Dr. Ehrmantraut! It’s so nice to have you back where you belong.”**



## The Hall of Honor

is a recognition program designed to consistently and publicly honor the heritage of BSM, salute the dedication and service of the volunteer community, and reward the professional longevity of employees.



## Red Knight Leadership Award



### Pete and Monica Lawyer

Pete and Monica Lawyer joined the Red Knight community in 2007 and became involved immediately. The impact that they have made on the BSM community, in big and small ways, leaves a legacy in the best tradition of Red Knight leaders.

There has been a common thread among leadership winners – they have been quick to say “yes” to support and grow the BSM community. Monica contributed to Parent Association events and added her energy, expertise, and creativity to the Spirit Shop. Pete, for his part, and despite a travel schedule that rivals the busiest executive you know, accepted a position on the BSM board and served for six years. Pete brought his quick wit and keen insights to his board service, and his participation elevated the board’s work and discussions in finance, planning and marketing. In particular, the market research that Pete undertook on behalf of the school, with a team of professionals whom he assembled and led, has proved to be an invaluable resource to the school’s leadership.

With hospitality delivered in the best spirit of the Benedictines, Monica and Pete have opened their home to dozens of students for school projects and, for years, they hosted one of the marquee events related to the annual auction – the broomball tournament. The community building that Monica and Pete facilitated with these events is an outstanding example of Red Knight leadership.

Generous is the word that comes quickly to mind when you think of Pete and Monica. They have been generous with their time, their humor and laughter, their many talents, and with their gifts to Benilde-St. Margaret’s. The BSM community has been blessed by their presence.

### Katie DesLauriers Sullivan '99

**Katie DesLauriers Sullivan '99** will go down in the BSM history books as a pioneer woman. An appointment to the BSM Board of Directors in 2007, eight years after her graduation in 1999, made Katie the youngest alum to be a voting member of the board. In her six years on the board, she was extremely involved. Katie served on the Annual Fund Committee and the Planned Giving Committee. She was a member and then chair of the Advancement Committee as well as the chair of the Nominating Committee.

Katie’s journey before and after her stint on the board is a testament to her generous heart and her strong commitment to Catholic education. She moved from grade school years at St. Therese in Deephaven to BSM and then to the College of St. Benedict. Her strong roots, nurtured by family and schools, inspired her to volunteer with Common Hope in Guatemala following her college graduation.

A return to Minneapolis also resulted in a return to her alma mater. Recruited to assist with admission and alumni work, Katie jumped right in, and during the second year of her commitment she served as the Alumni Director.

Katie and her husband, Tom, have three children, all at St. Therese in Deephaven. Katie’s dedication to Catholic schools continues in Deephaven and at Benilde-St. Margaret’s. Her contagious spirit, ever-present positive attitude, and willingness to serve set the tone for others and provide much-needed leadership for Catholic schools.

Since Katie’s appointment to the board, three other grads from the '90s have served, or are currently serving, their alma mater as part of this important group. As a pioneer, Katie set a wonderful example for others to follow.



# The 2017 Honorees

have made a significant contribution to the lives of many in the Benilde-St. Margaret's and greater community. They were honored at the 2017 Hall of Honor Celebration and Awards Dinner, January 30, at BSM.

**Red Knight Leadership Award** | Pete and Monica Lawyer  
Katie DesLauriers Sullivan '99

**Distinguished Alumni Award** | Al Woodward '59  
Maureen Warren '75  
Danielle Grant '91

**Volunteer Service Award** | Sheila Jones  
Connie Linder  
Michelle Fournier Weber '83

**Twenty-Year Club Inductees** | Kathy Jacobson  
Judy Koski  
Alisa May  
Ken Pauly  
Jeff Steffenson  
Nancy Stockhaus

## Distinguished Alumni Award

### Al Woodward

**Al Woodward** '59 is a graduate of the very first class of Benilde High School, the Class of 1959. After graduating from Benilde, he attended St. John's University getting a Bachelor of Arts degree. He then continued his education at the University of Minnesota where he earned his law degree in 1966. He was admitted to practice law for the State of Minnesota, the U.S. District Court of Minnesota and the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1967. He joined Stinson, Leonard and Street where he represented a wide range of clients on corporate and business issues for over 40 years. He specialized in corporate finance, securities laws, and mergers and acquisitions. Al has been named among the *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of corporate law.

While his experience in law is vast, this distinguished alum has also held many civic and professional positions throughout his life. He has given both time and treasure back to his community and has truly made a difference in the lives of many. Al served as a past member and chair of the Board of Directors for Cretin-Derham Hall, Risen Christ School, and the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Minnesota. He has also served on the Board of Directors for Lifeworks Services, Inc., Friends of Chimbote and Kids First. He is a former trustee and chair of the Pension Trusts as well as a member of the Investment Advisory Committee for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Al was the chair of the Securities Section of the Hennepin County Bar Association and he has volunteered his time on the alumni board and the national alumni association for St. John's University for many years. He was honored by St. John's in 2013 for an Alumni Achievement Award.



### Maureen Warren

**Maureen Warren** '75 attended St. Margaret's Academy for three years and was a product of the school merger, graduating in the first Benilde-St. Margaret's class in 1975.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from College of St. Catherine and her law degree from the University of Minnesota. Early in her career, Maureen held senior leadership positions in affordable housing and community development with Fannie Mae and the Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. She also practiced law for three years and served as a policy aide to the mayor and Director of Intergovernmental Relations for the city of St. Paul.

In 2010 Maureen was named President and CEO of Children's Home Society & Family Services. She led the organization through a transformational period during which Lutheran Social Service and Children's Home Society partnered to join the two adoption services.

Since 2013 Maureen has served as the Vice President and Chief Family Services Officer of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. She oversees mental health counseling, financial counseling, youth and refugee services, housing services and the operations for the Center for Changing Lives in Minneapolis. In 2015 Maureen also assumed the role of the president of Children's Home Society.

Maureen lives in St. Paul with her son, Samuel, who was born in Vietnam. Maureen adopted Samuel in January 2002 with the support of Children's Home Society.



### Danielle Grant

**Danielle Grant** '91 graduated from BSM in 1991 and continued her education at Marquette University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and English. She then returned to Minneapolis to be the membership

director and training manager for the Girl Scout Council - River Valley. The mission of Girl Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Danielle took this mission to heart, made it her own, and soon forged a path advocating for the success of youth in underserved populations in Minneapolis.

She was named the Director of Indian Education in the Minneapolis Public Schools in 2008. At that time, she also completed her Master of Public Affairs in Leadership and Management of Public and Non-profit Organizations. Danielle worked hard to build partnerships between the school system and the Native American community. She also helped secure millions of dollars in grants and led systems-level change to help ensure that all students received academic, cultural, and social-emotional support to be successful learners.

Currently Danielle is the president and CEO of AchieveMpls, the strategic nonprofit partner of Minneapolis Public Schools. AchieveMpls strives for career and college readiness for every Minneapolis student. This nonprofit provides work-readiness training, paid internships, and professional mentoring to students in Minneapolis high schools and connects them with over 800 volunteers who work to facilitate student success in college and career endeavors.



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## Volunteer Service Award



### Sheila Jones

Sheila Jones is cool, calm, collected, and extremely congenial. An active volunteer at her sons' grade school, St. Bart's, Sheila accepted her first official position on the Parent Association Board early in the careers of the Jones boys, **Charlie** '15 and **Christopher** '17. Community Wellness was her first challenge, and it was an evolving area definitely enhanced by Sheila and those with whom she worked.

All of those C traits were probably tested during her next task, the Junior High Activities Committee. And, a year later, as vice president of the Parent Association, she continued to help in that area.

Recognizing her professionalism and her leadership, the Parent Association tapped her for the vice president's position and then she continued the next year in the president's role. Her approach was a sensible one, one that sought to simplify the processes and events while maintaining the quality of the events and staying true to the mission of the Parent Association and the school. And, when she was on a break from those official duties, she was probably working at Treasure Hunt.

Sheila was a Friday girl and a manager in the Spirit Shop. Her calm manner was the perfect answer for the normal craziness of the end of the week in a school. Following her time on the Parent Association board, she chaired the annual auction. *A Knight for All Seasons* 2016 was a huge success, and Sheila added her own touch with the wine party before the event.

Throughout her Red Knight years, Sheila's no-drama approach kept everyone grounded, on task, and happy. Sheila was ever present and ever pleasant.



### Connie Linder

Connie Linder is a woman on a mission and that mission included countless volunteer contributions to BSM. The comment by another volunteer that, "whatever you need done, she can do it," was an absolute truth.

Gardner Connie was in charge of the plant sale during **Chaz's** '17 first year in the junior high. It was the perfect "first assignment" for this high energy, very organized, and plant-knowledgeable volunteer. Even now, six years later, Connie is the human reference guide for plant identification. Next on her agenda was hospitality. Her outgoing and cheerful personality, coupled with her attention to detail and organizational expertise was well suited for welcoming students, parents, and guests.

Connie knows how to host great parties, so chairing the Social Programs Committee was a natural. She was able to direct and help those in charge of the Father/Daughter, Mother/Son, Senior Party, Mom's Nights Out, and more.

*A Knight for All Seasons* was next on Connie's mission list and she was a resourceful, persistent, creative and reliable solicitor for silent auction items. There are never people clamoring to be on the silent auction committee, but Connie was definitely up to the task.

One of Connie's friends described her as a woman with purpose – another version of a woman on a mission. She walks with purpose, organizes with purpose, plans with purpose, and executes with purpose. BSM was blessed with this woman whose "mission work" was so beneficial to our community.

Nominations for the 2018 Hall of Honor will be accepted through August 1, 2017.  
Go to [www.BSMschool.org/hallofhonor](http://www.BSMschool.org/hallofhonor) to download the nomination form.



# Twenty-Year Club Inductees

The Twenty-Year Club is a proud and loyal group of Red Knight faculty and staff members. There were six new inductees honored in 2017.



**Michelle Weber**

When BSM alumna **Michelle Fournier Weber '83** returned to her alma mater as a parent, she quickly joined the volunteer ranks. Her first official volunteer gig was Baccalaureate, and from there she just kept on going. The Spirit Shop was her next stop, a most appropriate spot for this former cheerleader. For years she was one of the moms dealing with special orders – a complicated and sometimes thankless job. She always had the best interests of the kids at heart, and she had a path worn to Jerry Pettinger's office, ensuring that all garments met the school's standards! Michelle is currently the creative force behind the Spirit Shop display case and the chalkboard wall in the shop.

The Parent Association benefitted from Michelle's skills when she served as the chair of social programs and a member of the enrollment committee. **Kevin '83** and Michelle have both worked diligently to help the admissions team and they spearheaded the annual fund effort in 2010. Open Houses and the parent ambassador program are definite Weber favorites.

With three very involved students – **Julia '12**, **Jay '15** and **Eric '19** – Michelle has had the opportunity to help with countless extracurricular events. Three captains – tennis, football and lacrosse – and four class presidents make for busy days and nights.

Michelle has always been involved with the annual auction, soliciting, organizing, and spoiling volunteers – and many others – with her homemade treats. She has graciously agreed to chair the 2017 event. Michelle is kind, positive, sincere, spirited and competent. BSM is fortunate that there is one more year before she graduates for a second time.



**Judy Koski**



**Alisa May**



**Ken Pauly**



**Jeff Steffenson**




**Nancy Stockhaus**




**Kathy Jacobson**

# Down the Rabbit Hole with Michael Mahler



When the stage lights come up in the Hamburge Theater on May 4, 2017, it will be another in a series of career highlights for **Michael Mahler '00**.

BSM will be the first high school to perform "*Wonderland: Alice's Rock & Roll Adventure*," with music and lyrics by Michael and co-lyricist and book writer Rachel Rockwell.



Originally produced by the Chicago Children's Theater in 2015, the production rights recently became available. The BSM directorial team jumped at the chance to produce this fun take on a classic story.

In this version, Alice is a young musician feeling stifled by the creative constraints of Victorian life. She travels to Wonderland, encountering several characters with different musical styles and sounds. Eventually, she uses what she learns to battle the Jabberwocky of self-doubt, unleash her inner rock star and become a queen.



As a student at BSM, Michael was involved in various activities including student council, math league, and journalism, but it was his early interest in music and performing that led him down his current path. He has fond memories of Tom Backen's "multiple intelligence" projects for AP Lit class. Mr. Backen remembers as well. "It is not exaggeration to say that Mike Mahler blew us all away when he walked to the front of the room, sat on a stool, played his guitar, and sang an original song he wrote inspired by the character of Telemachus in Homer's *The Odyssey*. Mike was always very humble about his phenomenal talent, but when he finished, there was an awesome feeling that we had all witnessed something remarkable."

A fixture on the BSM stage with lead roles throughout his high school career, he also extended his gifts beyond the stage. Although his first compositions were mostly pop songs performed by his band with an eye on impressing girls, Michael was encouraged by choir directors Kate Cuddy and Nancy Stockhaus to put his composition skills to work in a liturgical format. He became the youngest songwriter to be published by the liturgical music giant, GIA. He was also given recording opportunities working with liturgical greats David Haas, Gary Daigle and Marty Haugen. "*Give Your Gifts*" Volumes One and Two were both recorded with BSM students. Michael also recorded his own CD, *How Can We Be Silent?* in 2003.

Growing up in a musical family, Michael doesn't remember a time when his parents weren't involved in one musical endeavor or another. He was always tagging along to choir practice or play rehearsal. His love of music developed early. He started piano lessons around age four and taught himself guitar in junior high. He started writing songs to express something true and heartfelt, something that really resonated from his life and experiences. He always knew he wanted to pursue music as a career. "At one point, I wanted to be Beethoven. At one point, I wanted to be John Lennon. At one point, I wanted to be George M. Cohan. I always knew music would be a part of my life."

After graduating from Northwestern University, Michael stayed in the Chicago area performing and composing. A typical day for him can involve writing or rehearsal, as either an actor or music director. Evenings are spent at home with his wife Dara Cameron, also a performer, and their "terrible" dog Julian. Occasionally he can be found playing with his band, The Lincoln Squares.

Even with his success, Michael still has "I can't believe I get to do this" moments. Lately he has been collaborating with Claude-Michel Schoenberg and Alain Boublil (*Les Miserables*).

"What inspires me most about these two men, other than the incredible songbook they have created, is their dedication to the craft. Even though their shows are huge hits, they continue to work and rewrite and refine them to make them better than they were. That willingness to continue to tweak and perfect and explore is humbling and inspiring."

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It's clear Michael mirrors that work ethic. He is currently contributing additional lyrics to the Broadway revival of *Miss Saigon*, as well as continuing to develop *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, which premiered at the Children's Theatre Company in Minneapolis last year. He's also writing an adaptation of the Universal motion picture *The Secret of My Success*.

In choosing a project, Michael considers three things – it can be good for the soul, good for the career, or good for the bank account. He prefers projects that satisfy at least two of these criteria. He's drawn to stories that reflect his worldview, and tends to write optimistic shows. He enjoys working with others and the collaborative process. "A whole community of artists have to come together to make a great show. As a writer, that's a whole lot of people who have to get excited and inspired by what you're writing. This leads to constant negotiations, compromises, rewrites, and revisions. But if you embrace that fact, and learn to enjoy collaborating, you come up with something so much greater than the sum of its parts."

## **Wonderland: Alice's Rock & Roll Adventure**

Performance times:

**Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m.**

**Friday, May 5, 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 6, 2 and 7 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m.**

Visit [www.bsmschool.org/drama](http://www.bsmschool.org/drama)  
to buy your tickets today!



# Staying Connected Through Coaching

Every year, family members, friends, teachers, and coaches fill the entryway of Benilde-St. Margaret's to watch BSM seniors sign contracts to play Division I collegiate athletics. While cameras click away, pairs of athletes and coaches wrap their arms over each others' shoulders and smile.

This is the joy of being a coach, or an adviser of any sort: getting to connect with the students through the activities you both love. However, for a select group of roughly 40 coaches and advisers, the joy of coaching goes all the way back to high school, when they themselves were BSM students.

Now coaching for the basketball team that he once played on, **Seborn Yancy '03**, finds that his alumni status helps him be a better coach.



He explains, "I think it benefits me a lot because I know the culture of the basketball program; it helps students learn more about the culture too. I still know a lot of the plays because Coach Moore has run the program for a long time."

Spanning 50 years, this group continues a long tradition of alumni coaches and advisers here at BSM:

Jake Donlin '14, Boys' Lacrosse  
Natalie Dorsey '10, Dance Team  
Matt Draxler '07, Boys' Lacrosse  
Peter Enz '08, Nordic Ski  
Ehren Essler '98, Football, Hockey, Baseball and Lacrosse  
Tim Forby '86, Boys' Soccer  
Zach Forschler '08, Boys' Basketball  
Michael Fuller '02, Football  
Chris Gabler '81, Softball  
Amanda Gales '11, Dance Team  
Bill Gorriell '64, Girls' Hockey and Golf

Anna Hickey '06, Speech  
Laura Hickey '09, Speech  
Mike Hickey '04, Boys' Lacrosse  
Amy Jo Reinhart Hyde '89, Junior High Yearbook and Student Council  
Patrick Johnson '08, Boys' Lacrosse  
Paul Keefe '75, Pep Band  
Megan Kern '86, Senior Class Adviser  
Kari Koshiol '99, Knight Errant  
Rachel Kuzma Olson '93, Senior High Student Council  
Bennett Lang '05, Boys' Basketball  
Kevin Lebahn '12, Boys' Soccer  
Jonathan Lynch '08, Boys' Basketball  
Chris McGowan '91, Boys' Hockey

John Moore '74, Boys' Basketball  
Dave Platt '85, Boys' Soccer  
Kaia Preus '09, Speech and Senior High Student Council  
Tim Quealy '02, Boys' Soccer  
Anne Rondoni Tavernier '05, Speech  
Fran Dwyer Sather '75, Volleyball  
Abby Sauer '14, Girls' Lacrosse  
Claire Shea '05, Speech  
Alex Smith '11, Debate  
Caroline Stroh '83, Drama  
Vanessa Wasche '02, Speech  
Josh Werkmeister '14, Boys' Lacrosse  
Seborn Yancy '03, Boys' Basketball





**John Moore** '74 started coaching the BSM boys' varsity basketball team 22 years ago, and though his commitment began with his love for the game, he has remained a coach at BSM because of BSM itself. "I have to say that for me, the two biggest reasons I coach are that I want to be here [at BSM] and then my passion for basketball. Alumni want to pass something on. That's why we come back. We want to help out, and coaching is a great way to stay connected to this community," Moore said.

Assistant speech coach and senior high student council adviser, **Kaia Preus** '09, feels this same connection. Asked to help coach the speech team on her very first day of teaching at BSM, Preus jumped at the chance to be a part of her old team. "[Coaching speech] has been amazing...I still feel a sense of ownership of the speech team, and I don't know if I would feel the same way if I was at a different high school. I mean, those kids [on the speech team] are my people."

**Amanda Gales** '11, now in her third year of coaching the Knightettes dance team, sees the benefits of being back at BSM. "It is a whole new world coaching somewhere where I am especially comfortable and confident. It is fun to see some of the teachers I had while attending BSM and reconnect with them as an adult. Plus, I get to use the staff restroom."

Of course, alums also understand what it means to be a Red Knight. For **Tim Forby** '86, who played varsity soccer and now coaches soccer for the junior high boys' red team, the Red Knight spirit is what keeps him coaching. "At the beginning of every season the head boys' soccer coach, **Dave Platt** '85, sits down and goes through the expectations, and the expectations are high. That's part of what I enjoy about being here [at BSM.] You are representing the school when you are wearing the red and white."

This theme of pride comes up when speaking with most of the alumni coaches. The head JV coach for boys' hockey, **Chris McGowan** '91 explains, "There is nothing I take greater pride in than when people ask me where I went to high school and where I coach. That's huge for me. I love the fact that BSM has given me what I have, and I can give back and be a part of something that is growing. I wish every alum would do it. As an alum, you understand what we are trying to do at BSM, and it's not just coaching—it's building community and navigating the good and the bad together."

After eight years of advising the junior high student council, **Amy Jo Reinhart Hyde** '89, sees this all the time. "Extracurricular programs, especially for 7th graders, gives students a chance to be involved, to meet others and make social connections, to have fun and to be a part of the school, but mostly, because junior high is all about trying things and exploring different elements of yourself, these athletics and activities help students build their identity."

The value of extracurricular programs goes beyond community building to improving the individual student experience. **Fran Dwyer Sather** '75, who started coaching volleyball when her daughter became a Red Knight, believes sports and activities are an essential part of the day. "You know, students have so much school work, and exercise is important as well. We have academic rigor here, and you have to balance it."

And then, of course, the time on the court, field, or rink can be instructive. **Bill Gorrill** '64, who coaches both girls' hockey and girls' golf, finds that the best part of coaching "is that 'Ah-Ha!' moment. When you are trying to get a concept across, and they finally get it, it's like you are passing along something. They understand and appreciate it—the light bulb goes on."

Coaching, as an alum, is a way to give back to the team and the community. "My coaches helped me through a difficult time in my life, and without them I would not be where I am today. They believed in me when I didn't always believe in myself. They pushed me to my limits, so I was constantly learning more about myself and what I was capable of doing. I felt this opportunity to coach was God opening the door for me to be there for these girls just as my coaches were there for me," Gales said.

But, there may be a downside to being an alumni coach. The first year that Gorrill started coaching girls' hockey, one of the kids asked when he graduated. At first, Gorrill refused to tell the players, but they kept pestering him. So he finally relented, and one student immediately responded, "My mom wasn't even born then!" Gorrill isn't alone. Sather actively tries to avoid that reaction every year. "When [the players] find out that I went here, I try not to say the year. They try to find my picture [in the hallway], and when they do, the reaction is always about the hair."

So why coach? McGowan sums it up well: "It's my way of paying it forward. Albeit 25 years ago, I've never forgotten the impact that BSM had on my life. It's really been the foundation of my life."

**After the final whistle is blown, and the seniors have become alums themselves, BSM's alumni coaches get ready for the next season because they love the game, they love the students, and they love BSM.**

# BSM's Annual

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# May 18



# Day of Giving

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Every year, we rely on our BSM community to consider a gift to the Annual Fund as they are able.

Come together with other families, alumni, students, grandparents and friends to meet our funding goal!



*"Aside from an excellent education, Benilde-St. Margaret's offers opportunities for leadership, friendship and growing in faith. The Annual Fund provides support for these opportunities beyond simply providing tuition assistance. We donate because we want to make sure as many students as possible have the chance to attend a school that offers the resources for success."*

—The Birkeland Family

Peter, Liz, Nels '20 visit  
Andrew '14 at Creighton  
University

# , 2017

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[www.bsmschool.org/dayofgiving](http://www.bsmschool.org/dayofgiving) to make a lasting gift.

# ALUMNI | NEWS

1961

**Sharon Cox-Dean** published a collection of short stories in her children's book, *"There is A Story Behind Every Door."* The book is about the diversity of a neighborhood and is best suited for children age five to ten years old. It is currently available through Amazon.

1973

Friends attended the 2017 Hall of Honor celebration at BSM to honor **Maureen Warren '75**, sister of classmate **Mary Warren**: (l-r) **Diane Hogan, Nancy Wesley Battaglia, Beth Delmonico Gloppen, Mary Warren McNamara** and **Kathy Tickle**. ▼



1975

Alumni supported the donation of a new 3-D Stacker printer for the engineering lab: (l-r) BSM teachers **Paul Wichser, Kirsten Hoogenakker** and **Peter Kirwin**, **Maggie Mills '07, Mark Ryan, Norston Fontaine, Pat Nikolai, Russ Schumer** and **John Cich**. Another classmate and donor, **Miriam Olson**, is not pictured. Russ's son **Mitch Schumer '08** is employed with Stacker. ▼



Classmates and friends gathered for a photo at the BSM Hall of Honor ceremony at BSM on January 30: (l-r) **Bill Cottrell, Maureen Warren, Paul Keefe, Ann Stringer Roth** and **Norton Hatlie**. ▼



Friends traveled to Ireland last fall: (l-r) **Bob Ruff, John Dwyer, Tim Lutz, Tim Miller, Greg Kemp, Terry Carr, Pat Walter** and **Tom Sweeney**. ▲

1980

When **Lisa Kemp Woods** came to town, classmates gathered to catch up: (l-r) **Bonnie Schumer Reynoldson, Rita Reiser Nordness, Julie Ortler Palach, Mary Schieffer Scanlon, Lisa, and Mike Earnhart**. ▶



1983

Bunny's is always a good place to catch up: (l-r) **Steve Randall, Kevin Weber, Chris Bartels, Matt Schumacher, Mike Happe** and **John Rosenthal**. **John Lewis** was also at the gathering but missed the photo. ▼



A BSM alumni gathering in Chicago brought classmates **John Simons, Chris Bowler, and David Lucke** together at Revival Social Club. The restaurant is co-owned by Chris Bowler and located on Granville Avenue. ▼



1986

**Catherine McGraw McGlinch** received the Distinguished Service Award from CASE (the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education) for her 17 years of volunteer leadership. Catherine works as the Chief Development Officer, Medicine and Health, at the University of Minnesota Foundation.

1987

**Charles Hubbell** met **Mo Perry '99** when he was the junior high drama director and Mo was a student actor. Many years (and productions) later, they are performing in their first show together on the Guthrie stage, *The Royal Family*.

1991

**Shelly Link** and **Adam Lenhart** are excited to announce the birth of their baby girl, **Charleston Michael**, on December 12. Shelly works for Dart Transit and Adam is with Proximo Spirits.

1993

**Michael Benham** and **Junia Joseph** were married on November 26, 2016, in Fort Lauderdale. ▼





1995

**Devean George** was a featured speaker at BSM on February 16. Devean spoke to the student body about attending BSM, playing in the NBA and his recent return to North Minneapolis to build affordable housing for the community. Devean was recently named to the 40 under 40 list by Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal.

1996

**Biz McShane-Murphy** led the Presidential Search Committee in hiring BSM's new school president, Dr. Adam Ehrmantraut. Biz is an associate in the Financial Officers Practice with Heidrick & Struggles. Biz and her husband, Francis, have two children, Eoin and Erin. She is a current member of the BSM Board of Directors. Biz and her family attend Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and live in Edina.

1997

**Patrick Bottiger** published a book called *The Borderland of Fear: Vincennes, Prophetstown, and the Invasion of the Miami Homeland*. The book explores conflict and violence in the Ohio River Valley in the nineteenth century. Patrick is an assistant professor of history at Kenyon College.

1998

**Sarah Wilm Hunter** was inducted into the Southwest Minnesota Nursing Honor Society in November. She is pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing through Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. Sarah works as a registered nurse at Douglas County Hospital in Alexandria.

**Becky Kemp Ryerson** and husband Mark welcomed their fourth child, Cecelia Joan, into the world on November 18, 2016. Cecelia's older siblings are McCarthy (4) Galow (3), and Carole (22 months).

1999

**Megan Humphries** has returned to BSM to volunteer at the *A Knight for All Seasons* Auction for seven consecutive years. In November, the event was held at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest in Minnetonka. **Sarah Wilm Hunter '98** joined Megan in volunteering at the registration table this past fall.

2000

**Bobby Brown** spoke to religion classes at BSM in March about the nonprofit organization he started in 1998 called Bobby Brown's Beyond the Court Violence Prevention Initiatives. Bobby and family members were involved in a drive-by shooting in 1997 that left Bobby in a wheelchair with a spinal cord injury. To date, his nonprofit has reached thousands of youth and aims to raise awareness about the effects of violence in the community. Recently, Bobby also launched a Books & Basketball Mentoring Matters program that partners "at risk" youth with African American males who work in fortune 500 companies.

2002

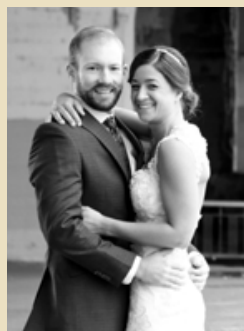
Bridget and **Peter Carlson** welcomed baby girl Wesley Antonia into the world on December 14, 2016. Peter works for Hennepin County and Bridget is an audiologist at the VA. The Carlsons live in St. Louis Park.

2004

U.S. Army Sergeant **James W. Hanna** was awarded the North Country Chapter of The American Red Cross 2016 Real Hero Military Award. James is currently stationed in Fort Drum, New York. The award is given by the Red Cross to citizens whose extraordinary acts of service have made them real heroes in the community.

**Kelly Rodgers** and Evan Holmes were married

on December 30, 2016, at St. Mary of the Lake Church. Kelly is teaching and coaching at Hamline University and working part time at a law firm in Hopkins. Evan is a financial advisor at Captrust. The Holmes family lives in Long Lake. ▶



2005

**Jill Hance Miller** opened a do-it-yourself workspace called Projects in Person (PIP) in Hopkins. The shop offers customers the materials and tools to create a home decor project from its list of options. Classmates supported Jill's new business venture at the grand opening celebration; back row (l-r) **Alex Falencykowski, Molly Mlnarik Wolford, Joe Helms, Kaitlin Sundberg, Ally Draxler Cameron** and **Devin Harrington**; front row (l-r) **Hannah Smith Helms, Jill** and **Kellyn McNaught**. ▼



2006

**Sean Wyley** and Jacqueline Pittman were married on July 30, 2016, in Nashville, Tennessee. Sean is doing his MBA at the Carlson School of Management and Jackie is a chemical engineer in the R&D department at General Mills. The Wyleys live in Maple Grove. ▼



**Katy Kopp** and Zach Horan were married on November 12, 2016, at the Basilica of St. Mary. Katy works for Boston Scientific in Maple Grove as a senior product manager and Zach works in sales for Oracle. The Horans live in Hugo. ▼



2008

**Mack Morris** and Holly Moore were married on April 2, 2016, at Saint Thomas Catholic Church in Amarillo, Texas. Mack and Holly live in College Station, Texas, where Mack is a television meteorologist at KBTX and Holly is a kindergarten teacher. ▼



**John Liekhus** and Jess Crelly were married on November 26, 2016, at St. Olaf Catholic Church. **Fr. Jim Liekhus '97** presided and many family members were present to celebrate: front row (l-r) **Al Liekhus, Mary Beth Ferrian Liekhus '68, Nathan Idelkope, Sam Idelkope, Eli Idelkope, Marie Liekhus Idelkope '98** and **Dr. Brian Idelkope**; back row (l-r) **Gregory Liekhus '95, Brandon Liekhus, Jess Liekhus, John, Fr. Jim Liekhus '97** and **Carly Liekhus**. ▼







**Erik Hoeg and Katie Renier** '09 were married on July 30, 2016, at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Medina. Erik is a senior firmware engineer at Medtronic and Katie is a 4th grade teacher at Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion. The Hoegs live in Maple Grove. ▼

**2009**

**Nicole Kivo and Elle Mohs** returned to the Target Center in February to watch the 2017 dance

team win the jazz state championship. Nicole and Elle wore their "back-to-back" state championship shirts from 2008 and 2009. ▼



**Patrick Cron and Megan Schmidt** were married on September 3, surrounded by family and friends. Patrick works for HelpSystems in Eden Prairie and Megan is involved with Folds of Honor Minnesota, a nonprofit that provides educational scholarships to military families. The Crons recently purchased a home in Plymouth. ▼



**Bailey Ribich and Kevin Kosiek** were married on November 19, 2016, at the Basilica of St. Mary. ▼

**2011**

Classmates celebrated their 5-year reunion over Thanksgiving weekend. Reunion organizers **Peter Schubloom** and **Maddy Moore** celebrated together. ▼



**2012**

Alums attended a Northwestern University basketball game to see **Sanjay Lumpkin** play in January: **Sevy Gondeck**, **Sanjay**, Tika Peterson and **Simon Gondeck**. ▼



**2013**

**Sophia Flumerfelt** and two teammates from Normandale Community College tied for second place in the national Community College Innovation Challenge sponsored by the National Science Foundation in August. Their team became finalists selected for their idea to install hydrokinetic turbines to generate renewable energy from the discharge at wastewater treatment plants. Their plan could potentially save about \$400 million a year nationwide. Sophia is now enrolled at California Polytechnic State University.



**Sara Taffe** of the Hamilton College women's hockey team scored her first career overtime goal and added an assist in a win against Bowdoin. Just 45 seconds into the extra frame, Taffe scored her first goal of the season to give the Continentals the win and the weekend split after losing to Bowdoin the day before.

**Rachel Thorstenson** was voted homecoming queen for the University of North Dakota in October. Rachel is a senior majoring in biology. ▼



**2014**

**Danny Hogan** is a junior captain on the tennis team at St. Olaf College.

**Christian DuLaney** finished as runner-up for the second year at the National Junior College Athletic Association's Wrestling National Championships. Christian wrestles for Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville, Iowa.

Graduates celebrated their friendship over beverages in Munich, Germany, while they all study abroad in different areas: (l-r) **Nick Birney**, **Grant Anderson**, **Mikey Lamb**, **Thomas Stone**, **Eric Stanley** and **Michael Patton**. ▼



**2015**

**Hannah Scherer** was named to the dean's list in the University of Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters for outstanding scholarship during the Fall 2016 semester.

**Logan Kass** took 1st place in a Greco-Roman wrestling tournament in Austria. Logan is in the mechanical engineering program at Northern Michigan. ▼





## In Memoriam

Angeline Bartlett  
Mother of Sharon Bartlett Holonitch '68  
Kim '70 – deceased  
Gary '72 - deceased  
Elizabeth '78  
Camille Hetman

Beatrice Beddor  
Mother of Catherine Beddor Robin '67  
Brian '69  
Deborah Beddor Roth '70  
Michael '71  
Sandra  
Kevin '73  
John  
Mary Beddor Meuwissen  
Billy  
Patrick '86

Linda Carney  
Mother of Matthew '11

Stephen Carr '72  
Father of Brian '07

Robert Delmore  
Father of Kathleen Delmore Iverson '67  
Paul '70 – deceased  
Dan '72  
Sheila Delmore Thelemann '76

John Dorsey  
Father of Andrew '00  
Rob '05

Mary Falink  
Mother of Mitch '85

Ray Ferrian  
Father of Mary Beth Ferrian Liekhus '68  
Barbara Ferrian Munnely '71  
Jeanne '72  
Betsy Ferrian O'Brien  
Patty

Rose Fier  
Mother of Teresa Fier Mucci  
Robert  
Fr. Brian  
Kristin Fier Welin '83  
Justin '89  
Jonathan '89

Mary Schmitz Gonyer '67  
Sister of Barb Schmitz Hughes '55

Peggy Grogan  
Mother of Ben '15  
Jacob  
Elizabeth

Dorothy Waldmann Gruidl '38  
Mother of Beth-Anne Gruidl Rowe '74  
Mollie Gruidl Tobias

Vidal Guzman  
Husband of Lidibette Rosado-Guzman,  
past faculty  
Father of Yesenia  
Marieli '06  
Vidal '15  
Xiomara '19

James Hand  
Husband of Mary Klick Hand '59  
Father of Mike '87  
Kathleen Hand Reeves '89  
Patricia Hand Awsumb '90  
Richard

Joseph Hartle '61  
Father of Jon '84  
James '85 – deceased  
Jennafer Hartle Wells '87  
Josh  
Brother of David '59 – deceased  
Andrew '62  
Philip '65 – deceased  
James '68  
Edward '75  
Cathy Hartle Larsen  
Jeanne Hartle Hamlin  
Mary Alice

Gerald Kastner  
Father of Jaime '84  
Kelli Kastner Nemer '87

John Klein '75

Mary Kathleen Dougherty Leisz '49

Mary Malone McGovern '44

Craig William Nelson '62

Thomas O'Brien  
Husband of Sue Burt O'Brien '63  
Father of Terry '85  
Shannon O'Brien Arseneau '86  
Dan '87  
Kelly '91

Frits Roozendahl  
Father of Suzanne '91  
Robert '01

Larry Roupe

Bernadine Lohmar Sheehan '36  
Mother of Donna Sheehan Longo '65  
Nora Sheehan Branconi '67  
Mark '70  
Rita Sheehan Urbanek '73

Kathy Shibrowski  
Mother of Aaron '07  
Michael '09

Catherine Gersdorf Slattery '63

Roger Zierke  
Husband of Kathleen Petroski Zierke '80  
Father of Steven '08  
Charles  
Cynthia

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## Reunion Information

If your graduation year ends in a 2 or a 7,  
2017 is your reunion year.

For additional information or to help with reunion plans,  
contact Mary Fran O'Keefe, at [mfokeefe@BSMSchool.org](mailto:mfokeefe@BSMSchool.org) or 952-915-4360.

# Bulletin Board

## Reunion Information

Whether celebrating 10 years or 50, classes from SMA, Benilde, and BSM embrace the opportunity to get together and reconnect with their classmates. If you graduated in a year ending in a 2 or a 7, it is your reunion year. For additional information or to help with reunion plans, contact Mary Fran O'Keefe, at [mfokeefe@BSMSchool.org](mailto:mfokeefe@BSMSchool.org) or 952-915-4360.

**SMA 1948** • Thursday, May 18, 11:30 a.m., Park Tavern, 3401 Louisiana Avenue South, St. Louis Park •  
**Reunion Contact:** Rosemary Kleve Madden

**SMA 1967** • Saturday, September 16, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Jax Café Minneapolis • **Reunion Contact:** Sue Meyer Colten at [suecolten@gmail.com](mailto:suecolten@gmail.com) or Kathy McGonagle at [kmcgonagle2012@gmail.com](mailto:kmcgonagle2012@gmail.com).

1965 Alums  
Take Note

### Put September 16, 2017, on your calendar

The high school Class of 1965 will be hosting an "AROUND 70 BIRTHDAY BASH" at the Knights of Columbus, Marion Hal. The evening will include rolling to "The DelCounts," appetizers, cash bar and lots of memorable conversation. Other schools receiving information are Holy Angels, DeLaSalle, Regina, St. Thomas, Washburn, Southwest, St. Louis Park, Edina and Visitation. Any questions please contact: John Lilly at [jlilly2@comcast.net](mailto:jlilly2@comcast.net)

**BSM 1998** • Please contact Stacie Garvert Shea at [staciemshea@gmail.com](mailto:staciemshea@gmail.com) if you are interested in planning for the 2018 reunion.

## Upcoming Alumni Events

### Alumni Lacrosse

Thursday, June 15

6:30 p.m. BSM Stadium

Bring family and friends, and stay for a barbecue after the game.

### Alumni Soccer

Thursday, August 10

6:30 p.m. BSM Stadium

Bring family and friends, and stay for a barbecue after the game.

### Alumni Cross Country

Saturday, August 19

10 a.m. Bass Lake Park • 1-mile run

### Alumni Service Opportunity

July 9-18, 2017

God's Child Project – Antigua, Guatemala

If you are interested in joining BSM teachers and students on this trip, please contact Matt McMerty-Brummer at [mmcmerty-brummer@BSMSchool.org](mailto:mmcmerty-brummer@BSMSchool.org)

## Alumni ALBUM

## Hall of Honor

Many graduates returned to BSM to celebrate the induction of the 2017 Hall of Honor winners.

Meghan Lind DesLauriers '99, Sarah Carufel Hauer '99, Catie Scherer Brackin '99 and James Brackin '99.



Tina Jansen White '91, Danielle Grant '91 and Johnny Grant '95.



Julia Weber '12, Kevin Weber '83, Michelle Fournier Weber '83 and Eric Weber '18.





Brotherly Love—The Rodgers boys were in town to celebrate the marriage of their sister, Kelly '04: (l-r) Billy '00, Darren '06, Kelly, and Danny '02.



Alumni Table Tennis—Over Christmas break alumni from the Class of 2014 took on alums from the Class of 2016 in a match, and they also played the Game of Champions. Macartan Commers was crowned the ultimate champion at the event: (l-r) Henry Reine, Griffen Hueler '14, Thomas Koch '16, Connor McTigue '14, Nick Gionet '16, Drew Coloumbe '14, Henry Koch '18, Danny Hogan '14, Paige McLeod '16, Will Rosengren '16, Emma Sather '16, Macartan Commers '16, and Taylor McLeod '16.



'79 Happy Hour—Tim Murray played host to a class happy hour at Murray's on February 9. One of the groups stopped for a quick photo: back row (l-r) Pete Steichen, Rick VanDoeren, Tony Mailhot, Mark Daly, Tim Keefe, and Brad Madson; middle row (l-r) Todd Yaeger, Dave Feltault, and Tom Murphy; front row (l-r) John Schwappach, Peggy Fitzgerald Duda, Mike Smith, Tim Murray, Kevin Moss, Diane Feltault Keefe, Chuck Haben, and Tim Duffy.



Molly Warren Sachse '83, Maureen Warren '75, John Warren '74, and Megan Warren Montville '82.

BSM Wedding—Megan Schmidt '09 and Patrick Cron '09 were joined by many alums on their wedding day: (l-r) Cathy Cron Sweeney '82, Mary Cron Schulman '86, Mike Cornellison '79, Julia Weber '12, Anna Cron '12, Hailey Hansen '11, Patrick Duda '09, Megan Forcier '09, Bailey Ribich Kosiek '09, Emily Schmidt '15, Ellen Schmidt '11, Megan and Patrick, Matt Nanne '09, Kevin Kosiek '09, Nicholas Jaramillo '09 (hidden), Michael Schmidt '19, Allison Thimjon '09, Kate Birney '09, David Naughtin '09, John Duda '10, Leon Duda '79, Bob Cron '79, Cathy Rocheford Burley '79, and Dave Mogush '79.



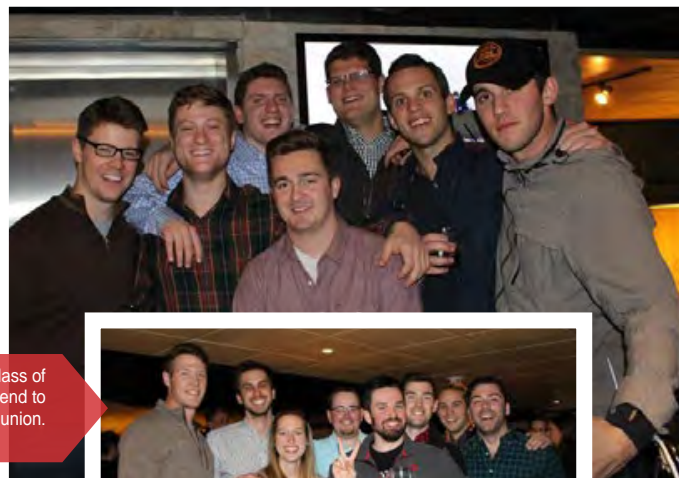
Family Photo—Family members joined in the celebration at the marriage of Katy Kopp and Zach Horan: (l-r) Jimmy Kopp '08, Jim Kopp '80, Tom Morin, Luke Sauer '25 (Katy's godson), Zach and Katy '06, Bev Kopp, Mary Kay Morin Kopp '80, Sarah Kopp '11, Molly Kopp '14, David Bertrand, and Julia Kopp Bertrand '82.





# Alumni ALBUM

Five Year Reunion—The Class of 2011 met over Thanksgiving weekend to celebrate their five year reunion.



Top: Michael Blessing, Kyle McCarthy, BJ Dunn, Sam Scherer, Greg Zeman, Patrick Daly, and Alex Brask.  
Middle: back row (l-r) Liam Gillespie, Karl Nann, Chris Oestreich, Matt Woelfel, Vince Beacom, and Carter Rodman; front row (l-r) Cate Schumacher and AJ Sherman. At right: Taylor Allen and Maddy Moore.



Leadership Award—Ben Larson '18 was honored with the Edina Community Foundation's Connecting With Kids Student Leadership Award. Several family members were present at the breakfast on Friday, March 3. Ben is pictured with his mother, Anne Kocourek Larson '82, and his uncle Pat Kocourek '85 and aunt Monica Kocourek '84.

Lunch Bunch—John Carney '10 (left) and Matt Carney '06 made a return trip to BSM to bring lunch for their sister Shannon '20.

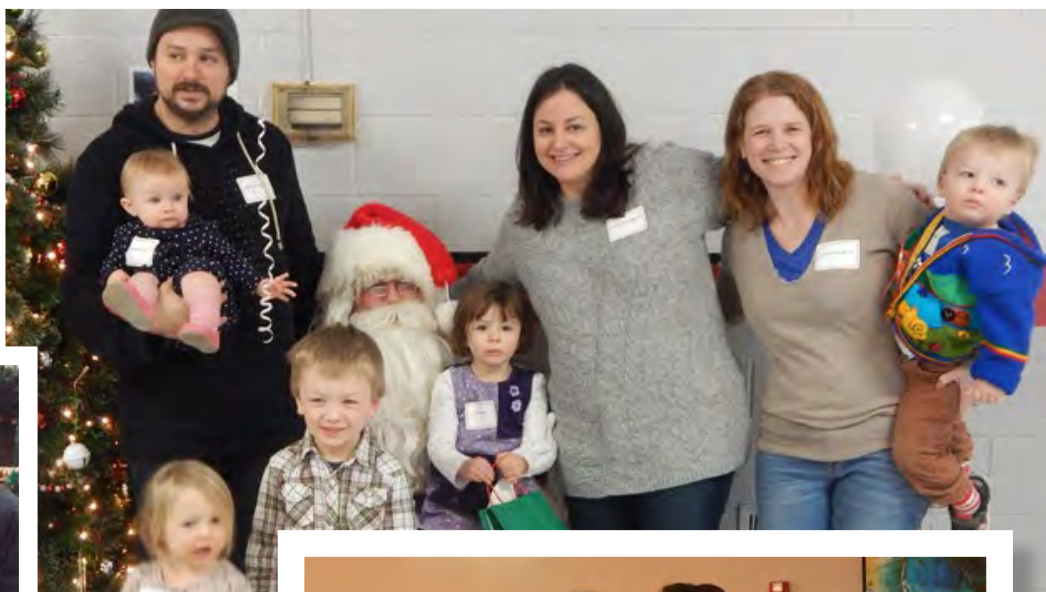


Wyley Wedding—Sean Wyley '06 and Jacqueline Pittman were married in Nashville with lots of BSM spirit: (l-r) Michelle Wyley '18 (fourth from left), Oisin Wyley '09 (fifth from left), bride Jacqueline Pittman and groom, Sean Wyley '06, Kevin Deneen '06 (ninth from left) and Ronan Wyley '21 (tenth from left).





Alumni Children's Christmas Party—Alums returned to BSM with their children for the annual holiday party. These alums were once childhood guests at the very same party: (l-r) Michael Periolat '99 (holding Louisa), Gina Periolat Elliot '96 next to Rosie (on Santa's lap) and Christina Cipolle '99 holding Michael; front row (l-r) Winnie Periolat and Robbie McManus.



All Business in Chicago—Notre Dame students Hannah Scherer '15, Matt Amason '15, Sam Rocheford '16 and Charlie Wolfe '16 traveled to Chicago for a Student International Business Council meeting. They presented business solutions to various consulting, finance, and accounting companies in the city.

Coookie Party—Several alums supported the BSM auction by purchasing spots to a cookie decorating party for Valentine's Day. The party was hosted by Lori McTigue and Mary Fran O'Keefe: (l-r) Michelle Fournier Weber '83, Corinn Tennesen Cella '95, Laura Hanson Conlon '97, Julia Weber '12, Jennifer Darcy Murry '96, and Stasia Gallagher Lynch '85.

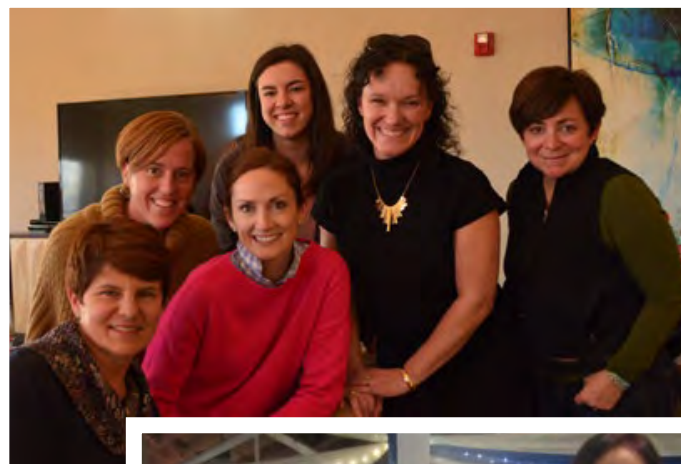


Photo 1 Pat O'Brien, Ellie Hawkinson O'Brien '07, Becky Kemp Ryerson '98 holding baby Cecelia.

Photo 2 Mike Browne and Brigid McShane Browne '94.



SMA Alumnae—Classmates and friends reunited at the wedding of John Liekhus '08 whose mother, Mary Beth Ferrian Liekhus '68, is a St. Margaret's graduate: (l-r) Mary Beth, Teri Johns Reitemeier '68, Kathy Wilhoit McGrane '64, Kathy Luby '65 and Sue Casserly Kossel '69.



Alumni Gathering in Chicago—In January, alums celebrated their BSM roots and reunited at Revival Social Club, a restaurant co-owned by Chris Bowler '83.

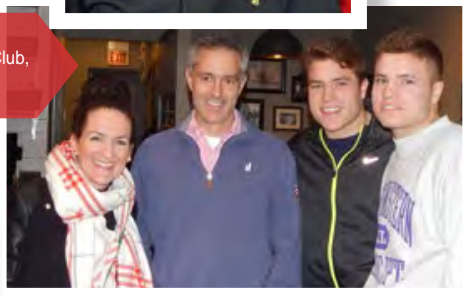


Photo 3 Shannon Diegel '03, Derek Schnack '90, Simon Gondeck '12 and Sevy Gondeck '12.

Photo 4 Eric Almquist '86, Caroline Almquist and BSM's Chief Advancement Officer, Rebecca Kolis.



Alums at Liekhus Wedding—Many alums were present at the wedding of John Liekhus at St. Olaf in Minneapolis: front row (l-r) Brian Graupner '08, Jane Busch Busch '83, Jeanne Ferrian '72, Mary Beth Ferrian Liekhus '68, John Liekhus '08 and Katie Byers-Ferrian '06; back row (l-r) Mike Jeremiah, Barbara Ferrian Munnelly '71, Marie Liekhus Idelkope '98, Emily Byers-Ferrian '03, Gregory Liekhus '95, Fr. Jim Liekhus '97 and Ben Byers-Ferrian '02.





# Alumni ALBUM

Wedding Bells in Texas—The wedding of Holly and Mack Morris '08 brought the Morris family together in Amarillo, Texas: (l-r) Matt '02, Mariah '10, Candy, Mack, Holly, Steve and Mallory '05.



Alumni Basketball—Christmas Eve brought alumni basketball players back to the Haben Center for some friendly competition.



Back row (l-r) Matt Frank '12, Breion Creer '12, Nick Guggemos '14, Coach Swann, Marshall Frank '15, Andrew Birkeland '14, Charles Moore '07, Danny Miller '07, Stuart Neville '08, Nick Emanuel '07, Sandy Yancy '02, Seth Marx '10 and Coach John Moore '74; middle row (l-r) Joe Sutton '12, Payton Miller '16, Isaac Schmitz '15, Grant Hollie '14, Nick Birney '14, Colin Polarek '14, Jack Hathaway '14, Jordan Taylor '08, Scott Twelves '07, Seborn Yancy '03, Dan Emanuel '09, Bennett Lang '05, Matt Thimjon '06, Josh Hollie '03, and David Lang '03; kneeling (l-r) Vincent Friction '18, John Whitmore '19, Carson Jacobsen '18, Dylan Drees '19, Tommy Cron '18, Liam Ford '18, Gabe Jackson '18, and Patrick Binish '18; seated (l-r) Riley Miller '18, Carter Uphus '18, Will Whitmore '17, Michael Wexler '17, Derek Drees '17, Jamison Battle '19 and Gabe Alada '18.



Florida Wedding—The family of Mike Benham '93 was present to celebrate his November marriage to Junia Joseph: (l-r) Krissa Benham Jackson '90, Gabriel Jackson '18, Mike and Junia, Andrew Benham, Maizy Jackson '19, Richard Benham and Barbara Benham.



Red Knights in Red—The wedding of Bailey Ribich '09 and Kevin Kosiek '09 brought BSM alums together last fall: (l-r) Kelly Kosiek Lawryk '08, Bailey Ribich Kosiek '09, Kevin Kosiek '09, Michael Kosiek '05, Nick Woelfel '09, and Kyle Ribich '11.





Alumni Boys' Hockey—St. Louis Park Rec Center was the location for this annual alumni game on Christmas Eve: J.B. Davis '96, Dan Liberko '14, A.J. Rashid '93, Patrick Duda '09, Patrick Cron '09, John Duda '10, Brett Patterson '10, Judd Thomas '97, Michael Bowler '73, Carter Roo '15, Will Duda '15, Jonah Johnson '12, Auggie Moore '16, and coach Ken Pauly; front row (l-r) Ben Newhouse '15, Jalen Long '15, Chris Hickok '13, Sam Anderson '10, Spencer Naas '14, Dan Labosky '13, Jake Horton '12, and Jack Jablonski '14.

Alumnae Girls' Hockey—Many alums skated on Christmas Eve morning in a fun game with friends and former teammates: back row (l-r) Kelly Pannek '14, Bailey Forcier '13, Maddie Etienne '16, Xandi Swedberg '15, Liv Halvorson '13, Ali Praus '14, Anna DeGiulio '16, Lindsay Domaas '09, Shannon Reilly '07, Melissa Borer '10, Megan Forcier '09, Molly Monson '10, Julie Baumgartner '09, and Maddie Jobe '10; front row (l-r) Caitlin Reilly '14, Sammy Rude '14, Maggie Conry '15, Julia Stelljes '16, Anne Amason '13, McKenzie Swenson '14, Kasi Petersen '14, Margot Fleming '10, and Madeline Bergh '10. Not pictured, Abigail Miller.



Past and Future Red Knights—Kelly Pannek '14 snapped a photo with Mary Knoll, daughter of Katie Brozic Knoll '93 and Jon Knoll '92 at a Gopher Women's hockey game.



Flyers Jr. Gold Hockey Alumni Game—Thursday, December 29, the SLP Flyers JGA hockey alumni game took place at the St. Louis Park Rec Center. The players, all BSM alumni, included: first row (l-r) Matt Knuth '15, Mark Falls '15, Nick Gionet '16, Will Jarvis '14, Patric Rooney '15, Thomas Koch '16; second row (l-r) coach Ryan Anderson; third row (l-r) Austin Dale '14, Mitch Lowenberg '15, Blake Castaneda '15, Matt Amason '15, Andrew Krough '13, Alex Brask '11, Storm Sullivan '13, Conor Deterding '15, Anthony Brask '11; fourth row (l-r) John Lager '14, Matthew Mogensen '14, Mikey Lamb '14, Joe Anderson '11, Henry Williams '11, Dan Pemberton '11, and Jake Stewart '11.



# BSM BUZZ

Senior quarterback **Will Whitmore** was named the StarTribune Prep Athlete of the week last fall. The senior quarterback passed for 153 yards and scored a 28 yard touchdown in the Class 4A championship game. ▶



BSM senior football player **Eric Wilson** was awarded the offensive MVP for the South for his performance in the Minnesota All-Star game. Wilson helped the South come out on top, defeating the North 15-7 on December 3.

Five seniors, **Matthew Tucker, Liam Long, Ryan Tucker, Michael Dickson** and **Chaz Linder** have become Eagle Scouts, the highest honor in the Boy Scouts.



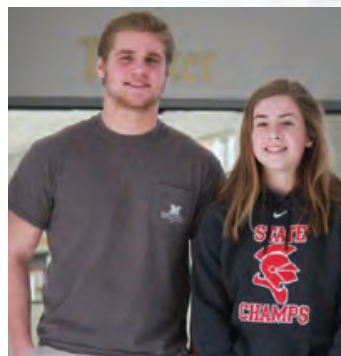
The Red Knots competed in the International Competition for High School A Capella in Port Washington, WI on February 11. The Red Knots placed 4th out of 12 teams. ▲



Four Red Knight seniors signed letters of intent to play collegiate athletics. **Eric Wilson** – football at Harvard University; **Ellie Bahr** – lacrosse at Northern Michigan University; **Derek Drees** – baseball at Virginia Tech; **Megan Cornell** – hockey at Dartmouth.

The Triple "A" award is a recognition program from the Minnesota State High School League for excellence in Academics, Athletics and the Arts. BSM nominees were **Eric Wilson '17** and **Grace Scott '17**. Eric was the Region 6AA winner.

**Zach Bigelbach '17** qualified for the 2017 State AA Wrestling Tournament on Friday, March 3. This was his third appearance in the tournament. Zach was a varsity captain this year and has lettered in all four years of high school.



**Braeden Fitzgerald '18** and **Claire Grazzini '18** were nominated for the Minnesota State High School League ExCEL Award. The ExCEL Award recognizes juniors that are active in school activities, show quality leadership skills and volunteer in the community. ▲



Math League Gamma Division won the State Tournament on Monday, March 13, after finishing the conference undefeated. Five students made the conference top 10. **Alec Johnson '17** placed 2nd, **Alex Hyjek '17** finished 3rd, **James Libbey '17** tied for 4th, **Henry Koch '18** tied for 7th and **Matt Nyberg '17** finished 10th in the conference. ▲

**Josie Ross '17** won the national Heart of the Arts award given out to an individual who demonstrates and exemplifies the ideals of the mission of education-based athletics and arts. She is the first Minnesotan to ever win this award.



BSM junior high students welcomed nine French exchange students from a Catholic school in Versailles. The students spent ten days in the Twin Cities and BSM community.



The junior high American Experience class went on a civil rights tour of the south over the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend. They visited many sites from his life, including the 16th St Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL. ▲

On February 25, **John Beutz '18** competed in the Twin Cities Regional Science Fair (TCRSF), submitting his inertial electrostatic confinement fusion device design. He advanced to state, was awarded a blue ribbon and won a 3M Film Manufacturing and Supply Chain Award and an Army ROTC award. ▶







Six BSM seniors were nominated to attend service academies next year. **Maria Satre**, **Lauren McDonnell**, **Jack Boase** and **Sean McCullough**, were nominated by U.S. Representative Erik Paulsen (shown here), **Carston Swenson** was nominated by Congressman John Kline, and **Lucas Latterell** recieved nominations from Representative Keith Ellison and Senator Al Franken. ▲

Under the guidance of business teacher, John Sabol, 8 Red Knights advanced to the BPA (Business Professionals of America) state tournament. Those Red Knights included **Alec Johnson '17**, **Alex Hyjek '17**, **Sara Ben '19**, **Brendan Gallaher '18**, **Thomas Anderson '18**, **Eric Weber '18**, **Billy Madden '17** and **Maria Van Hove '17**.

The **Knightettes Dance team** won the 2017 Jazz State AA Championship title. This is their 3rd title in the last 5 years!

**Congratulations Knightettes**

Last month, eighteen junior high students in Mr. Belanger's Life Skills class traveled to New York City to participate in a Montessori Model United Nations conference. Students had the opportunity to give presentations, write position papers and debate over current global issues with other middle school students from around the globe. ▼

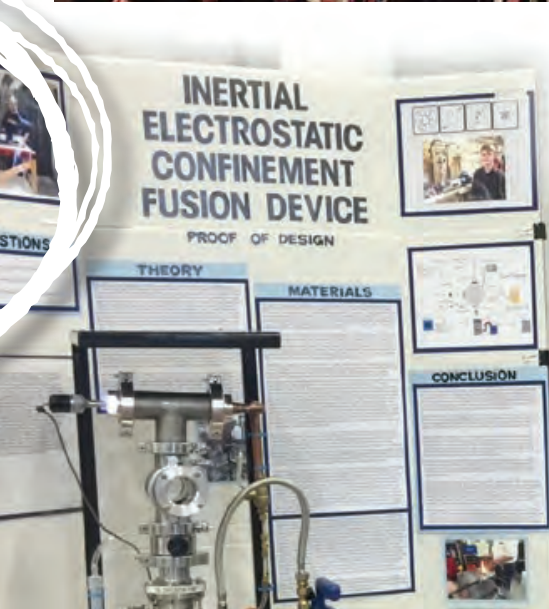


The senior high fall musical was recognized for their excellent production of *The Addams Family*. The Spotlight Education Program awarded the production four "Outstanding Awards," two "Honorable Mentions" and one "Shout-Out" award.

**Ben Larson '18** was awarded the ECF's Connecting With Kids Student Leadership Award. He was the Student Leadership Honoree at the leadership breakfast, Friday, March 3, for his volunteer work with CWK, a program of the Edina Community Foundation. Their mission is to "connect individuals, families, organizations and other resources in Edina to help them fulfill their responsibility to raise healthy children and develop a healthy community." Ben received his award for years of service at Fairview Southdale Hospital where he is a captain in the volunteer program.

Senior **Colby Clinton** was selected as the 2017 Grand Knight at the coronation ceremony Friday, January 13. Colby and his escort, **Drew Check '18**, reigned over the Holiday Ball on Saturday, January 21. Other seniors selected as Grand Knight candidates were **Skylar Burns-Goetzmann**, **Derek Drees**, **Ricky Floyd**, **Alex Houlihan** and **Michael Wexler**. Emcees for the coronation were seniors **Jonah Jerabek** and **Matt Nyberg**.

Boys' Swimming has it's first ever State Champion. **Tyler Metz '17** won the 100 Free with a new school record time of 46:23. Metz also took 2nd Place in the 200 Free with a time 1:42.06, also a new school record. Fellow swimmers **Matt McGonigle '19** and **Tommy McGinn '17** took 6th and 8th places in the 500 Free. **Graham Noble '18** grabbed the 14th spot in the 100 Back. The 200 Free Relay of **Michael Hunter '18**, McGonigle, McGinn and Metz placed 12th.







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Your registration fee includes a bucket of range balls, 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch, happy hour with beer and soda, and a buffet dinner.

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