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Dr. Ehrmantraut addressed the Class of 2018 at Benilde-St. Margaret's first ever outdoor graduation ceremony.



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Greetings Benilde-St. Margaret's Families and Friends:

By the time May and June come around, many at BSM begin to reflect on the past year. Which people played a significant role in defining our school? Have we traversed the right path in educating our students? How has Benilde-St. Margaret's shown up our world? What is next? This edition of the *Crown & Shield* offers answers to some of those very questions.

Throughout the past year, our graduates have shown up substantially throughout the world. Red Knight astronauts, priests, Olympians, artists, and visionaries were recognized for their professional accomplishments. Others led nonprofits and corporations in pursuits to improve society. Our junior high students attended a youth summit at the state capitol participating in real civic engagement. Others in the senior high designed a lung cancer protein detection test. In addition, we wished our long-time assistant principal, Mrs. Mary Andersen, well as she moved into retirement after devoting 34 years to the families of Benilde-St. Margaret's. Our people have been making their mark.

Looking forward, this summer we are formally unveiling plans to bring some dramatic changes to BSM with the Imagine, Innovate, Inspire capital campaign. This aggressive plan will focus on facilities redesigns, curricular enhancements, and scholarship development. Many friends of Benilde-St. Margaret's have pledged their support toward the campaign, which means real progress is visible now. Coupled with the capital campaign, the next strategic planning process will begin in earnest in August and will chart BSM's path into the future. It is an interesting time to be a Red Knight.

Whether looking backward or forward, reflection often brings a sense of appreciation in any situation. At Benilde-St. Margaret's, we are blessed with educators that have found their true vocation, which means everything to our students and families. In addition, I am so grateful to all our volunteers and benefactors that play such critical roles in the BSM community. This year, yet again, it has been evident that our progress is tied to the works of many...thank you!

May the blessings of God continue to find you and your families throughout the summer.

Adam Ehrmantraut, Ed.D.  
President

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**The BSM crest:**  
**Veritas:** truth; **Pietas:** holiness, dutiful conduct;  
**Scientia:** knowledge; **Crown:** St. Margaret's;  
**Knight:** Benilde; three Benedictine Crosses

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Phase One construction of the Capital Campaign project. Read more on page 4.

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# GROUND BREAKING

**This is an exciting time for Benilde-St. Margaret's!** On Friday, June 15, we officially broke ground on new construction at school. By the spring of this coming school year, students will be learning in three new science labs and listening to musical performances and speakers in a new tiered classroom.

While updates and maintenance happen every year at BSM, the last major construction was in 2008 when the athletic fields were updated. And it was back in 2000, when we added the chapel, theater, and library.



## “Knight by Knight,” BSM’s Capital Campaign Becomes Reality

As the school year ended, Opus construction crews set up shop in between the Moore Library and the Hamburg Theater. Less than a week into summer, construction began on phase one of the **Imagine. Innovate. Inspire. Knight by Knight** capital campaign. Three state-of-the-art science labs and an amphitheater-style performance and classroom space are scheduled to be complete later this upcoming school year. It’s an exciting time to be a Red Knight!





Construction for new learning spaces could not be possible without our community of parents, alumni, and friends investing in current and future students. The Imagine. Innovate. Inspire. Knight by Knight capital campaign kicked off in November 2016 with a goal of \$8 million to fund facilities redesign, curricular enhancements, and scholarship development.

We are very proud to announce that we have raised \$6.2 million towards the campaign goal. Currently, more than 90 families have pledged or paid commitments to this campaign. And, the BSM faculty and staff have generously donated \$62,000 to this project. The campaign's momentum and commitment are great and continue to grow!

Reaching the \$8 million campaign goal will allow BSM to complete:

**Phase One Construction:** Three science laboratories, one specially equipped for biomedical science courses, and a fourth tiered classroom and performance space. *(Construction has started with anticipated completion spring 2019.)*

**Phase Two Construction:** A new innovation learning and support center and 10 updated, modernized classrooms. *(Anticipated to start construction summer of 2019 for student use in 2019-20 school year.)*

**Curricular Enhancements:** Addition of AP Physics, AP Chemistry, and BioMed Research 1 & 2 courses for senior high with new STEM course offerings for junior high.

**Scholarship Development:** Increasing our endowment (currently near \$11M) for tuition assistance to ensure more families have access to a BSM education.

As our school looks toward the future, we want to ensure the BSM experience evolves so that we can continue delivering an exceptional education. From time to time, this requires a significant and thoughtful investment in our facilities, programs and endowment. Because of the support from our entire community, we are able to make this happen.



#### From the Chief Advancement Officer

I want to thank everyone involved in the campaign thus far for getting us to where we are today. We will continue our one-on-one meetings to get to the \$8 million goal and give our students everything they deserve. I look forward to witnessing new student experiences and celebrating the success of the campaign with you. If you have questions about the campaign, or want to get involved, please contact me at 952-915-4351 or [rkolis@BSMschool.org](mailto:rkolis@BSMschool.org).

*Rebecca Kolis*

Rebecca Kolis, CFRE

Rebecca, board chair Shay Wyley and Dr. Ehrmantraut stand in front of the Phase One construction site.

# Words to the WISE

Lauren is so hard working!

I was impressed with her willingness to lend a hand, get trained in to judge other RoboCup teams in Japan, and her dedication to our progress last summer. I was very excited to work with her again this year. She's going to go far post-BSM, and I can't wait to see her successes!

—Engineering Teacher & Red Knight Robotics Squad Adviser,  
Kirsten Hoogenakker

I am intensely proud to have been Santi's coach; he is a Red Knight who will surely make us all proud as he steps out onto his path beyond BSM. Good luck, Santi – you will most certainly make a difference in this world!

—English Teacher & Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach,  
Dave Platt '85

I've had the opportunity to coach Ryan since he came to BSM as a freshman. I've seen him grow, both as a player and leader, on the tennis team. He has the respect of his teammates as well as his opponents and their coaches. There always seemed to be an inner drive that definitely helped him compete on the court and I'm sure will serve him well in other areas of life.

—Boys' Varsity Tennis Coach,  
Kevin Rust

Ben is so cool and calm under pressure; in our grueling weekly Speech tournaments, he'd remain extremely composed and collected and was a real inspiration to other team members. Ben is a very bright, caring, and thoughtful young man who is going to do great things in his life, I have absolutely no doubt.

—English Teacher & Speech Team Adviser,  
Maura Brew



On Friday, June 1, commencement for the Class of 2018 took place in the BSM Stadium. The 226 graduates were led by many outstanding scholars, athletes and role models. A few teachers gave their thoughts about the 5 valedictorians.

The next few pages also highlight some of these amazing young adults.



I hope that Abby continues to approach the world with her innate sense of compassion, depth of thought, and critical understanding. Those are the traits that created long conversations that went beyond the classroom, beyond the curriculum, and into real world.

—English Teacher & Knight Errant Adviser,  
Kari Koshiol '99

### Lauren Copland

College or University Attending:  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Intended major: Chemical Engineering  
What was your favorite class at BSM?  
It's a tie, either Honors Chemistry or Science Fiction Literature  
What is the most important thing you learned while at BSM? Time management is key to success.

### Santiago Lambert

College or University Attending:  
University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Intended major: Chemical or Biomedical Engineering  
What was your favorite class at BSM? Freshman Geography and Calculus BC  
What is the most important thing you learned while at BSM? Hard work pays off.

### Ryan Frost

College or University Attending:  
University of Notre Dame  
Intended major: Engineering  
What was your favorite class at BSM?  
Freshman Geography  
What is the most important thing you learned while at BSM? A positive environment starts with treating others well, whether you know them or not.

### Ben Larson

College or University Attending:  
University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Intended major: Mechanical Engineering  
What was your favorite class at BSM?  
Biomedical Sciences  
What is the most important thing you learned while at BSM? I learned a lot about success. I learned that each person gets to define whatever that means to them and feel proud when they reach that success.

### Abigail Letscher

College or University Attending:  
Northwestern University  
Intended major: Undecided  
What was your favorite class at BSM? Journalism  
What is the most important thing you learned while at BSM? Deadlines are important.



2018 Salutatorians—Anna Keller, Quinn Ehlen, Ian Black and Michael Hunter.

### Michael Hunter

**College or University Attending:** University of Kentucky, Lewis Honors College and the Social Enterprise Scholars Pathway Program in the Gatton School of Business.

**Intended major:** Accounting and/or Finance

**What was your favorite class at BSM?**

It's hard to pick one! Top 3 are AP US History, AP Literature, and AP Composition

**What is the most important thing you learned while at BSM?**

Get involved and support others because you will receive the same support right back.

### Quinn Ehlen

**College or University Attending:** University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, Carlson School of Management

**Intended major:** Undecided, but something with premed and business

**What was your favorite class at BSM?** Accounting

**What is the most important thing you learned while at BSM?**

Realizing the importance of and relationship between leadership and respect goes a long way.

### Ian Black

**College or University Attending:** Boston College

**Intended major:** Accounting & Political Science

**What was your favorite class at BSM?** AP Calculus

**What is the most important thing you learned while at BSM?**

From the blistering flames of Honors English 9 to the crushing load of AP Composition, I gained the essential skill of writing.

### Anna Keller

**College or University Attending:** Villanova University

**Intended major:** Communications

**What was your favorite class at BSM?** Forensics

**What is the most important thing you learned while at BSM?**

Value the people who want to see you succeed.

### Cum Laude

Leif Anderson  
Alyssa Brinza  
Lorenzo Cerda  
Nathan Clark  
Luke Coughlin  
Celiena Davis  
Braeden Fitzgerald  
Felisha Fox  
Jordan Frantz  
Sarah Hansberry  
Natalie Kroll  
Erin Krotz

Brendan Lempe  
Erin Lerch  
Ingrid Lundberg  
Graham Noble  
William Orfield  
Ashley Ortizcazarín  
Claire Shinnars  
Ava Smithmier  
Alexander Webert  
Turner Wine  
Chenxiao Yan

### Magna Cum Laude

Thomas Anderson  
Gabriel Bauer  
Robert Beringer  
Anna Carr  
Drew Check  
Kyle Clacko  
Thomas Cron  
Nicole Dorn  
Carmen Ercolani  
Vincent Friction  
Lillian Galvin  
Sophia Hathaway  
Charles Hedin  
Sophie Herrmann  
Hyun Kang  
Cole Knickelbine  
Charles Kraemer  
William Krane  
Anna Lilienthal  
Caroline Monchamp

Kylie Nevells  
Jerome Newhouse  
James Norkosky  
Megan Olk  
Jacqueline Paule  
Teresa Renier  
Jack Rickman  
Joseph Rickman  
Charles Rocheford  
Christian Sanderson  
Vivian Shinall  
Noah Swindlehurst  
Samantha Tarnowski  
Claire Van der Heide  
Morgan Williams  
Michelle Wyley  
Delong Ye  
Emmett Ziaja

### Summa Cum Laude

Ian Black  
Lauren Copland  
Joseph Dunn  
Quinn Ehlen  
Olivia Engstrand  
Ryan Frost  
Patrick Gallaher  
Claire Grazzini  
Hattie Hoffman  
Michael Hunter  
Katrina Jamison

Anna Keller  
Henry Koch  
Michael Koch  
Santiago Lambert  
Benjamin Larson  
Abigail Letscher  
Jiaxin Li  
Riley Miller  
Hannah Nichols  
William Pannek  
Michael Pupel  
Alexa Reynders  
Madeline Schafer  
Spencer Sweeney  
Cara Vollbrecht



# Leading the Red Knight Way

Dr. Ehrmantraut presented six students from the Class of 2018 with this year's President's Award. These young men and women served as excellent leaders, both for their class and the entire school community. Whether it was through academics, athletics, arts, or service, these six made BSM a better place for all.



*President's Award winners—Michael Hunter, Ashley Ortizcazarín, Ikenna Ujuagu, Ava Smithmier, Turner Wine, and Eric Weber.*

## Senior Awards

Academics-Athletics-Arts Award Nominee—**Jack Rickman, Cara Volbrecht**

AI Blasing Award—**Quinn Ehlen**

AI Reger Award—**Benjamin Larson, Madeline Schafer**

Arts Out in Front—**Andrew Plouff, Madeline Schafer**

Athena Award—**Madison Stoks**

Athletic Director's Award—**Braeden Fitzgerald**

Best Lead Performance, Female—**Ellie Turk**

Best Lead Performance, Male—**Blake Brown**

Best Supporting Actor—**Andrew Plouff**

Best Supporting Actress—**Caroline Monchamp**

BSM Scholar/Athlete Award—**Claire Grazzini, Riley Miller**

Business Leadership Achievement Award—**Patrick Gallaher, Margaret Sexton**

Catherine Harris Award

*Knight Errant*—**Abigail Letscher**

*Sangraal*—**Paige Greeley, Madison Stoks, Claire Van der Heide**

Choral Director's Award—**Katrina Jamison, Brielle Baker, Noah Bridges**

Cone 05 Award—**Claire Grazzini**

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award—**Sophie Herrmann**

DaVinci Award—**Anna Lilienthal, Noah Shields, Tia Sposito**

Drama Technician of the Year—**Drew Check**

Four Years of Excellence in English—**Sophie Herrmann, William Pannek**

Graphic Designer of the Year—**Andrew Cadle, Michael Koch**

Henry David Thoreau Award—**Noah Bridges**

Jerry Miller Faith in Action Award—**Jessica Hill, Erin Lerch**

John Haider Career Achievement in Mathematics—

**Quinn Ehlen, Alexa Reynders**

Knight Errant Writer of the Year—**Alex Kang**

Kopp Scholarship—**Gabe Alada, Alyssa Brinza, Patrick Kalb,**

**Ashlee Olugbenga-Ola, Spencer Sweeney**

Lettering for Excellence Award—**Nicole Dorn, Charlie Hedin, Hattie**

**Hoffman, Charlie Kraemer, Jessie Li, Jerome Newhouse, Michael**

**Pupel, Charlie Rocheford, Sammi Tarnowski, Morgan Williams,**

**Michelle Wyley**

Lynch Leadership Award—**Quinn Ehlen**

Maestro Orchestra Award—**Christopher Eiesland-Birch**

Mr. Doodler Award—**Olivia Carlisle, Tracy Renier**

National Choral Award—**Will Krane, Claire Shinnors**

National Honor Society Award—**Benjamin Larson**

National Merit, Commended—**Brandon Weatherly, Gabriel Bauer,**

**John Beutz, Ian Black, Joe Dunn, Ryan Frost, Hannah Nichols,**

**Jack Rickman**

National Merit Finalist—**Henry Koch, Benjamin Larson, Abby Letscher**

Paul Seppelt Science Award—**John Beutz**

Philip Steffen Campus Ministry Award—**William Krane, Madison Stoks**

Photographer of the Year—**Lauren Beh, Virginia Lyons**

President's Award—**Michael Hunter, Ashley Ortizcazarín, Ava Smithmier,**

**Ikenna Ujuagu, Eric Weber, Turner Wine**

Principal's Leadership Award—**Constantino Fialo, Sophie Herrmann**

Pro Lingua Award—**Gabriel Bauer**

Senior Drama Award—**William Krane, Madeline Schafer**

Shutterbug Award—**Meghan Staples**

Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award—**Alexander Fischer**

Student Council Adviser's Award—**Lillian Galvin**

Sundrum Social Studies Award—**Henry Bird**

William Haben History Award—**Joseph Rickman**

*The AI Reger Award is given each year to two students, one male and one female, chosen by the BSM faculty and staff, for "outstanding dedication and zeal to the service of God and school."*

# Red Knight Spirit Exemplified by Fearless Go-getters





## Maddie Schafer – Al Reger Award

2018 Al Reger Award recipient Maddie Schafer recently contributed to BSM's weekly blog with her post "Looking Back: Six Years as a Red Knight." Now that those years have come to a close, she says it is bittersweet. "I will miss always being surrounded with a positive environment and a supportive community that fostered empathy, service, leadership and growth to be creative. I will also miss the friends I've made, BSM's music and drama departments, decorating Miss O's office, and Taher cookies!"

Schafer was known at BSM as a go-getter. In the junior high, she was willing to give anything a shot. She was in pop choir, tried out for both junior high musicals, and was even on the soccer and basketball teams. She is grateful for her fearless demeanor to try anything once because "it helped me find myself and my passion for performing." Discovering her love of music and the theater gave her opportunities to star in many leading roles in almost every BSM production. Schafer starred as Morticia in *The Addams Family*, the Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella* and Janet in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. She was also one of the original Red Knots (BSM's acapella group) and was in "all the choirs" (pop choir, girls pop choir, and the madrigal singers).

Schafer's faith and desire to help others was evident during her time at BSM, and she served as an excellent reflection of BSM's mission, using her many talents and Catholic identity to better the community. In addition to spending many of her summer days performing at the Lundstrum Center for the Arts, she also helped teach singing and dance classes. If that wasn't enough, she also worked with Dance Mania, a musical theater and dancing class for kids with Down Syndrome.

Her dedication to her faith and her classmates did not go unnoticed. "Maddie has a very loving, outgoing, spunky personality. She is truly one of the most genuine, humble and caring students I have ever known. She has an incredible sense of humor and is so fun to be around. Furthermore, she has a deep faith that she puts into action every day of her life," said guidance and college counselor Amanda Anderson.

Whether in the choir, theater, cafeteria, or classroom, Schafer always exuded a joyful personality and a humble presence. "I feel honored to be named one of the Al Reger award winners. I've heard many times of the heroic actions Al took to save this community I've called home, and I'm grateful for his contributions. My hope is to honor his legacy and always remember my home at BSM." As a strong leader, tenacious learner and an incredibly talented musician and actress, she has already honored all that the Al Reger award represents.

Before she heads off to the University of Minnesota Duluth in the fall, she had some parting words to share: "It's pretty simple – never let anyone take away your sparkle!" She will undoubtedly "sparkle" in UMD's prestigious musical theater program and beyond.

## Ben Larson – Al Reger Award

If there was one word to describe 2018 Al Reger Award winner Ben Larson, it would have to be involved. At Benilde-St. Margaret's, Larson made it his goal to take advantage of as many opportunities as possible, and it is safe to say he accomplished that goal. Wherever he went or whatever he did, Larson made a positive impact on the Red Knight community.

As a freshman, Larson was not sure what interests to pursue, but he knew there were plenty of opportunities he could explore at BSM. "I figured all I had to do was look around, and I could find something to do outside of class. If nothing else, I knew I could ask any of the faculty or staff, and they would help me get involved. I just wanted to get to know as many people as possible and participate in as much as my schedule would allow," he said.

While a student, Larson was involved in numerous co-curricular activities. He was in Speech, Mock Trial, Student Council, Medical Club, Link Crew, and Red Knight Volunteer Corps, to name a few. He particularly shined as a captain on the Speech and Mock Trial teams where he made it to the state tournaments in both activities. His prowess in both activities was obvious, but as Speech Adviser Maura Brew pointed out, it was his "mature composure and ability to take charge of anything that truly set him apart from others and earned him the respect of teammates, coaches and opponents alike."

Though not a member of an athletic team later in high school, he could always be counted on as a superfan. "I had so much fun going to as many games and events as I could. I went to all the football games my senior year, and we had a group of us that went to a bunch of away games for other teams. It was just fun to see my classmates compete in things they loved doing," recalled Larson.

Despite a busy schedule outside of the classroom, he remained committed to his academics and was recognized as a valedictorian for the Class of 2018. His proudest academic achievement came just weeks before graduation when he and classmate Alexa Reynders went to Pittsburgh to compete in the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair. They won a spot to present on their idea for a new lung cancer detection test. Whether it was AP classes or a science-heavy schedule, Larson was on top of it.

Behind it all, Larson credited his faith. "Growing up Catholic, I had a good set of values and beliefs. Even so, I have 'improved' a lot over the last four years. Whether it was meditation with Ms. Barry or Christian Prayer class with Ms. LeBlanc, BSM gave me a stronger faith foundation that will help me as I go on to college."

As he prepares to take on a mechanical engineering degree at the University of Wisconsin – Madison in the fall, he shared what he'll miss most about BSM. "More than anything, I'll miss the people. Getting to have different conversations with so many different people every day made my BSM experience. I just hope I find something as great at Wisconsin." We have no doubt he'll make the most of his college experience just like he did at Benilde-St. Margaret's.

*The Athena Award and Al Blasing Award are presented annually to the top female and male athlete in the senior class.*

# Leaders On and Off the Field

## Madison Stoks – Athena Award 2018

Since an early age, Madison Stoks has taken on the tough athlete role, even if some of it was for show. “I used to wear a brace or bandage for each game. In every photo taken of me from the ages 4-8, I was always suited up in a jersey and an Ace bandage because I wanted the other team to think I was tough,” she remembered. Well, her tough mentality and physicality proved to be successful in her later years as a BSM athlete. Stoks was named a captain of the BSM girls’ soccer team, was nominated as a Ms. Soccer Finalist, received All State and All Conference countless times, and was named this year’s Athena Award recipient.

Stoks was a two-sport athlete at BSM, participating in both lacrosse and soccer. She has been playing soccer her entire life and will continue next year as a Division I student-athlete at the University of Memphis. She picked up lacrosse, however, to try something new. As Stoks shared: “Soccer has always been a great break from everything else going on in my life, and it has continuously pushed me to work harder. I decided to mix it up with lacrosse because I loved all the people on the team and I love running, so I figured why not!”

Being an athlete does not define Stoks’s success. She also spent her days as a Red Knight participating in a multitude of co-curricular activities. She was the Editor in Chief of the yearbook, a member of the Medical Club, a Link Crew commissioner, a Knightlife member, a student ambassador, and she was also a eucharistic minister. Outside of school, Stoks has volunteered at St. Therese nursing home, works as a nanny and server at the Copper Hen, and coaches for youth soccer programs. To top it all off, she plays for the Minneapolis United Soccer Club.

When asked how she manages it all, she gave credit and thanks to BSM and her teachers. “I have learned how to better organize my time, social life and academics while at BSM. I can’t thank the teachers enough for meeting with me before school or staying after when I needed the extra help.”

During her tenure on BSM’s varsity soccer team, Stoks had the opportunity to win not one, but two state championships – the first as a sophomore and the second as a junior. “The feeling of going all the way and scoring in the championship with the student section cheering us on is a pretty crazy feeling that I will never forget,” she recalled.

Winning two state championships and being named Homecoming Queen are just a few of Stoks’s many memories as a Red Knight. Being named the 2018 Athena Award winner is another in the long list of proud moments for Stoks. “I was shocked and slightly confused when I was named the Athena winner. I was honored at the fact that BSM awarded me with this title. I am thankful for the recognition.”

Throughout her four years as a Red Knight, Stoks said she has become “more aware of and grateful for the work that goes on behind-the-scenes to make it all happen.” She was also quick to mention her teammates and coaches for helping guide her throughout her time at BSM saying: “The mentoring from my coaches has helped me be a better leader and to be an encouraging, honest, and good example for the younger players. At the same time, my teammates inspired me to be the best version of myself.”

Before Stoks heads down to Tennessee, she has some advice to leave her fellow Red Knight athletes. “To the underclassmen: have fun with your time at BSM, give all you got, and don’t give up. To everyone: play for your team, and wear your BSM jersey proud. It goes by quick, so appreciate all that the school, your teachers, coaches and administration do for you along the way.”

## Quinn Ehlen – Al Blasing Award 2018

He knows it sounds cliché, but this year’s Al Blasing award winner, Quinn Ehlen, says “hard work” is what it takes to be successful. As a kid, Ehlen claims his athletic abilities were subpar, but he was determined to become a great athlete. “I started running and working out more. I put in the work to be better and continued to pursue that goal.” Ehlen’s hard work has paid off, both on and off the field.

Ehlen was primarily a lacrosse star at BSM, but he also played club hockey for the Park Flyers and decided, after an eight-year hiatus, it was time to return to the gridiron for one last season. As a senior, Ehlen wanted to give football another shot having not played since the 4th grade. “It was so fun to learn the game all over again and have a fresh slate to try and gain a spot on the team. It was a super fun and rewarding process for me to work my way up,” he explained.

Off the field, Ehlen kept himself busy and was quite successful as a Red Knight student. He was named a salutatorian for the Class of 2018, maintaining the second highest GPA throughout his years at BSM. Ehlen was the student council Executive President, a commissioner for Link Crew, and an NHS member. He also participated in Math League, Red Knight Volunteer Corps, Medical Club and Knowledge Bowl. According to Ehlen: “I’ve always been one to think that when I’m busier I perform and work better in school. Staying busy allows me to manage my time better.”

Ehlen is an All-Conference and All-State Academic lacrosse player and All-State Academic football player. In addition to the Al Blasing Award, he has also received the John Haider Career Achievement Award in mathematics and the Lynch Leadership Award for his involvement in student council. After



all his awards and accolades, Ehlen describes receiving the Al Blasing award as shocking. “I know how many great athletes we have here at BSM. I was looking at the past recipients and thought that there was no way I was as good as them. So I was very surprised and honored to receive the award,” he said.

Sports have always been a passion for Ehlen, and he thanks his brother and coaches for pushing him to succeed. “My brother Griffin ‘16 is my biggest role model. I have him to thank for pushing me to become a better lacrosse player. My coaches also always pushed and encouraged me to be the best I could be and be the person they think I can be.” Ehlen is an exceptional role model himself, confirmed by his teammates naming him a captain of the varsity lacrosse team as a junior (one of Ehlen’s proudest moments).

Lacrosse coach Rob Horn sums up his leadership both on and off the field perfectly. Horn was quick to share: “Quinn is one of the best student-athletes I have ever had the privilege of coaching. It’s his work ethic that sets him apart. Quinn isn’t satisfied with good; he wants to be great, and he attacks every challenge with that mindset both on the field and in the classroom.”

Next year, Ehlen will move on to the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School where he wants to pursue both business and science (pre-med). That said, he assures he will not be forgetting his Red Knights roots. “I think the most important thing about playing sports at BSM is how the coaches not only push you to become better athletes, but also better people. Being an athlete at BSM has made me realize what kind of person I want to become, and I know that will help me in the future.” Whatever he ends up doing, we are confident Ehlen will continue putting in the hard work to be successful.








The honored faculty and staff are Betsy Van Cleve Stiegler '06, Mary Seppala, Maura Brew, and Cherie Vroman.





*Each year, BSM honors outstanding faculty and staff by presenting several awards: Staff of the Year, Faculty of the Year, Apple Polisher Award, and the Parents' Choice Award. Whether they referred to the "BSM community," "the Red Knight family," or "more than a job," it's clear this year's faculty and staff award winners agree that Benilde-St. Margaret's is a special place.*

### **Betsy Van Cleve Stiegler '06 |**

#### *Staff of the Year*

Many Red Knight alums return to BSM to see what has changed since graduating. But some, like Betsy Van Cleve Stiegler '06, return to make the changes.

During her days as a student, she kept busy with soccer, track & field, managing the basketball team, RKVC, student council, and more. Now, as the Associate Director of Admissions, she stays as busy as ever recruiting new students and families to BSM. She also coaches junior high girls' soccer, is the adviser for the Student Ambassador Program, and will be a chaperone on this summer's Guatemala Mission Trip (which she went on her senior year).

Van Cleve is a true example of what it truly means to be a Red Knight, and this has not gone unnoticed. As Campus Minister and her former religion teacher Becca Meagher shared: "Betsy has such a positive and inviting spirit about her. You can tell she loves what she does, and it makes all of us around her better. BSM is lucky to have someone like Betsy!"

After being announced as the Staff of the Year, she explained, through tears of joy, how humbling it was to be given the award. "There is so much shared respect between me and my BSM colleagues; I am grateful for that. You know you are at 'home' when you feel comfortable happy-crying in front of 150 close friends and 1,200 teenagers. I am very blessed."

She has helped the Red Knight community succeed in a number of ways the last couple of years, Van Cleve is quick to thank BSM for her success. "This place has filled a void of 'purpose' that I was missing in my previous work. People will think it's funny, but I am working at my dream job. It's not every day that you find a career where you love what you do, the people you work with and the mission behind the organization," she said.

Van Cleve has walked the halls of BSM since 2002, and she is a wonderful, familiar face for new and current families alike. She has a passion for the school community and its mission that is hard to ignore. She says she is, "#BSMProud every day because this place is pretty special." The Red Knight community has felt the same about you and was happy to honor you as the 2018 Staff of the Year!

### **Mary Seppala |**

#### *Faculty of the Year*

Every year, faculty members choose one colleague to nominate for the newly-renamed Elmer Kopp Faculty of the Year award. This year, math teacher Mary Seppala received the award for her enthusiasm and commitment to the ministry and mission of Benilde-St. Margaret's.

In Seppala's 14 years teaching here, she has always greeted others with a smile and a willingness to help both colleagues and students without hesitation. Fellow math teacher, Dan Bowler, confirmed her dedication. "Mary is a wonderful colleague and a fabulous teacher. She demonstrates care and concern for all of her students and exemplifies her faith in all she does," he shared.


Daughter of Elmer Kopp and fellow math teacher Joanie Sauer described Seppala as "a perfect example of the type of teacher my father wanted for BSM. Her selflessness, dedication to BSM, and the Christ-like way she lives her life are amazing to witness."

Like many of the faculty at BSM, Seppala does not just teach during the school day. She is oftentimes seen before and after school helping students, planning Prom or the Homecoming dance, and leading Link Crew. In the classroom, she finds fun and unique ways to teach, creating an exceptional learning environment for each of her students.

When receiving her award, Seppala expressed what makes BSM special. "I don't just come to work every day; this is not just a job to me. BSM is a real community that feels like a second home. It is a place where I feel valued. I have colleagues who are like family to me who I admire for their professionalism and compassion for one another," she expressed.

She is truly a blessing to the Red Knight community and is very deserving of this recognition. Seppala's positive presence and passion for teaching continue to make BSM the special place it is for her and so many others.

*Awards continued  
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## **Cherie Vroman |** *NHS Apple Polisher*

Social studies teacher, Cherie Vroman, joined the Red Knight community for the 2014-2015 school year after volunteering for her church's education program and realizing she had a love for teaching. Over the course of her four years teaching at BSM, she has already made a profound impact on her students. This does not go without recognition as she is this year's NHS Apple Polisher award winner, an award nominated and selected by the students themselves.

Vroman has a love for her subject that is evident and is reflected not only in her students' grades, but also in their excitement to learn every day. Students that nominated her said: "She has a true dedication to students at BSM. Her kindness and compassion as a teacher have helped revolutionize the way students think. Ms. Vroman is always willing to help us."

Students also commented on her unique and creative teaching style that helps them "learn, remember, and show the significance of the things she teaches." This is showcased year after year, particularly when students lead and participate in the AP European History Enlightenment Salon. The Salon is a day filled with interactive learning where Vroman hands over the reins to her students and lets them shine. Students emphasized her dedication when presenting the award, "She is very involved and cares about her subject. She always gives good advice to her students to help them succeed."

The successes of her students come down to her passion for her craft, subject, and teaching. While accepting the award, Vroman was overjoyed. "I feel truly blessed to be teaching here at BSM. I have the academic freedom to design course material for students and invest in the subject. I wouldn't have this if it wasn't for the student body whose enthusiasm and engagement in class inspire me daily."

Congratulations, Cherie Vroman, on your Apple Polisher award! It is much-deserved, and you too inspire the Red Knight community every day.

## **Maura Brew |** *Parents' Choice*

For 20 years, Maura Brew has called BSM home. And for 20 years, the Red Knight community has been exceedingly glad she made her way from Belfast to Benilde-St. Margaret's. So, it comes as no surprise (except maybe to her) that she is this year's Parents' Choice Award winner.

If you were ever a student of Brew's, you know her classes are challenging and the work is demanding. Whether in Honors English 9 or Shakespeare, she has always expected the best out of her students. As one parent shared: "Ms. Brew has consistently set the bar high, has expected and encouraged greatness, has coaxed critical thinking, and has also gotten to know her students on a personal level. She epitomizes what every teacher should strive to be."

Outside of the classroom, Brew's commitment to excellence has been equally admirable. As adviser for the Speech program and the One-Act play, she has led numerous students to appearances at both the state and national levels. And while those accolades are worth noting, parents particularly notice all the other little things that she does so well. "Her focus on the individual allows each student to be their best no matter where they are in their Red Knight journey. Ms. Brew serves as a terrific role model, not only for other teachers, but for parents as well," another parent stated.

Brew's passion for teaching and dedication to each student's success are invaluable assets for the Red Knight community. Countless current and former students and their parents can attest to this. Being honored as the 2018 Parents' Choice Award winner is validation of all the Brew has done and undoubtedly will continue to do for BSM.

Looking back on her first few decades at BSM, Brew reflected: "I am so blessed to be here. This is family. This isn't work; this isn't school. This is family. Thank you, thank you, thank you." It's probably safe to say that all the thanks is owed to you, Ms. Brew.





Chances are, if you were a Red Knight born after 1970, you have crossed paths with Mary Andersen.

That is because she has been walking the halls of Benilde-St. Margaret's since 1984.

Next year, however, that will no longer be the case. After 34 years (more than half of her life), Andersen has decided to embrace retirement.



Mary Andersen's (née Mary Blake) first yearbook photo in the 1984-1985 issue of Sangraal.

Spanning more than three decades, Andersen has seen and been through a lot with the Red Knight community. When she started, she was the Introduction to Physical Science and Matter, Life, and Energy teacher. Eventually, she moved to administrative roles as dean and assistant principal. While Andersen enjoyed teaching, she found her true passion in her work as a disciplinarian. Very few people would readily admit that they love disciplining hundreds of teenagers year after year, but somehow, Andersen made it look easy.

"To be successful in working with teenagers, you must do your best to look forward and not back. What defines the student is not the mess they created, but it's how they clean up afterwards and prevent that mess from occurring again. Having faith in them as they falter, and seeing their potential as they grow, goes a long way in cultivating their desire to do the right thing," she said in a recent blog post.

Working with nearly 1,000 students every year was a formidable enough task; however, Andersen also knew she would be working closely with the families of those students. It was by no means easy, but this familial approach proved effective. As past parent Flora Potter (**Armando** '03, **Luca** '04, **Stefano** '06, **Gabriella** '07, **Matteo** '13) shared: "We were part of the BSM community for over 15 years, and Mary earned our respect during the good and challenging times. She was a true leader who was willing to partner with you for the good of your child. We cannot thank Mary enough for touching our family in a very special way."

Over the years, Andersen no doubt helped countless students navigate their way through BSM and beyond. **LaToya Williams** '07, stated it perfectly: "I remember walking into BSM my first day, so afraid of the unfamiliar, my first thought was to escape. Outside the front doors, I remember trying to flee, but you wouldn't let me. You stood there with me for almost an hour convincing me to give BSM a chance. You not only gave me your word, but your actions showed me you wanted the best for me. You made a difference in my life, and for that, I am forever grateful."

As she begins the next phase of her life, we wish Mary Andersen all the best. She became an integral part of the BSM community and will be missed, but as we say: "Once a Red Knight, always a Red Knight!"

# ALUMNI | NEWS

1948

Classmates from St. Margaret's Academy celebrated their 70-year class reunion on May 17 at Jax Café in Minneapolis: front row (l-r) **Jeanne McLaughlin Barron, Phyllis Cotton Fahey, Dolores Doty Young, and Rosemary Kleve Madden**; back row (l-r) **Nan Fraser, Bobbi Wilson Kenney, Terese Miller Haak, Joan Gormley Belanger and Jerry McMullin Grazzini.** ▶



1957

The SMA Class of 1957 will be meeting for lunch on a regular "come-if-you-can basis" on the third Tuesday of the odd numbered months (July, Sept., etc) at 11:30 a.m., at Doolittles on Highway 55 and Winnetka. The first lunch will be July 17. If you wish to join the group, please contact **Gloria Bester Ford** at [GLORAYFORD@EarthLink.net](mailto:GLORAYFORD@EarthLink.net). Gloria will make the reservations. The organizers look forward to seeing many of you.



1967

Graduates celebrated their 50-year reunion at Jax Cafe last September. Seventy-five women joined the celebration. ▶

**Terri Kane** was featured in the June issue of *City South*. She started as a one-time volunteer for Park-tacular in St. Louis Park and is now president of the event. This year's civic festival was held June 13-17.



1969

**Karen Volkmann Clark** was named 2017 Horseperson of the Year by the Minnesota Horse Council. Karen has a long term, serious commitment to equine activity in the Midwest. She has been involved with horses her entire life, been associated with many community and professional organizations, and used her interest in service to the broader community.

1978

**Lisa Wanchena Raddatz** reports that although life has been tough the last few years, she feels very blessed. Dan, Lisa's husband of 38 years, suffered a massive stroke in 2015 and she has been his loving care giver. Their youngest child will soon be 18 and they are the proud grandparents of Austin (15) and Genesis (almost 1).

1997

**Erin Deeney Offerdahl** was given an Honor Teacher K-8 award by the Minnesota Independent School Forum in recognition of her outstanding work as a teacher at St. Hubert Catholic School.

2000

**Me'Lea Macbee Connelly** is a recipient of the 2018 Bush Fellowship. She is part of a group of 24 determined, adaptable leaders who are driven to improve their communities in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the 23 Native nations that share the same geography. Me'Lea will pursue an MBA in cooperative and credit union management, seek financial mentors around the country, and build a network of allies, investors and partners to advance her leadership and vision for North Minneapolis.

1979

**Brad Madson** was recently awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for his work with youth football. Madson recently retired from the Minnesota Vikings after serving 25 years as the team's executive director of community relations. ▼



1972

"Find Good in the Sad" was the headline of the article about **Dan Delmore** in the *City South* magazine. Respected and appreciated for his work as a funeral director at Gearty Delmore, Dan says that funeral directors have a great outlook on life because they know what it important and what is not. According to Dan, the business is all about people and the human condition.

1973

Classmates from St. Margaret's Academy survived the April blizzard and met at Jax Café in Minneapolis for a 45-year reunion on April 15; front row (l-r) **Colleen Tiffany Sarenpa, Karen Walter, Kathy Tickle, Mary Jaros Poepping**; back row (l-r) **Nancy Wesley Battaglia, Mary Geib Shackle, Sharon Paquette Slininger, Anne Ruff, Mary Warren McNamara, Beth Delmonico Gloppen, Susan Durr Pahl, Beth Kane Ripley, and Diane Lundeen Noll.** ▼



1985

Friends greeted **Mark Vande Hei** back to earth when he visited Minnesota for a spring gathering; (l-r) **Michael Hoffman, Mark Vande Hei, Mary Igel Trudell, Mark Endres, and Bryan Olson.** Mark is a NASA astronaut who served as a flight engineer for Expedition 53 and 54 on the International Space Station. ▼



2001

**Erin Keefe** and Riley Cullinane were married on May 5 at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Wayzata. Erin is a recruiting manager for Inersso Corporation. Riley is a chiropractor for ChiroCenter Eden Prairie and Long Lake. ▼

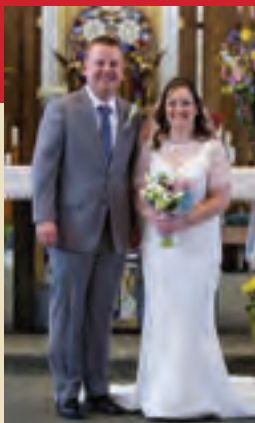


2002

**Susan Martinson Biwer** and her husband, Bill, are excited to announce the birth of Landry Lucille on April 25. Susan is a teacher at Groves Academy and Bill is a graphic designer at Marketing Lab.



**Carrie McConville** and **Andrew Henningsgaard** were married April 21 at Saint Mary of the Lake Church in Plymouth. Carrie is a learning specialist at Good Shepherd School and Andrew is a fleet operations specialist at Schwan's Consumer Brands. ►



**2003**

**H.J. Shea, S.J.** was ordained a priest on June 9 at Fordham University Church, Bronx, New York. He celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 10, at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, also in the Bronx. ►

**2004**

**Derek** and **Kyrsten Kelley Johnson** are thrilled to announce the birth of Michael Derek on April 17. Waiting at home for the new baby were Adam (5), Annie (3), and Matthew (2). Derek is the vice president of sales at EMC Ilc, a lighting company in Plymouth. Kyrsten is a pediatrician for South Lake Pediatrics in Maple Grove.

**2005**

**Derrek** and **Sarah Lynch Polt** are happy to announce the birth of Annelise Marie on May 29. Derrek is a senior inventory control analyst and Sarah is a nurse in the Mayo Clinic system.

**Michael Kosiek** and his wife, Kate, are pleased to announce the birth of Rose (Rosie) Solheim Kosiek on April 11.

**Kaitlin Sundberg** and **Levi Lowell** were married on October 14, 2017, on the North Shore at the Lutsen Resort on Lake Superior. Levi is a senior graphic designer for Target Corporation and Kaitlin is a program manager for Aimia. The couple met while attending CSB/SJU in 2008. The Lowells currently live in Richfield, Minnesota. ▼



*H.J. Shea is pictured with his sister and her family: Nora, Claire '05, Oz and Amelia.*

Simon Lloyd Wolferd, new son of Rich and **Molly Minarik Wolferd**, was born May 23. Evelyn (6 ½), Harvey (4), and Mary Anne (2 ½) welcomed the new baby home.



**2006**

**Matthew Carney** graduated from the University of North Carolina receiving a MBA with a concentration in finance. He is pictured with his family: (l-r) **John** '10, **Shannon** '20, Donna and Ken. ▲

**Bryant Koval** and his wife, Jackie, are pleased to announce the birth of Preston John on April 20. Bryant is a financial analyst for Ryerson and Jackie is a learning and talent development coordinator at Amazon.

**Betsy Van Cleve Stiegler** was named the 2018 Benilde-St. Margaret's Staff of the Year award winner. Betsy is the associate director of admissions at BSM.



**2008**

**Molly Dillon**, DDS, recently completed her residency in orthodontics and graduated with her M.S. degree on June 13. Dr. Dillon will be practicing in the southwest metro area.

**2009**

**Kevin** and **Bailey Ribich Kosiek** welcomed Hudson Dean on January 12.

**2011**

**Colin Gallaher** and **Alexandra Garceau** were married on June 17, 2017, at St. John's Catholic Church in Rapids City, Illinois. The bride and groom are pictured with the Gallaher family: (l-r) Ryan, Kate, Dan, Alie and Colin, Susan, **Brendan** '18 and **Connor** '13. ▼

**2012**

Former UMD outfielder **Jimmy Heck** has joined the St. Paul Saints of the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball. Last season he was with the Salina Stockade. Heck hit .258 with a home run and 24 RBI in 89 games. In 310 at bats, he scored 36 runs, had 12 doubles, four triples, was a perfect 10-10 in stolen bases, a .329 on base percentage, and a .332 slugging percentage.

2014

**Carter Burn** graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy on May 25. As one of 13 Trident Scholars, Carter received the Class of 1979 Trident Scholar prize awarded to the midshipman producing the most outstanding Trident project. He graduated with a B.S. in computer science and was ranked 6th academically in his class of 1,062 midshipmen. As a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, Carter will continue his education at the University of Pennsylvania. Carter was also named All-American in collegiate powerlifting and holds the Naval Academy's record for the deadlift at 678 lbs. He is pictured with his grandfather, **Frank Spinner '59**, from the first Benilde graduating class. ▼



**Jack Goldstein** graduated with honors from St. Olaf with a biology major. He applied to medical schools after graduation and is taking a gap year while awaiting responses. He will be working as a scribe at HCMC. ▼

**Danny Hogan** graduated from St. Olaf with a degree in chemistry. He is applying to medical schools and will be working as a scribe at the Southdale Eye Clinic. ▼

**Michael Kaminski** graduated Summa Cum Laude on May 27 with a 4.0 GPA from St. Olaf College. He majored in chemistry with a concentration in biomolecular science. He will perform cancer research for two years at the University of Minnesota before attending medical school. ▼



St. Olaf graduates Jack Goldstein, Danny Hogan, and Michael Kaminski are all aspiring doctors.

**Carlin Gordon** graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in marketing and business.

**Michelle Sauer** graduated from the University of Maryland with a 4.0 GPA and a B.A. in English language and literature, and secondary education. She was the commencement speaker at the University's graduation ceremony. Sixty-two students qualified for that honor, 25 were selected to read their speech to a committee, and Michelle was the one graduate selected.



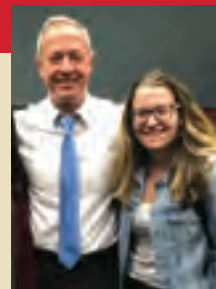
2015

**Will Duda** (left), **Jay Weber** (middle) and **Shelby Erickson** (right) met up for dinner in Florence, Italy, while studying abroad. Will attends the University of Minnesota, Jay attends Indiana University and Shelby attends the University of Colorado-Boulder. Shelby and Will both studied in Florence and Jay studied in Budapest this semester. ▲

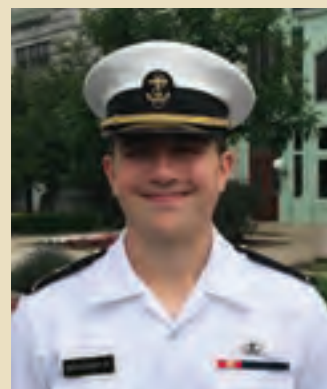
**Maddie Houlihan** was named Most Outstanding Player of the Big Ten Tournament as she helped the Minnesota Gophers softball team earn their third-consecutive tournament title in May.

2017

**McKenzie Dunleavy** had an opportunity to sit down with the 61st Governor of Maryland and 2016 presidential candidate Martin O'Malley to discuss his career and run for the presidency. McKenzie first learned about Martin O'Malley in Sister Jeanne's AP U.S. History class when she gave a presentation on O'Malley as part of an assignment. That project, along with participating in an American Legion camp, inspired McKenzie to attend college at George Washington University and pursue a career in politics. ▲



**Sean McCullough** recently earned his Airborne Jump Wings. Sean was one of a few midshipmen who were chosen to participate in Jump Week – a three week training that teaches members of the military the skills necessary to jump from a plane with a standard T-11 parachute and combat equipment. ►



## In Memoriam

**Betty Belanger**  
Mother of John '79  
**Mary Belanger Graves '80**  
**Kathleen Belanger Gebert '81**  
**Beth Belanger McCoy '82**

**Janet Hazledine Benner '56**  
Mother of Sarah Benner Williford '82  
**Bruce '86**  
**Paul '87 – deceased**

**Mary Brewster '65**

**Judy Brierton**  
Mother of Kristin Brierton Dennewill '86  
**Kerry Brierton Wetterling '89**  
**Kevin**  
**Keely Brierton Travers '93**  
**Kolin**  
**Korey**

**Dennis Cahill '59**

**Marty Campion**  
Brother of Margaret Campion Jaeger '50  
**Julie Campion Humbeutel '54**  
Husband of Patricia Gavin Bailey Campion '56

**James Carbonari**  
Father of Jennifer Carbonari Newman '88  
**Kelly Carbonari Schroeder '89**  
**Jim**

**Edward Emond**  
Husband of LaVonne Pouliot Emond '58  
Father of Nicole Emond Diehl '85  
**Renee '87**

**Sandra Patricia Evans '66**

**Veronica Rose "Coke" Fitzgerald**  
Mother of Kathleen Fitzgerald Allen '78  
**Peggy Fitzgerald Duda '79**  
**Elizabeth Fitzgerald Scott '82**  
**Patty '84**  
**Bill '86**  
**Sheila Fitzgerald Steichen '90**

**Claudia Forrey '70**  
Sister of David '62 – deceased  
**Steve '64**  
**Jane Forrey Shish '67**  
**John**

**Mary Alice Frawley**  
Mother of Kathleen Huyck – staff

**Marcella Gordon**  
Mother of Catherine Gordon Einhaus  
**Mary Elizabeth Gordon Mueller**  
**William**  
**John '82**  
**Peter '84**

**Bill Hanley**  
Father of Margaret Hanely Salatino '91  
**Brendan '94**  
**Kevin '98**

**Larry Hendrickson – past staff**





# Athletic Hall of Fame

2018 BSM Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony

Friday, September 28, 2018

Golden Valley Country Club • 7001 Golden Valley Road • Golden Valley, MN 55427

11 a.m. social • 11:30 a.m. lunch • 12:30 p.m. program

## Athletic Hall of Fame Mission Statement

*To instill and preserve pride in the outstanding athletic accomplishments or contributions to the athletic history and traditions of St. Margaret's Academy, Benilde High School, and Benilde-St. Margaret's School by alumni athletes, their coaches, directors, and loyal supporters.*

Stevie Seitz Evans '04

Jerry Gilligan '71

Tom Kosel

John Lundeen '78

Molly Cashman Sebold '76

Jordan Taylor '08

Jim Urbanek '73

Pat Walter '75

Jillian Zebeck '00

Future inductees will be selected by a committee from nominations submitted by May 15, 2019. Download the nomination form at [www.BSMschool.org/athletichalloffamenomination](http://www.BSMschool.org/athletichalloffamenomination).

Register for the luncheon and ceremony at [www.BSMschool.org/athletichalloffame](http://www.BSMschool.org/athletichalloffame).

Mary Hynes Huttner '47  
Mother of Paula '84  
Michael '87  
John

James Kimmel  
Father of Sue '85  
Bob '89  
Kathy Kimmel Bischel

Marguerite Kloster  
Mother of Kathleen Kloster Garoutte '65  
Susan Kloster Hammer '66

Terrence Langaard  
Brother of Scott  
Jeff '73  
Brad

Jim Marrin  
Husband of Jane Murray Marrin '60

Patricia McCarthy  
Mother of Karen McCarthy Lambert  
Kevin  
Brian  
Anne McCarthy Grendahl '87

Alfred Miron  
Husband of Joan Boege Miron '60

George Moudry and Father Richard Moudry  
- Brothers of Anne Moudry Kemp - past faculty

Scott Nelson  
Father of Matthew '06  
Daniel '10

Shirley Oeffling, CSJ '49  
Sister of Mary Ann Oeffling Suttle '56  
Susan Oeffling, CSJ '59

John O'Malley  
Brother of Colleen O'Malley, CSJ '58  
Husband of Patti Herbert O'Malley '52 - deceased  
Patricia Coulombe Thompson '52  
Father of Laura O'Malley Pietras '76  
Kathryn '77  
Joe  
Rob  
Chris  
David

Richard Peterson '65

Patricia Hoy Orth '42

Paul Piekarski '82  
Brother of Mark '79 - deceased  
Maria '81  
Cari '83  
Mike '85

William "Bill" Schnellman '60  
Brother of Thomas '62 - deceased  
Husband of Mary Jane Potter Schnellman '61 - deceased

Gerald Slavin  
Father of Kathy Slavin Cook '76  
Tom '77  
Jim '79  
Shaleen '81  
Maureen '84

Anthony Smith  
Husband of Tammy Jensen Smith '88  
Father of Elizabeth  
Jonathan '07  
Thomas  
William

Dan Steger '65  
Brother of Tom  
Will '62  
Jim '68  
Bob '72  
Mary Steger Barron  
John '74  
Theresa Steger Bergwall  
Carla Steger Cable

Bonnie Vos  
Mother of Fr. Jude Vos '78  
Jodé Vos Van Hove  
Joel '82

Mary Lohmar Warner '44  
Mother of Jeanne Warner Nelson Danielson '61  
Mary Kay Warner Verkennes '65  
Margaret Warner Hetman '69  
Kathy Warner Hmielewski  
Liz Warner La Chance  
Alice Warner Rosado  
John  
Lisa Warner Van Pelt  
Carol Warner Butler  
Jackie Warner MacDonald

Jim Wood '63

# 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 3 or an 8, it is your reunion year. If you would like to help plan a gathering for you class, please contact Rachel Kuzma Olson at rkuzmaolson@BSMschool.org or 962-767-0647. **For additional details or to RSVP to your reunion, call or e-mail the reunion contact listed below.**

**SMA 1955** • Wednesday, September 12, Noon, Jax Café, 1928 University Ave NE, Minneapolis, 55418. Please RSVP to reunion contact Judy Miller at judithann108@gmail.com by September 5.

**SMA 1961** • Saturday, August 18, 11:30 a.m., Jax Cafe, 1928 University Ave NE, Minneapolis 55418. Please RSVP to reunion contact Jeanne Warner Nelson at 763-416-2281 by Monday, August 13.

**SMA 1963** • Reunion contact needed. Please email alumni at rkuzmaolson@BSMschool.org.

**SMA 1968** • Saturday, September 15, 2018, 2-5 p.m., Jax Cafe, 1928 University Ave NE, Minneapolis, 55418. Register online at [www.BSMschool.org/SMA1968](http://www.BSMschool.org/SMA1968) or contact Ann Murphy Roman at artann@aol.com by Monday, September 10.

**BEN 1968** • Saturday, October 20, Jax Café, 1928 University Ave NE, Minneapolis, 55418, reunion contact: Tom Felling at tom@fellinggroup.com.

**BEN 1973** • Reunion contact needed. Please email alumni at rkuzmaolson@BSMschool.org.

**BSM 1978** • Friday, September 21, golf event at Meadowbrook. Contact Steve Wise at SteveWise@live.com to book your tee time. Reunion event is Saturday, September 22, time and venue TBA.

**BSM 1983** • TBA, Fall 2018, reunion contact: Caroline Stroh at lina811@aol.com.

**BSM 1988** • TBA, Fall 2018, reunion contact: Anne Quinn at anne\_quinn@hotmail.com.

**BSM 1993** • Saturday, August 11, 7-10 p.m., Brookview Event Center, 316 Brookview Pkwy S, Golden Valley, MN 55426. Register online at [www.BSMschool.org/BSM1993](http://www.BSMschool.org/BSM1993). Interested in golf? Arrange a foursome with classmates and contact Rachel Kuzma Olson at 952-767-0647 to select one of 5 designated tee times. Reunion contacts: Katy Bank Johnson at anniesangelsbsm@gmail.com or Rachel Kuzma Olson at rkuzmaolson@BSMschool.org.

**BSM 2008** • Saturday, November 24, 7 p.m., Punch Bowl Social, 1691 Park Pl Blvd, St Louis Park. Reunion contacts: Emily Allen at emilyfallen3@gmail.com, Jake Ingalls at jingalls96@gmail.com and Katie Milroy at Katie.milroy@gmail.com.

**BSM 2013** • Wednesday, November 21, 7 p.m. Punch Bowl Social, 1691 Park Pl. Blvd, St. Louis Park. Reunion contact: Jake Szarzynski at jake@malibuaubahn.com.

## Upcoming Events



### Alumni Soccer Thursday, August 9

6:30 p.m. BSM Stadium  
Bring family and friends, and stay for a barbeque after the game.

### Alumni Cross Country Saturday, August 18

10 a.m. Bassett Creek Park • 1-mile run

### Athletic Hall of Fame Friday, September 28 Golden Valley Country Club

### Homecoming Friday, September 28 BSM Stadium

### Alumni Children's Christmas Party Sunday, December 9

9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Call Mary Fran to RSVP 952-915-4360

Homecoming 2018

**The Red Zone**

**Benilde-St.Margaret's**

7 p.m. BSM Stadium • BSM vs. St. Louis Park

Friday, September 28

**The Red Zone • Homecoming Cookout**

Students, families, alumni, faculty and staff are invited to attend the pregame Homecoming Cookout.  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. • Haben Plaza

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Event details and online registration information coming soon.



# BSM's Day of Giving Raises \$291,000

There is great strength in numbers, and we are incredibly thankful to everyone who made generous gifts of all sizes to Benilde-St. Margaret's on our Day of Giving.

24  
HOURS

475  
DONORS

12% increase

\$291<sup>k</sup>  
DOLLARS  
RAISED

7.6% increase  
(This includes \$120,000  
matching gift fund)



These contributions will have an immediate impact on our students and keep our school strong in the year to come!

## Donor Categories

Current Parents	157
Alumni	224
Grandparents	43
Past Parents	74
Faculty/Staff	29
Friends	14

(Donors can be designated in more than one category)

## Top 5 Alumni Classes

by participation – Alumni giving is up 11% over 2017 Day of Giving

1. BSM 1993
2. BSM 1978
3. Benilde 1971
4. BSM 1986
5. BSM 1979

\* Special recognition for the **Class of 2017**  
with 6 NEW donors on Day of Giving

## A Successful Day of Giving

ensures BSM is able to create more opportunities for our students to thrive, provide experiences for our teachers to grow professionally, and identify new ways for next-generation learning in our classrooms and beyond.

# Thank you!



# Alumni ALBUM



Family Gathering—Erin Keefe Gullinane's wedding was cause for the Keefe family to gather for a mini-reunion: (l-r) Tom '80, Jim '83, Tim '79, Julie Keefe Jensen '72, Mike '74, Greg '87 and Paul '75. Nick '86 missed the photo.



Spirit Shop Retirees—Maureen Weber Grazzini '86 and Michelle Fournier Weber '83 were honored on their final day as Spirit Shop volunteers.



Hockey Championship—The Holmers family gathered at the North American Hockey League Robertson Cup Championship to watch Jacob '16 and the Shreveport Mudbugs win the Cup: (l-r) Jeff, Justin '04, Jacob '16, Jennie, Jason '01, and Jon '08.



Wedding Celebration—Levi and Kaitlin Sundberg Lowell '05 had strong support from the Red Knights at their October wedding: front row (l-r) Levi Lowell, Kaitlin Sundberg Lowell, Annalise Sundberg Helms '08, Leigh Threlkeld Spilseth '05, and Jill Hance Miller '05; second row (l-r) Shane Harrington '05, Molly Mlnarik Wolford '05, Allison Bolgrean Brown '05, Michelle Smith Scott '05, Devin Harrington '05, and John Helms '08; back row (l-r) Kellyn McNaught '05, Pam Sylvestre Gleason '05, Courtney Johnson '08, Allyson Draxler '05, Claire Goodrich Huerter '05, Madisson Delaney '08, and Jared Brown '05; not pictured: Rachael Peck '08.



2003 Classmates Celebrate—Stephen Gunville and Bridget Haeg Montroy traveled to New York for the ordination of HJ Shea.

Red Knights in Budapest—Spring break brought alums together in Budapest: (l-r) Julia Weber '12, Kendel Malcolm '15, Jay Weber '15, Mitch Lowenberg '15 and Eric Weber '18.





# Joranger Open

BSM Golf Tournament—Many alums came out to Deer Run to support the alumni golf tournament on June 11.

**Winning Foursome**—Mike Kosiek '05, Ryan Ball '05, Bennett Lang '05 and Mikey Abts '05  
(pictured with Adam Ehrmantraut)



David Pohlen '84, Tony Pohlen '93 and Larry Pohlen '77



Aaron Wheeler '95, Kirk Fossum '93 and Jason Doll '93 (not pictured Kelly Gallagher '93)

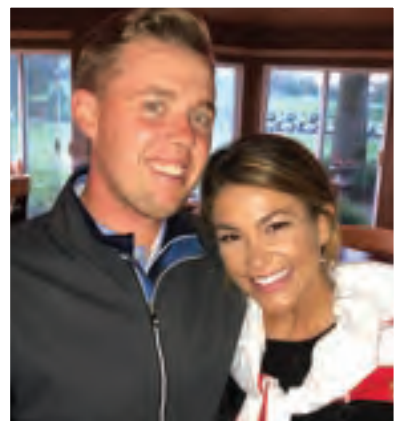


Jerry Deziel '78 and Terry Goblirsch '78



Mark Jacob '01, Mark Opdahl, Jeff Sweetser Jr. '02, Joe Burns '01, Nick Schneider '01, Dave Tolbert '01, Charlie Daum '01, Tony Cleveland '02, Ryan Abts '02, Jimmy Clifford '02, and Ian Wexler '02

Brett Draxler '11 and Hannah Corbett '11



Jim Rasinski '79, Tim Murray '79, Kevin Moss '79 and Todd Yager '79



# Alumni ALBUM



Vande Hei at SJU—Astronaut Mark Vande Hei '85 was the speaker at the ROTC Commissioning Ceremony at St. John's University on May 12. He posed for photos with Second Lieutenant Colton Busse, son of Joyce Hoffman Busse '83 (photo 1), and classmates Jim Techam and Michael Hoffman (photo 2).

Yearbook Staffers Unite—Rachael Scherer '78, Helen Mulvehill Rockwell '67 and Mary Seiwert Periolat '67 enjoyed a photo opportunity at Our Lady of Lourdes Gala.



Annie's Angels—In August 2017 Katy Bank Johnson '93 completed her 3rd Susan G. Komen 3-Day walk in Honor of classmate and friend Anne Molina Lucas '93. Her team, Annie's Angels, was honored to lead in the walkers at the closing ceremony for the second year in a row. "I will walk to honor Anne as long as she keeps sending me signs that she is supporting me. I started walking for Anne and now I walk for over 150 fallen, fighters and survivors." If you would like to join her team for 2018, please contact her at [anniesangelsbsm@gmail.com](mailto:anniesangelsbsm@gmail.com). Kay is pictured with classmates and former 3-Day teammates; (l-r) Holly Henn Kangas '93, Katy, and Rachel Kuzma Olson '93.



Red Knight Strong—The BSM boys provided great support for Colin Gallaher '11 on his wedding day; back row (l-r) BJ Dunn '11, Sam Scherer '11, Greg Zeman '11, and Christian Pauly '11; middle (l-r) Kyle McCarthy '11, Tommy Nelson '11, and Sevy Gondeck '12; front (l-r) Simon Gondeck '12, Connor Gallaher '13, and Joe Pauly '13.

Benilde 55-Year Reunion—The Class of 1963 met on June 15-16 for a reunion weekend that included golf, a social at Park Tavern, Benilde-St. Margaret's School tour & Mass and a wine and cheese social hosted by Lee and Kevina Munnich: back row (l-r) Mike Collins, Mike O'Keefe, Scott Faulds, Tim Graham, Dennis Jindra, Ron Warren, Bill Brambilla, Mike Roach, Tim Igo, Dave Nelson, Dennis Dale, Charles Knapp, Jerry Yunger, John Ladd, Bernie Baier, Mike Scherer, Jack Shea, Richard Struxness, Dave Shute, and Jim McNearney; front row (l-r) Terry Williams, Lee Munnich, Tom Walsh, Dick Novack, Bruce Van Beusekom, Tom Morneau, Jim Misencik, George Kroeck, Don Johnson, Tim Diegel, Mike Ryan, Dick Ahlstrom and John Stacy.







Keefe Wedding—Erin Keefe Cullinane's immediate family gathered for a photo on her wedding day: (l-r) Megan '13, Robert '05, Jodie, Erin '01, Paul '75, and Matthew '16.

Pilgrimage Run—Jeff Rauenhorst '96 started the 500-mile "Camino" pilgrimage running across northern Spain on May 29. He began in France, crossed the Pyrenees mountains, went through Pamplona and Leon and finished in Santiago de Compostela. Jeff is running to raise awareness for Catholic Energies, a program for the Catholic Climate Covenant. Read more about Jeff's story at <https://bit.ly/2tEBXeM>.



Class of 2018—Graduates from the senior class posed in their alumni T-shirts before heading out to the senior party after graduation; (l-r) Mandy Nylander, Jackie Paule, Olivia Hettletvedt, Ruby Strommen and Mary Hoyt.

SMA 1952 Luncheon—The annual lunch was held at Jax Café on June 12: back row (l-r) Mary Delaney Larson, Helen Sammon Peterson, Janice Pull Peters, Mary Mach Peterson, Marlene Beriow Dowson, Kathleen Siede Nelson, Lorraine Michaels, Rita Lorsung Peller, Mary Kummer Ingaldson, and Irene Colston; front row (l-r) Maxine Miles Prokop, Honorary SMA member, Fred Glynn, Cathleen Sullivan Bendel and Anna Mrsich Glynn; not pictured Dorothy Buchanan Lodahl.



# Alumni ALBUM



2000



2018

Time Flies—Suzy Moen Dahlmeier graduated in 2000 and celebrated with nephew Nick Johsrud. In 2018, graduate Nick celebrated with aunt Suzy.



Tift Family—Luke's graduation brought the Tift family together on June 1: Jack '11, Danny '14, Bob '71, Luke '18 and Sam '08.



Letschers—Sheila, Abby '18 and Tom posed for a photo on graduation day.



Ola Family—Will Ola celebrated the Red Knight graduation of daughter Ashlee.



Class of 2018 Sets of Twins—The graduating class of Red Knights had several sets of twins for twice the graduation fun: (l-r) Tenley and Abigail Gage, Katherine and Lizzie McCracken, Joe and Jack Rickman, Meghan and Mackenzie Staples, Rachel and Claire Folkestad.



Kranes—Red Knight sisters helped their brother Will celebrate: (l-r) Jennifer '13, Will '18 and Elizabeth '11.



Moen Family—Siblings gathered to celebrate the graduation of Nick from BSM: Mary Moen '92, Nick Johsrud '18, Suzy Moen Dahlmeier '00, Stephanie Moen Anderson '96, and Chris Moen '94.



Blacks—The family celebrated their last Red Knight graduation: (l-r) Michael '15, Alex '13, Ian '18, Archie, Jane and Patrick '10.



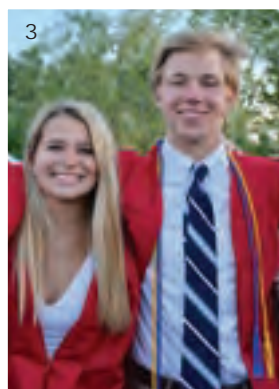
Cousins—The Class of 2018 had several sets of cousins who celebrated their graduations together.

Photo 1: Caroline Monchamp '18 and Billy Pannek '18

Photo 2: Ben Larson '18 and Matthew Kocourek '18

Photo 3: Brielle Baker '18 and Quinn Ehlen '18

Photo 4: Claire Grazzini '18 and Eric Weber '18



Kalb Family—Members of the Kalb family gathered to celebrate Patrick's graduation from BSM: (l-r) Ann, Bob '84, Claire '15, Tony '17, Patrick '18, and John '20; front row: Nicholas.

Renier Family—A family of graduates celebrated their BSM farewell with the graduation of Tracy '18: Jim '07, Mike '76, Betsy Murphy Renier '76, Tracy '18, Andy '14, Peggy '12, Katie Renier Hoeg '09, and Erik Hoeg '08.





# BSM BUZZ



The Minnesota Safari Club donated \$3000 to the BSM Clay Target team to celebrate and promote youth involvement in outdoor activities.

Six BSM graduates are attending military academies: Naval Academy – **Lorenzo Cerda** '18, Naval Prep School – **Turner Wine** '18, two to the Air Force Academy – **James Norkosky** '18 & **Noah Swindlehurst** '18, **Marly Neururer** '18 is enlisted in the Air Force and **Ingrid Lundberg** '18 has a full ROTC scholarship to Northeastern.



Ingrid Lundberg, Lorenzo Cerda, Marly Neururer, James Norkosky, Noah Swindlehurst and Turner Wine gather at the spring signing ceremony.

Two Red Knight graduates signed for football – **Ikenna Ujuagu** '18 will attend Winona State and **Liam Ford** '18 will attend Northern Michigan.

The senior high Orchestra received a Superior Rating at the 6AA State Solo and Ensemble Competition. This is the highest honor given. The Chamber Orchestra performed two pieces "Passacaglia" by Senturia and the "Mozart Symphony No. 25."

This year, 129 students in grades 7-12 in Spanish levels 1-AP Literature took part on in the National Spanish Exam on Monday, March 19. 61 students earned national recognition.



**Sophie Herrmann** '18 won the State Champion title Great Speeches and **Breah Banks** '20 took the 6th place medal in Prose at the State Speech tournament on Friday, April 20. Additionally, **Cammie Norman** '19, **Breah**, and **Ronan Brew** '20 made top 48 in the nation in their speech categories at the Catholic Nationals in Washington DC. And, **Henry Bird** '18 competed at the National Speech & Debate in Florida mid-June.

Three Red Knights competed in the United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association National Competition in April. **Rose Bransford** '21 won a bronze medal in Snowboard Slalom and placed 4th in both Giant Slalom and Snowboard Cross. **Iris Pflum** '21 won gold in Slalom, silver in Giant Slalom and silver in Snowboard Cross. **George Mobraaten** '22 finished 37th in Boardercross and 74th in Slopestyle.



**Celiena Davis** '18, **Sydney Dickson** '22, **Rachel Scoggins** '19 and **Leif Anderson** '18 were honored at the Caring Youth Recognition event to "encourage and reward both a day-to-day lifestyle of caring concern for others and unselfish volunteerism."



On Thursday, April 26, the BSM choir performed in front of 900 people at the Catholic Community Foundation's 25th anniversary banquet. The BSM choir performed two songs with local jazz singer **Patty Peterson** and one solo piece. In attendance were leaders from Twin Cities Parishes and Archbishop Hebda.







Over 100 senior high students participated in the annual A Vous la Parole French speaking contest. All groups participating earned BLUE medals.

**Ryan Frost '18** and **Tristan Fjelstad '18** were ranked #1 going into Boys' Tennis Class AA State Doubles Tournament. They beat Willmar in their first match but lost a tough second match to a team from Eastview.

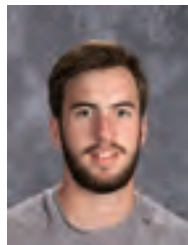
For the second time in three seasons the softball team took the section 6AAA championship title and competed in the Class AAAA state tournament. The Red Knights were defeated by Hill-Murray in their first game.

Boys' lacrosse made it to the state championship game for the second year in a row where they lost a close game to the Prior Lake Lakers. Goalie **Jackson "Buzz" Williams '18**, midfielder **Quinn Ehlen '18** and attackmen **Eric Weber '18** and **Turner Wine '18** made the All-Tournament Team. Buzz was also nominated as a Senior Mr. Goalie Finalist.

The State AA track & field tournament was held June 8 -9 at Hamline University. **Madison Johnson '19** placed second in the high jump **besting her own school record with a jump of 5'8"**. **Matthew Guggemos '19** came in 9th in the triple jump with a PR of 42'11".



## 2018-2019 Student Council Executive Board



(clockwise) President **Benji Barry '19**, Vice President **John Whitmore '19**, Secretary **Kate Hancuch '19**, Treasurer **Hope Wang '20**, Commissioner of Publicity **Frida Fortier '20**, and Commissioner of Student Activities **Maggie Anderson '20**.

Student Council class leaders for the 2018-2019 school year have been elected. Leading the senior class are **Connor Lawler** (President), **Sally Calengor** (Vice President), **Abby O'Neil** (Secretary) and **Sarah Kinney** (Treasurer). Junior officers include **Joe Marinaro & Tommy Beutz** (Co-Presidents), **Zach Carden** (Vice President), **Cylysce Doe** (Secretary), and **Stevie Birch** (Treasurer). The sophomores chosen to serve are **Ananya Yogarajah** (President), **Charlie Damberg** (Vice President), **Piper Ehlen** (Secretary) and **Xela Gunvalson & Nick Marinaro** (Co-Treasurers).

Over 50 junior high students were recognized at the Junior High Awards Ceremony, Tuesday, June 5 for excellence in and out of the classroom. This year's Red Knight Award winners were **Lauren Alinder '22** and **Mason Frank '22** for embodying what it truly means to be a Red Knight.

**Henry Koch '18** and **Abigail Letscher '18** both won National Merit Scholarships. Koch will attend Villanova University to study medicine. Abigail Letscher '18 is attending Northwestern University and is currently undecided on a major.



More than 500 MN students competed in the 80th annual North Central State Science & Engineering Fair. **Felisha Fox '18**, **Michael Pupel '18**, **Alexa Reynders '18**, **Ben Larson '18** and **Spencer Sweeney '18** all attended the fair. Felisha and Michael won awards from Beckman-Coulter and 3M (\$1350 in total). Ben and Alexa moved on to compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh, PA where they met students from around the world and visited places like Heinz Field and the Carnegie Science Center.





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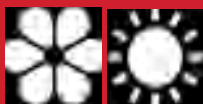
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Early bird tickets will be available online and at Round-up beginning Wednesday, August 13.

*Questions/volunteer opportunities:*

*contact Mary Fran O'Keefe, 952-915-4360, [mfokeefe@BSMSchool.org](mailto:mfokeefe@BSMSchool.org)*



***A Knight for All Seasons***, our annual fundraising event, extends a warm welcome to the broad Benilde-St. Margaret's community. Its proceeds directly benefit our students through enhanced programming and enriched education opportunities. We invite you to support Benilde-St. Margaret's.

