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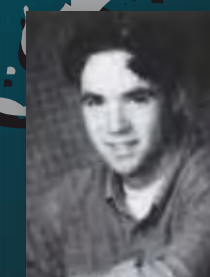
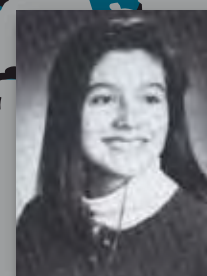
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In an upcoming issue of the *Crown & Shield* we will feature people who exhibit the Spirit of BSM. Let us know about the many ways that spirit manifests itself through giving to BSM, action inside and outside the classroom, and the commitment to living our Mission and Vision in the spirit of BSM. Send story ideas and photos (at least 1 mb in size) to marcomm@BSMSchool.org.

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BSM alumni are leaders of the global society. We visit with four Red Knights with a world view: Steve Ruder '83 in Guam, Brendan Hanley '94 in Malaysia; Stacey (Anastasia) Pharris-Ciurej '92 in Sweden; and, Karen Kozachok Gutierrez '81 in St. Paul, Minnesota, seen here in their Sangraal photos.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We at Benilde-St. Margaret's are proud of our tradition of educating leaders for a global society. It's a part of our mission.



For so many reasons, the world is getting smaller and, as Tom Friedman would say, “flatter,” every day. The Internet, 24-hour news channels, high-speed and long-range transportation systems, immigration and integration nurturing diversity, sharing of world languages and cultures, universal religions—these and other factors are influencing how each member of our community lives, learns and leads in a global society. We at Benilde-St. Margaret's are proud of our tradition of educating leaders for a global society. It's a part of our mission.

Inside and outside of the classroom, our students and faculty are exploring a variety of ideas. Questions are encouraged and differences are embraced. Our students are prepared to succeed in college and excel in their chosen personal and professional lives.

In this issue of *Crown & Shield*, we are reintroduced to several BSM alumni who are sharing their gifts with the global society. Whether their home bases are the Twin Cities or the Caribbean, Europe or Southeast Asia, Red Knights are in the world, making a difference.

As is the case with so much of what we do at BSM, the results are evident later as our graduates mature, choose their vocations and avocations, and form life long relationships. As a Catholic learning community, we are dedicated to our student's faith formation. Mike Jeremiah has been an integral part of helping students shorten the distance between head and heart and live out what he describes as their “affective faith.”

I hope these stories inspire you to share your story with us. Your classmates, teachers and friends at BSM want to hear from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bob Tift". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being large and prominent.

Dr. Bob Tift '71
President

Being Catholic

At the heart of BSM is our identity as a Catholic learning community. Every year, we join the national celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Every day, we see our students' spiritual development as they serve others, pursue doctrinal scholarship, participate in liturgies, and attend class retreats.



Catholic Schools Week



Retreats Advance in Faith Formation

A few years ago, the United States Catholic Bishops published the *Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age*. At the request of Archbishop John Nienstedt, all of the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis have been implementing the new curriculum. The faculty in the BSM Faith Formation department, under the leadership of Vice President Holly Hoey Germann, anticipated the archbishop's direction and began using the framework as the roadmap for analyzing and refreshing the BSM theology program.

According to Ms. Hoey Germann, a meaningful faith-based curriculum experience meets students where they are and brings them along from there.

"During the 2011-2012 school year, we'll continue to implement the framework," she said. "Each semester, every student in the senior high school, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, will take a theology course that allows them to explore many facets of the Catholic Church, Christian discipleship, and the foundation of our faith."

Students are also exploring their personal faith when they attend a class retreat. "We've expanded that program: a day retreat for each class is required; an overnight experience is optional," explained Ms. Hoey Germann. "We asked Mike Jeremiah to lead the expanded program. When Mike connects one-on-one, he makes a difference."

Mr. Jeremiah (Mr. J.) came to BSM in 1975 with degrees in social studies and theology in hand. Within a year, he created the Senior Leadership Group, which eventually became the Peer Ministry program. "This was an opportunity for older students to be positive examples and role models for the younger kids," he said.

Photos (left)

Senior Megan Collins and sophomore Jennifer Roberts won the video contest, sharing how they choose to follow Jesus.

The BSM community gathered for Mass with Fr. Tim Wozniak.

Junior Peggy Renier depicted Peter, carrying the keys, on "Dress as Your Favorite Bible Figure Day."

Students kicked off Catholic Schools Week, held January 31-February 4, with an assembly led by English teacher Anna Overbo and seventh grader Jameer Anderson. The event included a game of Follow the Leader, emphasizing the theme, "Come, follow me," a performance by a band of four high school students, an announcement of the video contest winners, and more.

1996 BSM Graduate Corey Anderson spoke to both senior high and junior high students about the importance of following Jesus and giving back.

He led a retreat for the Class of 1977 at Camp Ihduhapi on Lake Independence. "Four students from the class helped with the planning. We focused on three things: relationship with God, relationship with others, and relationship with self. They are interdependent."

Mr. J. teaches students about what is called "affective faith." That's faith that is lived, not compartmentalized. "The greatest distance, sometimes, is between the head and the heart," he says. "I hope students absorb what is learned today and take it to heart. Concepts that are read about now can become part of everyday life."

Today, freshmen are introduced to the retreat concept and what it means to be part of a community of faith. The theme is "Children of God." Tenth graders focus on reconciliation and forgiveness. "Sophomore year is the hardest. The kids enjoy new freedoms. They're learning to forgive themselves and others."

Juniors are learning about leadership and what it means for next year. That's when they become the school leaders and assume the responsibility of being role models for the younger students.

Seniors have two retreats. The first focuses on childhood and has a holiday theme. "They look at the people who have been their role models as well as where they've been with Jesus. We encourage them to not let the child slip away." Mr. J. adds, "Kids' needs always remain the same. They need to know they are loved, they matter, and they have purpose. You never outgrow that."

The second senior retreat is in April. "They reflect on their years at BSM—four for most, some for six—and begin to reflect on what they'll take with them as they move forward. Some know, some don't, yet."

When they do, however, Mr. J. will be standing by. "My relationship with students doesn't end when they walk across the stage at graduation. They take me up on the offer to be there for them. The greatest joy in the job is seeing growth from freshman to senior, from senior to parent. I can't begin to describe the feeling. I see kids grow and see what they've overcome. I see the strength they continue to show, their faith and their families."



Mike Jeremiah with seniors Vince Beacom and Sam Flumerfelt

Buy plants, support BSM

Spring is right around the corner, so get out your gardening gloves. The Parent Association is sponsoring the annual plant sale again, with orders due by March 22. A variety of beautiful, high-quality items, as well as gift cards, are available from Gregor Farm and Greenhouse. This is a great chance to add some color to your yard and purchase some gifts that will be appreciated for months to come. More information and an order form are posted on the BSM website at www.BSMschool.org/plants. Plants will be available for pick-up at BSM, May 12-13.



American Cancer Society honors BSM

On January 12, Megan Dugar from the American Cancer Society presented President Bob Tift (left) and business education teacher Matt St. Martin (right) with a Nationwide Top 5 Youth award. BSM was honored as a leader in the 2010 Relay for Life event that was held at the school in May 2010. Relay For Life is a community gathering that raises crucial funds for the American Cancer Society's programs in research, education, advocacy, and patient services. Mr. St. Martin organized the event for the school.

BSM participated in the youth category, finishing first in the country for its size (high schools of 1,000 + students).

The award was based on total funds raised (over \$102,000), the number of participants, and the number of cancer survivors who took part.

BSM will be hosting Relay for Life on May 14.



Red Knight Volunteer Corps members weigh options

RKVC is no small outfit. Currently at over 350 members strong, the Twin Cities community is reaping the rewards of this volunteer group. Keeping this many students actively engaged takes coordination, but advisor Zach Zeckser, with the help of service coordinator Lisa Lenhart-Murphy, is up to the task.

So far this year, RKVC members have helped various organizations, including Loaves and Fishes, Feed My Starving Children, the Science Museum of Minnesota, Mothers of Multiples, and Sholom Community Alliance...just to name a few. RKVC members and non-members have shoveled for BSM neighbors and planted flowers for nearby cities. Some are looking into being counselors for Camp Friendship next summer, and others referee for Special Olympic basketball games.

Service is a strong component of BSM's mission, and RKVC members are living proof of that commitment.

BSM senior named Miss Minnesota Teen USA 2011

Senior Hannah Corbett was named MISS MINNESOTA TEEN USA® 2011 on November 28, 2010. The competition was held in Burnsville and included evening gown, swimwear and interview segments.

With no previous pageant experience, Hannah admits that she was "completely shocked" with the win. She did receive training prior to the event, and is now entitled to thousands of dollars in scholarships and prizes. In addition, she will compete for the title of MISS TEEN USA® 2011 at the national pageant next year.

Her reign will include various appearances. She says, "I'm excited to be a role model for other teens in Minnesota, have fun, and build relationships with people."



David Haas and Fr. Ray East lead Taizé Service

The Spirit was in full force on February 8, when BSM theology teacher and artist-in-residence David Haas and Fr. Ray East (Fr. Ray) led the BSM community in a Taizé service. The Taizé prayer form, which originated in Taizé, France, is contemplative in nature and filled with musical mantras, litanies, prayer, intercession and silence.

Fr. Ray is the vicar of evangelization for, and a priest of, the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. He also serves as the pastor of St. Therese of Avila Parish in the District. He has been a guest at BSM for several years, and his visits are eagerly anticipated by both adults and students. Mr. Haas is a theology teacher and artist-in-residence at BSM, and is well known internationally as a composer of liturgical music, workshop and retreat leader, author, concert performer and recording artist. Fr. Ray and Mr. Haas were joined by BSM faculty and students, as well as musicians from the greater Twin Cities area.

Cafeteria participates in Farm to School Program

BSM's food service vendor, Taher, is participating in the Farm to School program. BSM purchases food—everything from produce to meats—from local farmers. This practice benefits the community, while also offering healthier, fresher food items to students. Farm to School works with the Southeast Minnesota Food Network—a partnership of 80 farms in southeast Minnesota. Although the program has some additional expenses, the advantages win out. Students are encouraged to eat healthier and local farmers are supported, giving a boost to Minnesota's economy.



Beginning in the fall, BSM will add 10 minutes to the end of the school day, allowing us to have an eight-period day in both schools.

In the senior high, the added period, known as the BSM Hour, will accommodate a variety of expanded opportunities for students. Students will earn their PE, Wellness, and College and Career credits; and, they'll be able to work one-on-one with their teachers. Faculty will have more opportunities for professional development and to collaborate with their colleagues.

The new eight-period bell schedule allows religion classes to meet five days a week while protecting the option for elective classes. The additional religion classes will allow for the proper delivery of the new curriculum that has been gradually phased in at BSM. Every two to three weeks, each class will meet for an extended time to allow for activities that promote critical thinking skills, collaboration and creativity.

While the new schedule will shorten class time by five minutes, the courses will not be compromised. Best practice in curriculum and pedagogy is to design lessons that are based on learning outcomes and skills, not just a list of facts. We believe that this initiative will have a positive impact on the student's academic performance. Students will gain the ability and time to focus on specific subjects that may be more difficult or challenging. Teachers will continue to align courses with benchmarks and standards that are found in the PLAN, ACT, PSAT, SAT and AP tests.

New software helps students ease test anxiety

As part of BSM's new Wellness Program, headed by Connie Fourné, a software program to reduce anxiety, emWave, is now available to students. By attaching a monitor to their earlobe, students can learn to regulate their breathing and heart rate. The monitor interacts with computer software, allowing students to watch the rise and fall of a ball on a wave via a computer screen—as one example—to

better gauge their respiratory system. Since testing situations often produce emotion triggers in the brain, students who can control these responses will allow the intellectual part of the brain to perform better.

Seniors have tried emWave in their wellness class, and the software is available to all students in learning specialist Dave Herbst's classroom.

Hall Of Honor



The Hall of Honor program allows our community to recognize and publicly honor the heritage of BSM, salute the dedication and service of the volunteer community, and reward the professional longevity of employees.

The 2011 honorees have made a significant contribution to the lives of many in the Benilde-St. Margaret's and greater communities.



Judy and Ed Cannon

Red Knight Leadership Award Winners

Ed and Judy Cannon

As philanthropists, volunteers and stewards, Ed and Judy Cannon are true leaders. As soon as they joined the BSM community in 1997, the Cannons became active. Judy served on committees, including the Silent Auction for five years, as a member of the Parent Association board, manager of the Parent Ambassador Program, and a manager of the Spirit Shop. Twice, she chaired the senior dance. Judy and Ed chaperoned dances, and they provided financial support that benefited their four children and countless other BSM students.

Jim and Mary Jetland

There's enough energy generated by Jim and Mary Jetland to fire up the lights over the new fields. They have been active BSM fundraisers, first as chairs of the successful 2004-2005 Annual Fund drive, then as leaders in the Raise the Red Campaign. They have served long after their two children graduated from BSM. Jim and Mary believe in the power of purpose, people and prayer. Their generosity lives on in the new campus that will be enjoyed by the BSM family for decades to come.

Jerry Pettinger

As the director of athletics and activities, Jerry Pettinger is an innovative thinker. He's confident when making decisions,

and wise through experience. Jerry oversees clubs and academic activities as well as athletics. Since joining BSM in 1996, his portfolio has expanded to include 28 varsity sports, 65 teams, and 19 clubs/activities. In his time, 31 sports and activities have been represented in state competitions, and the Red Knights have tallied 53 state championships. He considers his biggest accomplishment to be getting everyone where they were supposed to be last spring, amid the craziness of no on-site facilities. His hands-off management style with coaches and advisers, previous experience in school administration and admissions, role as a parent, general concern for teenagers, and willingness to think outside of the box and then listen, discuss, and decide make him an asset to the BSM community.



Mary and Jim Jetland



Jerry Pettinger

Red Knight Leadership Award

Ed and Judy Cannon
Jim and Mary Jetland
Jerry Pettinger
Tonya Puckett

Distinguished Alumni Award

Bonnie O'Connor '55
Jeff Gacek '73
Richard Prosen '83

Volunteer Service Award

Mark Lex
Linda Mlnarik
Claudia Sefton
Nancy Selleck

20-year Faculty/Staff

Patrice Miller Carlson '78
Connie Fourré
Anne Moen
Mark Snell



Tonya Puckett

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She has quietly reached out and offered support to BSM families who were facing tough times. Tonya Puckett's distinctive

program, Random Acts of Kindness, offers qualified families assistance with lunches, academic field trips, bussing, athletic passes, graduation fees and the cost of the senior party. The seed for the program was planted when Tonya noticed a lot of extra lunches coming out of her daughter Catherine's account. A student didn't have money for lunch, so Catherine, who obviously learned generosity from her mother, was letting her friend use her card. Tonya has always been supportive of BSM and its mission. She strongly believes in giving kids the opportunity to succeed on a level playing field. She seems to know instinctively that giving with an eye to the dignity of the recipient graces everyone involved. That's exactly how Tonya has helped lead the way in an effort to establish a BSM legacy of kindness.

Volunteer Service Award Winners

Mark Lex

Unless you've noticed Mark Lex at the scorer's table at basketball games or seen him at conferences, you might not recognize his face, which is often hidden by a large camera lens. This science teacher's sports photos are a highlight of the BSM website. A trained EMT, Mark has volunteered to train faculty and staff in CPR, first aid and AED use. He's also a key player in the recycling and composting effort at BSM. Mark and the Environmental Adventures Club, which he advises, began brainstorming years ago about ways for the school to be more environmentally responsible. With the composting effort now in full swing, the Red Knights are much more "green."

Linda Mlnarik

The motto for Linda Mlnarik, the mother of four children at BSM, could have been "carpe decennium," seize the decade. Along with supporting her Red Knights in multiple activities and athletics, Linda was active in the Parent Association, planning and executing Baccalaureate and other special events, and working for, and in, the Spirit Shop. She also provided input on strategic planning—offering parent perspective for long- and short-range



Volunteer Service Award winners—Mark Lex, Linda Mlnarik, Claudia Sefton and Nancy Selleck

plans for BSM. Linda values being part of a community of faith that comes together, works together, and supports each other through thick and thin. We value her many years of volunteer service to BSM.

Claudia Sefton

Cool, calm and collected, Claudia Sefton—with her serene presence—has been a gift to BSM. As a mainstay in the Spirit Shop, Claudia has been a mentor to new volunteers and the grease that makes the wheels turn easier. The volunteer waiting list was one of her primary tasks, making sure that moms were given equal opportunity, slotted into their desired days, and assigned appropriate duties. Claudia also served on the Parent Association board and was a valued volunteer for the Silent Auction. She was a creative gift gatherer and hosted a party or two for just that purpose. Her experience with similar events at Immaculate Heart of Mary and her involvement with Junior League made her a valuable resource. Even four years after her last child's commencement, Claudia remains faithful to Red Knight causes.

Nancy Selleck

Nancy Selleck has served, then served again. Phase I began in 1994 when her daughter entered BSM. Nancy staffed the Career Center, served as the secretary of the Parent Association, was the two-year-chair of the pasta dinner, and the chair of Wintergreen. She was involved with the senior party and the girls' swim team. Phase II began in 2004 when her son enrolled. This time, Nancy served in the Spirit Shop and assisted with Student Recognition. She switched from swimming to football and baseball. Her "need help—I'm available" attitude was an organizer's dream and her high energy and delightful personality made each activity more enjoyable.

Distinguished Alumni Award Winners

Bonnie O'Connor '55

After graduating from St. Margaret's Academy, Bonnie O'Connor went on to get her degree in education from the College of St. Catherine and began her career as a teacher. Before long, she was a principal of Christ the King Elementary School. Combining her love for education and

for nursing, she spent her summers teaching employee education classes at St. Mary's Hospital, where she was eventually hired as Director of Human Services. In that position, Bonnie successfully navigated two hospital mergers and several major contracts. She deftly maneuvered employees and management through reorganization, restructuring and renovation of facilities. Bonnie wrapped up her distinguished career as the Vice President for Professional Services and Operations at the University of Minnesota Medical Center. Throughout her life, she has consistently fostered the common good through education, healthcare, social service, and spirituality—something she learned to do from her earlier days as a Sister of St. Joseph.

Jeff Gacek '73

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."
Most of us recognize this bible verse. Jeff Gacek has been living it. Jeff owned and operated a successful printing business, paying his employees well and giving generously to various charities. Still, it never felt like enough. In 2006, he sold his business and went on a mission trip to Haiti with his late wife, Alyn. Afterward, they founded Healing Haiti. Jeff and his volunteers have refurbished a school, built an orphanage, dug a cistern for clean water and provided two water trucks for neighboring towns. Get it? He is feeding the hungry, bringing water to the thirsty, clothing the naked and giving shelter to the homeless—every single day.

Richard Prosen '83

Richard Prosen is the Counterterrorism Policy Coordinator in the Department of State's Office of European Security and Political Affairs. Behind that title is a legacy of service to his country and diplomatic leadership over the 27 years since leaving BSM. His resume includes ROTC at Notre Dame, advanced degrees, work in the aerospace industry, satellite design, and hostility reduction negotiation during the Georgia-Russia conflict in 2008. Today, as the lead officer for NATO reform, Richard is most proud of his work establishing a comprehensive strategy for NATO to protect against, prevent the use of, and respond to, the threat and proliferation of catastrophic weapons. Richard also is responsible for efforts to enlist the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to engage in election monitoring and border security training in order to promote electoral reform and the stabilization of Afghanistan. He has achieved this while staying passionate, humble and private about his work to keep the world safe.

20-year Faculty/Staff Award Winners

Patrice Miller Carlson '78

Patrice Carlson is BSM's registrar, assistant to the principal and guidance office manager. Because of her skill, ability and good, old fashion work ethic, she does the jobs of two people. She is continually improving processes and procedures, especially as they relate to technology. As the mastermind of our student information system, Patrice learned new techniques and functions that make life easier for everybody. She and her colleagues invented Red Knight Round-up, which many other Catholic schools have replicated. When BSM moved to an online parent portal, and when teachers began submitting grades online, Patrice was helping lead the way. She also was part of the team that implemented, and continually improves, our connection to Naviance, an online tool that is invaluable in helping students through the college application process. She orchestrates senior high graduation and single-handedly creates the master schedule. To all of this, Patrice adds her uncanny perspective and witty sense of humor.

Connie Fourré

As a teacher, Connie has always been able to connect what is relevant in the lives of students to what is critical for their faith development and growth. Since joining the faculty as a religion teacher, she has been a pioneer—team-teaching a social issues class with a social studies teacher, engaging lay-leaders in the conversation about what it means to be a Catholic school, and working at the national level to incorporate Catholic social teaching into the curriculum. She was part of the group that propelled BSM into the national spotlight by taking regular “service” and turning it into the methodology of service-learning that continues to define BSM. Today, Connie is leading a very successful wellness program. She keeps helping to take BSM's commitment of educating students in mind, body and spirit to a new level.

Anne Moen

Anne Moen works behind the scenes in a way that is difficult to appreciate because she makes it look so effortless. A member of our maintenance department, Anne also serves as the student

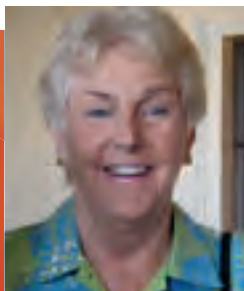


20-year Faculty/Staff Award winners—Patrice Carlson, Anne Moen, Connie Fourré and Mark Snell

work program director, a sophomore class adviser, and the special events coordinator. She knows the location of all of the supplies, the phone numbers for all the vendors, notes for all past events; and, she always has a smile and assurance that everything will be handled well. Anne deals with the busy schedules of her student workers—trying to find meaningful work that matches the student's gifts and talents. She works to empower students to plan and execute fun events for their classmates. Anne is a woman of great faith and commitment, who has shown unselfish dedication to the Benilde-St. Margaret's community.

Mark Snell

Mark Snell, affectionately known as Big Dog, has been a utility player for BSM, as a coach—cross country, football, basketball, baseball, and track and field—the strength and speed training coordinator, basketball tournament director, sophomore class adviser, and a substitute teacher. He is currently the assistant athletic director, the head boys' cross country coach and JV boys' basketball coach. He works inside and out, lining fields and assisting the maintenance department. Mark lives close to school and is always willing to open up, lock up or lend a helping hand. When a BSM neighbor didn't know where else to look for assistance with shoveling her driveway, she called BSM. Mark immediately volunteered. Mark serves without regard to thanks, pay or convenience. He doesn't draw attention to himself, but rather he provides the support and environment that others need to grow and flourish.



Distinguished Alumni
Award winners—Bonnie
O'Connor, Jeff Gacek, and
Richard Prosen

Little Deuce Coupe? Eggs-actly!

Well I'm not braggin' babe so don't put me down
But I've got the fastest set of wheels in town
When something comes up to me he don't even try
Cause if I had a set of wings man I know she could fly
She's my little deuce coupe
You don't know what I got

Ninth grade students in the first semester physical science classes taught by Lindsay Novak, Abigail Baker and Ted Reiff now know something about work as force times distance and power as work divided by time. They spent first semester learning about those principles as well as the scientific process, motion—velocity and acceleration, Newton's Laws, conservation of energy, scientific work and scientific power, and simple machines.

"Simple machines are levers, incline planes, pulleys, axels and wheels," said freshman **Jack Johnston**. Freshman **Bridgit Flom**, added, "A simple machine makes work, like lifting or rolling, easier."

A highlight of the first semester is the Small Machine Competition in the Great Hall. To get to the proverbial drag strip, students formed teams within their course section and worked together to build cars that incorporated at least three simple machine elements.

The teams in each course section competed against each other. Ms. Novak said, "They were motivated to build the best machine in their class so that they could go on to the overall tournament. I feel that the tournament motivated students to go beyond just meeting the minimum requirements."

The members of each team collaborated to build cars out of K'Nex sets (they're a bit like Tinker Toys) and rubber bands, nestle an egg on board, and make the car travel at least two meters. The idea was to reach a speed of at least two meters per second and tap a force plate. Oh, and don't break the egg.

The teaching techniques used by the three teachers vary only slightly. Ms. Baker said, "I do an oral defense with the students. They go through a Q&A session about group work, mechanical advantage of the simple machines, overall machine operation (including the transformation of energy and positive and negative effects of friction), and physics concepts from the semester."

She noted that all students do a project portfolio (this year it's on the Web). "Overall, students documented their daily work, discussed the scientific process including changes made and attempts tried, and collected data for calculation practice."

Along with collaboration skills, students learned to solve problems, pay attention to details and directions, and think creatively. "This is big, even when trying to come up with an idea," said Ms. Baker. "Most of them are afraid to do this, but eventually they realize the project isn't going to 'run away,' so they have to buckle down and just do something."

And comin' off the line when the light turns green
Well she blows 'em outta the water like you never seen
I get pushed out of shape and it's hard to steer
When I get rubber in all four gears

By the way, the team of freshmen **Ben Lenington**, **Zack Hale**, and **Zander Edelman** won the competition. The prize...bragging rights!

She's my little deuce coupe
You don't know what I got....
(A tip of the sun visor to the Beach Boys)

Ninth Grade physical science students,
Leah Nightingale and Peter Watkins,
Small Machine Competition in the Great Hall

Music as Service

When the members of the BSM Chamber Orchestra come together to study and perform, they're doing more than perfecting their musical skills. Under the baton of their teacher, Kristina Lantz, these students are learning what it means to share their talents as a form of service to the community, be they participating in school liturgies, playing at selected events in public venues throughout the Twin Cities, or welcoming visitors to BSM.

"We all know Jesus' 'Parable of the Talents,' in which a master gives his servants talents, expecting them to make the most of what they have been given. The Benilde-St. Margaret's Chamber Orchestra makes the most of the musical talent we have been given by sharing our gifts. Not only do we work to fulfill our role as Christians, but we have a great time playing together; and, the smiles on the faces of those we serve make all our hard work increasingly rewarding."

—Nicole Sauer, Junior

"Volunteering with the Benilde-St. Margaret's Chamber Orchestra has been a truly terrific experience! We have volunteered at many places throughout the metro area—playing at soup kitchens, at school, and at the Salvation Army Annual Kettle Kick-Off. The Kick-Off was special because we were able to bring smiles to many cold men and women who support a terrific cause."

—John Bowman, Sophomore

"I love being a part of the BSM Chamber Orchestra's community service because not only do we volunteer our time and our talent for others, but we have so much fun doing it! I feel like our chamber orchestra wouldn't be as close if we didn't do all these extra volunteer opportunities; we are like a little close-knit family and we love being able to go out and perform for the community. It's so nice because the people everywhere we go love to listen to us and are so appreciative of how we share our time."

—Elisabeth Krane, Senior

"Chamber Orchestra is a group of string musicians who really enjoy playing music. Because the group is a little smaller, we are able to play a wider variety of music, and stretch our abilities. My favorite part of being a part of the Chamber Orchestra is when organizations in the community invite us to play. People who attend these events really seem to appreciate our music! It's a rewarding way for us to represent BSM."

—Madison Winston, Sophomore

Neighbors express gratitude

It's been difficult to see traffic over all of the snow that has fallen this winter. It's been cold, too. We were warmed, recently, by a note from the daughter of a BSM neighbor. Beginning last winter, several members of the Red Knight Volunteer Corps (RKVC) have braved the cold and snow to shovel the driveways and sidewalks of a few of BSM's neighbors. Following the record 18-inch snowfall in December 2010, this arrived in the mail:

"Having these students come help my mom with the shoveling is unreal. They come in the worst of weather to make sure that she has a clear path. I truly have never encountered such acts of kindness as this. Not only do they come when they say, but they are so polite, respectful, and want nothing in return. You should be (and I am sure you are) so proud of these students and how you are teaching them the right thing to do. Many schools could learn from you."

We are proud. Thanks, RKVC students, for your generosity of spirit.



Leaders for a Global Society

The Benilde-St. Margaret's School Mission Statement expresses who we are as a community and what happens here everyday. We are a Catholic learning community that involves parents and faculty in the development of our seventh through twelfth graders' minds, bodies and spirits. A student's success in college and adulthood is a reflection of the BSM experience, including faith formation, social responsibility, academic rigor, and activities outside of the classroom. And, we are committed to the education of leaders for a global society.

BSM students and alumni are aware of the world outside of themselves. They treasure the gift of diversity—peoples, cultures, economies, challenges and opportunities. Whether they live inside or outside of the United States, Red Knights are prepared to define and assume their roles in the societies they choose and create; and, they lead by example. Recently, we caught up with **Steve Ruder '83**, **Brendan Hanley '94**, **Stacey (Anastasia) Pharris-Ciurej '92** and **Karen Kozachok Guitierrez '81** who have home bases in different corners of the world. We're a bit out of breath. We think you will be, too, when you read their stories.

Steve Ruder '83

You can take the man out of Minnesota, but you can't take our region out of the man. Not even a bit of rough weather could budge Steve Ruder '83 out of Guam. After graduating from

BSM, he attended the University of St. Thomas, where he met and visited some students from Guam.

"I never had the intention of staying here for so long," said Steve, "but I quickly fell in love with the island and the people. They have a lot of the same values and characteristics that one finds in the Midwest. Maybe it's because people here need to rely on each other to get things done, particularly after a major event like a typhoon. I've been through a bunch of typhoons!"

It's not all sunscreen or battened-down hatches for Steve. For 23 years, he has been building a life in Guam that includes a family and a career in marketing. Five years ago, he started his own firm, Ruder Integrated Marketing Strategies (RiMS) in Dededo, Guam.

"We are a soup-to-nuts marketing services company. We're poised to take advantage of the growing economy fueled by the pending military buildup. The U.S. and Japan governments will be relocating 8,000 Marines and their dependents to Guam soon. This and other Department of Defense initiatives will bring billions of dollars into Guam and the region's economies. While this is exciting, it must be managed responsibly. Protecting the environment, culture and quality of life for those that call Guam home is a serious issue that many people are working together to address."

Steve is a businessman and resident of this U.S. territory that is home to fewer than a quarter million people. He says BSM was

great preparation for his future half a world away from St. Louis Park. “Aside from the academic discipline (Mr. Ryan’s red pen, etc.), and great sports challenges, the most beneficial aspect of the BSM experience is the sense of community that was instilled. I didn’t think about this much. Looking back now on my BSM experience and all the other experiences that have whizzed by me over the last 27 years, the sense of community that one can achieve by participating in his or her own way is something extremely valuable and should be cherished.”

Steve is a volunteer board member for several organizations, including the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Guam USO, Center for Micronesian Empowerment and the Guam Amateur Boxing Federation. “These organizations are important community assets that focus on a wide range of issues. I’ve been blessed with a decent living and the chance to give back. While business accolades are great, I’m most proud of the unique relationships that I’ve developed over the years.”

Steve Ruder (right) pictured with his parents Chuck and Linda Ruder, and Steve’s wife, Perpetua Ruder.



Stacey (Anastasia) Pharris-Ciurej '92

When most of us think of high school, we remember the big games or the dances. When Stacey Pharris-Ciurej '92 reflects on her time at Benilde-St. Margaret's, Mr. Sundrum's minority studies class and Sr. Jeanne Marie Vanderlinde's world history class come to mind.

“At BSM, I was exposed to issues of social justice,” Stacey said. “I was encouraged to examine societal and global inequalities and to try to understand my role and responsibility in relation to these issues.”

Stacey remembers that the message of social justice was integrated into BSM's overall curriculum, from social studies to Spanish, and English to the *Knight Errant*. “I had teachers in many departments who were very inspiring in terms of integrating the message of social justice into their teaching, including Ms. LaPorta in the language department, Judy Hajlo and Lou Trajano in the English department and *Knight Errant* advisers, and Jackie Bohrer in religious studies. The teachers at BSM also encouraged me to participate in extracurricular activities. I found the experiences that I had on the *Knight Errant* staff, on the swim team, and other activities to be very helpful in integrating physical and social activity with academic learning.”

Today, Stacey is a registered nurse and holds master's degrees in nursing and public health. She is finishing work on her PhD and working for the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control, where she provides scientific advice in the HIV/AIDS and blood-borne infections program. Stacey has spent time in Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia and the U.S. collaborating with public health care professionals.

Stacey is now living in Stockholm, Sweden. She's married and the mother of two small children. Stacey and her family have seen first-hand how cultures vary from place to place. “I've been [to Vietnam] several times, once for several months with my husband and younger daughter when she was nine months old and he was on paternity leave. He got a lot of attention roaming the streets of Hanoi with a baby in tow. People kept asking where the mother was and couldn't believe a man was taking care of a child while his wife worked!”

“I look at issues of inequalities in terms of what makes people sick and what people need to obtain access to quality health care. I think that how I see these issues is definitely shaped by my BSM experience.”



Stacey Pharris-Ciurej

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Brendan Hanley '94

If you have a great invention, you'd better get a patent lawyer. On the western edge of the Pacific Rim, that would be Brendan Hanley '94.

For years, Brendan lived in Nagoya, Japan, working as a patent attorney/consultant. By the time you read this, he'll have moved to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to help Western Digital build an intellectual property department that handles patents, copyright and trademark issues. His new work will take him to Thailand and Singapore, too.

“To be a patent lawyer, you need to study science in college and finish law school. Then, you have to sit for an exam specifically for patent lawyers,” Brendan explained. “By the end of my sophomore year at BSM, I was barely passing math and science, and had no idea things would get much better. With some prodding from home and school, I decided to meet with Mr. Kretsch every morning before class. There he was, ready to answer the most mundane questions. From that point on, I got better grades, learned to enjoy my left brain, and pushed hard in class.”

After graduating from BSM, Brendan went on to Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and Hamline University.

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“As my teacher and track and cross country coach, Mr. Kretsch taught me a work ethic. There also were many people at BSM who played other roles my tutelage that have helped me get to this place.”

Brendan worked for a computer disc drive company in Bloomington, Minnesota. After five years, he reflected on his life, love of travel, and bachelor status. He decided that working abroad would be a welcomed and exciting challenge. Brendan had twice visited Japan. That was enough. He found work in Nagoya.

“I knew that if I made such a big change in my life, it would have to be more than just moving to Europe. Japan presented the cultural and language challenges that I wanted, but also provided for a clean, friendly, and safe place to live. The whole Japanese experience has been wonderful, yet at times I’ve had some of the most difficult experiences of my life (beside leading BSM’s basketball team to a dismal record each year).”

Brendan says that one of the ways BSM contributed to his decision to live and work in Asia is the way Catholicism was intertwined into daily life. “I always felt a strong and positive presence of a Catholic mission behind the school, but it never felt overpowering. In other words, the subtlety of the message actually gave me quite an open mind about other religions, and cultures. I have to say, that my freshman year Old Testament teacher, Sister Betty, did drive a Harley motorcycle to school everyday. How much more open minded can you get?”

The reward for Brendan’s own open-mindedness is a new set of skills and a lot of opportunities. He’ll get to know new people and cultures through his work and travels.

Karen Kozachok Gutierrez ’81

Whoever composed that bedtime prayer—you know, it ends with “...and miles to go before I sleep.”—might have had Karen Kozachok Gutierrez ’81 gripping her passport in mind.

Karen’s world view started to come into focus at Benilde-St. Margaret’s. “My experience helped build my self-confidence,” she said. “The teachers were nurturing, yet challenging. BSM, as well as my parents and others, made me unafraid.”

As a junior, Karen enlisted the help of Dr. Sue Cipolle to find a college-level program in Avignon, France. “It was the hardest thing I’d ever done. I cried every day, because I was homesick. I grew up quickly.”

Karen went on to Georgetown University to study art and literature. After her junior year, she studied at Oxford University in England. After earning her bachelor’s degree, Karen spent a summer with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Kingston, Jamaica. “I was looking for an experience in which I could contribute but also learn about another country. What I was doing was not always easy, but it was worth it. There are risks to everything.”



The Gutierrez Family, left to right: Rafael Jr., Christina, Marco, Karen and Rafael

Karen then worked for Procter & Gamble (P&G) in Cincinnati, Ohio, developing marketing programs aimed at Hispanics. P&G hired tutors, including a Venezuelan studying for his MBA, to help the team polish their Spanish. Karen married that tutor, Rafael Gutierrez, 21 years ago. They have three children.

Karen continued in various roles at P&G, and then began a consulting relationship with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). When Rafael took a job in Lima, Peru, the family moved. “God, help me know this is right,” Karen prayed.

With a home office and some technology, she continued her consulting relationship with the CDC. She has helped health departments and non-profit organizations around the world to create mass media campaigns battling smoking and secondhand smoke. Karen combined her community interests with her professional work, while maintaining a flexible, parenting-friendly work schedule.

In five and a half years, the family lived in Peru and Santiago, Chile. In 2005, Rafael and Karen moved the family to Torgiano, Italy, for half a year. Karen created an organization called Global Dialogue for Effective Stop-Smoking Campaigns. Rafael took Italian classes at a local university. The children experienced total Italian immersion at the small town’s elementary school and were home-schooled in English and math during the evenings. Then, after 24 years away from the Twin Cities, Karen moved with her family to St. Paul, when Rafael took a job in Golden Valley.

Karen has worked in 40 countries. The Kozachok Gutierrez family has lived in four countries and traveled to many more. They’re keeping their passports up to date. In the meantime, Karen has some advice for BSM students:

- Create your own destiny—don’t let anyone say, “You can’t.”
- Don’t be afraid to take a leap of faith.
- Think about having international experiences, even within the Twin Cities, learn about other cultures, practice your languages. Recognize the value of different perspectives.
- Don’t be afraid to ask questions or admit you don’t know.
- Build strong international relationships; that will help soften the reaction when you make mistakes about the language or culture.

Raise the Red

Raise the Red
It's about foresight and
transformation and
gathering together to lift
Benilde-St. Margaret's
to the next brilliant level.

Fields fundraising effort exceeds \$4M mark

In a historic show of support for Benilde-St. Margaret's, hundreds of students, alumni, and friends from across the country have generously donated more than \$4,000,000 to the Outdoor Campus Renovation Phase of the "Raise the Red" Campaign. The overall goal of the Outdoor Campus Renovation project is \$4,500,000.

"Many very generous people who believe in Benilde-St. Margaret's have invested in BSM with the expectation that this fine, Catholic, college preparatory school will continue to excel and grow as one of the great Catholic schools in the Upper Midwest. In this spirit, it was important that outdoor fields make it possible for our students to compete at the highest level. Our community and friends agreed. Our students responded to your generosity by forming very competitive teams this fall," said BSM's president, Dr. Bob Tift '71.

To learn more about the Raise the Red Campaign,
visit www.RaiseTheRed.org



FirstFund supports Spirit of BSM

The Spirit of BSM IS community. Whether as a current parent, past parent, grandparent or alumnus/na, BSM touches you and everyone. The glue that holds our community together is the FirstFund—the annual fund. Because it supports all things that make BSM unique, the FirstFund IS the foundation of the community. And the long-term viability of any community requires the active participation of each one of our members.

If you have not done so, please consider making a gift to the FirstFund by June 30—the end of our fiscal year.

With \$500,000 remaining to be raised, this goal can be met. But it takes a community...and you, for it to happen. Gifts can be submitted using the envelope found in this issue of *Crown & Shield*; or, give online by visiting the BSM website at www.BSMschool.org.

Questions about the FirstFund can be directed to Ted Freese, director of development, at 952-927-4176, ext. 2401, or tfreese@BSMschool.org.

Thank you for being a part of the community and your support of the FirstFund. BSM couldn't, and wouldn't, be what it is without you.

ALUMNIN EWS

1950

The St. Margaret's Academy Class of 1950 held their 60-year reunion at Piazza's Italian Ristorante on September 25, 2010: back row (left to right) **Rita Battaola Spinal, Veronica Mortl Fashant, Dorothy Koetz Selbitschka, Mary Lang, June Ess Hiller, Darline Greenwood Miller, Susan Erlougher Sicora, and Margaret Champion Jaeger**; middle row (left to right) **Unita Mansmith Eggert, Patricia Weicherding DeLisi, Nancy Meloche Vendel, Nancy Amireault McNamee, JoAnne Spillane Anderson, Maxine Johnson Zappa, Carol Wintheiser Archambo, Lois Schumacher Montague, Patricia Lang Brownrigg, Donna O'Keefe Schiefelbein, Janice Pulsifer Krone, and Helen Stone**; front row (left to right) **Mary Heckman Gaffney, Marilyn Baron Zastrow, Rosemarie Fish Chyrklund, Donna Terlouw Wallander, Claire Nagel Ready, Barbara Loesch Funk, and Carol Wren Shallbetter**. Photo by Amy Rondeau Photography '97. ▼



1965

The Benilde Class of 1965 celebrated their 45-year reunion on July 22-23, 2010, with a reception at NorthCoast, a golf outing, and a cookout: first row (left to right) **John Qualy, Tim Munkeby, Pete Huber, Greg Zeck, and Dick Johnson**; second

of St. Thomas and was recently crowned Miss Minnesota USA 2011. Their middle child, Dylan, is a junior at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts, and their youngest child, Preston, attends Holy Name of Jesus in Medina.

row (left to right) **Mike Beckwith, Mike Kalland, Mike Mahoney, Jim Gallagher, and Greg Suddendorf**; back row (left to right) **Loren Niemi, Terry O'Neil, Jeff Mork, George Burke, Ed Hromatka, Jim**

McCaffrey, Tom Delaney, Bob Dolan, John Smith, and Lee Daly. ▲

1977

Dr. Lee Ann Herbert and **Mark Thelemann** are married and living in Plymouth, where Lee Ann is a dentist and Mark works for Panasonic as a business development manager in the health care division. Their oldest child, Brittany Thelemann, is a graduate of the University

1980

The Class of 1980 celebrated their 30th reunion on June 12, 2010, at the Doubletree Hotel in St. Louis Park: back row (left to right) **Mike Battaglia, Ted Gerold, Rich Harris, John Heider, Greg Brink, Bill Janssen, and Mary LeSage Armstrong**; middle row (left to right) **Steve Setzler, Suzette Orn Langen, Rita Reiser Nordness, Desiree Rocheford Ziegler, Geoff Cich, Monica Ford Eppinger, Ricci Graziano, Jim Joranger, and Mike Jeremiah**; front row (left to right) **Robin Bennetts Kehoe, Julie Ortler Palach, Katie Johnson, Marcia Warren Herron, Wendy Koelfgen Tait, Lila Eakins, Judy Mailhot Graziano, and Bonnie Schumer Reynoldson**. ▼

1984

Eileen Larkin and her husband, **Tim Wilkin**, welcomed their fifth child. Anna Rose was born on September 17, 2010. She joins older siblings John, Rebecca, Thomas, and Paul.

1952

The St. Margaret's Academy Class of 1952 gathered for a luncheon at Jax Café on June 8, 2010. Two of the alumnae present were (left to right) **Mary Frost Frey, and Anna Mrsich Glynn**. ▼



1962

John Krawczak recently retired from Lockheed Martin Corporation after 41 years as an electrical engineer. He then joined the University of Minnesota physics department as a part-time researcher.



Class of 1980

1985

The Class of 1985 celebrated their 25-year reunion at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on June 19, 2010: (front to back, right to left) **Tom**

Lynch, Stasia Gallagher Lynch, Mark McLellan, Brigid Murphy, Mary Igel Trudell, Jane Coughlin Omott, Bryan Olson, Bill

Jenson, Ruth Ryan Sullivan, Molly Flynn Haakonson, Matt Henley, Jeff DeCesare, Laurie Scott Randall, Sara Rosenstreich Rogers, Terry O'Brien, Brian Rogers, Duncan Metzger, Tom Cook. Joe Binish, Theresa Link Binish, Joe Egan, Mary Aubart Schaefer, Nancy Jo B, Charlie Pfeffer, Joe Pouliot, Tom Young, Kevin Conway, John Pfeffer, Ray Farah, Nancy Wehage Berg, Lynn Lyra Chevalier, Mike Nemanich, Marty O'Brien, Joe Rogers, Dave Platt, John Buttschau, Steve Bennett, Eric Munkeby, Sandy Krause Bowers, Mike Mojica, Mark Endres, Joe Kopp, Anne Marrs Huber, and Terry Hughes. ▲



1993

Matt Scherer and his wife, Katie, are pleased to announce the birth of Frances Kathryn on December 17, 2010. Big brother Michael welcomed Frankie home.

1994

Missy Bickel Berggren was recognized as one of the "Twin Cities Top Ten Titans in Social Media" for 2010. "The people who made the list have made an impact on Twin Cities society through using social media in the past year." She was recognized for her work as a founder of the Minnesota Blogger Conference. Missy is also known as a leading parenting blogger at themarketingmama.com. She was featured in the December 2010 issue of MN Parent Magazine.



1995

Corey Marciniak Deller and husband Marcel Deller are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Calvin Karl Deller. He was born the morning of May 25, 2010. The Deller family resides in Seattle, where Corey continues to practice dental hygiene and Marcel is Vice President of Development at T-Mobile. ▲

Helen Troy and Warren Duncan were married on June 19, 2010, at Holy Name of Jesus in Medina. Helen recently completed her doctorate in clinical psychology and works as a clinician at Hazelden. Warren is the regional manager of Hearth Connection, a non-profit organization that works to end homelessness. Helen and Warren reside in Plymouth. ▼



1996

Stephanie Moen Anderson and her husband, Tony, are pleased to announce the birth of Libby Lou on November 22, 2010. Stephanie works for Cummins Engines, and Tony is employed by Deltak. The Andersons live in Brooklyn Park.

Gina Periolat and John Elliott were married at the Nicollet Island Pavillon on October 15, 2010. Gina and John are both in the food and beverage industry, and they live in Minneapolis. ▼



1990

Eric Kohn and his wife, Sara, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Liam Douglas, on July 15, 2010. Liam was welcomed by his brothers, Brady (3) and Jackson (10). The Kohns live in Sartell. Eric has a doctorate in physical therapy and works at St. Cloud Orthopedics. Eric also teaches sports medicine at St. John's University.

1992

Anne Rabatin van Deventer and her husband, Bart, are ecstatic and blessed to announce the healthy arrival of Lauren Joanne Wilhelmina van Deventer into their family on January 6. Lauren arrived at Princess Alexandra Hospital on the northern Caribbean island of Anguilla.

Greg Slusky is living in Houston, Texas, where he started his own retail commercial real estate company in November 2009. The company (www.slucorealty.com) is focused on providing retailers a dynamic location to maximize revenue.

2000

Bryan Johnston and Christy Manfred were married at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis on October 9, 2010.

The reception was at the Lafayette Club on Lake Minnetonka. Christy, an Edina native, and Bryan met at Colorado State University. Bryan is a national account manager for the E&J Gallo Winery, and

Christy is working as a portfolio manager for US Bank in Minneapolis. The couple lives in downtown Minneapolis.



Cathy Krawczak An and her husband, Gunnar, are proud to announce the birth of twin daughters, Evie Alexandra and Felicity Collette, on December 7, 2010. The family lives in Minnetonka. Cathy will be returning to work at Hennepin County Medical Center, where she and her sister, **Janelle Krawczak Kummrow** '95 are registered nurses in the Intensive Care Unit.

Katie Twidwell and John Davis Coakley were married July 31, 2010, at The Church of St. Therese in Deephaven. Katie completed her bachelor's degree at Notre Dame and a master's degree at Trinity College Dublin. She works for Accenture as a business consultant. Katie and JD live in Dublin, Ireland. ◀



2003

Lindsay Oman married Declan Ring on December 19, 2010. In attendance were Benilde-St. Margaret's alumnae **Becca Burns**, **Shannon Quealy**, **Meghan Sebold**, **Jenni Oman** '99, **Sandra Boes O'Brien** '78, and **Cynthia Boes** '75. In May 2010, Lindsay graduated with a M.A. in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California. Lindsay and Declan are currently living in St. Louis Park. ▶



2004

Calley Kingston and Derek Roers were married on June 12, 2010, at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Wayzata. The reception was held at Rush Creek Golf Club. ▲

2007

Claire Drawe was named to the Dean's List at the University of Minnesota-Duluth for the fall semester. Claire is a senior majoring in psychology.

2010

Lauren DeJute, a freshman at Miami of Ohio, took home top honors at the Pearson COM 135 Speech Showcase. Her persuasive speech, "Starvation in Zimbabwe," bested seven other speakers in the Department of Communication. Lauren, an education major, won \$575 for her efforts and was recognized as the top speaker in Miami's Public Expression and Critical Inquiry classes for fall semester by both the judging panel and the audience vote.



IN MEMORIAM

John Byron
Father of Fr. J. Michael Byron
Molly Byron Hill
Jim
Martha
Joseph
Anne Byron Anderson '91

Mary Zuccaro Castonia '36

Frank Dabruzzi
Father of Suzanne Dabruzzi Francis '69

Dale Dowson
Husband of Marlene Beriow Dowson '52

Dorothea Gilligan
Mother of Thomas '69
Stephen
Jerry '71
Michael '72
Mary
Ann
John '77
Peggy '78
Joe '81
Martha '82

Barbara Koll Heaton '51

Leona Gagnon Jacobs '51
Sister of Delores Gagnon Dolan '54
Mary Alice
Eugene
John

Michael Kalland '65

Florence Kaster
Mother of James '65
Mary Kaster Warden '67
Michael '69
Janet Kaster Broin '70
Richard '73
John

Lloyd Leonard
Husband of Geraldine Johnson Leonard '49

Paula Lex
Mother of Mark - faculty

Rick Morley '71
Brother of Karen Morley LaPlant
Dave '72
Rick '74

Margaret O'Connor '31

Catherine Poplau
Mother of Don - past faculty

Mary Nelson Schroeder '67

Sylvan Stephani
Father of Julianne Stephani Dunlop '81
Robert '82
Cheryl '83

Mary Murphy Thull '57

Mary Warner Turgeon '28

John Vetscher '63
Brother of Bill
Jim '61
Paul '67
Barb Vetscher Savoye

Bulletin Board

Reunions



SMA 1951—

60th Reunion

August 13

Contacts: Barbara Dibos Turnbull -
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SMA 1956—

55th Reunion

June 15, at Piazza Italian Ristorante
in Plymouth

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SMA 1961—

50th Reunion

Weekend of September 10

Contact: Jeanne Warner Nelson -
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SMA 1971—

40th Reunion

Date: October 1, 2011

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Benilde 1961—

50th Reunion

Weekend of August 5

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Benilde 1971—

40th Reunion

July 15-16

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BSM 1976—

35th Reunion

Fall 2011

Contact: Karen Gruidl Bjorgan -
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BSM 1981—

30th Reunion

Date: TBA

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BSM 1986—

25th Reunion

Weekend of July 30

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BSM 1991—

20th Reunion

Date: TBA

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BSM 1996—

15th Reunion

Fall 2011

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BSM 2001—

10th Reunion

Date: TBA

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BSM 2006—

5th Reunion

June 17

Contact: Dan Morin -
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19th Annual Joranger Open

Monday, June 13

Deer Run Golf Club
Victoria, Minnesota

Graduates from
Benilde High School,
St. Margaret's Academy,
and BSM are invited to spend
a day on the links at one
of Minnesota's premier
championship courses. Start
assembling your foursome, and
watch for more information at
www.BSMSchool.org.

St. Margaret's Academy Tea

April 9

Woman's Club of
Minneapolis



Invitations were mailed to metro area alumnae in February. Out-of-town alumnae interested in attending should contact Sandy Janssen Barry '86 at sjanssenbarry@BSMSchool.org or 952-915-4358, ext. 2402.

BSM Seeking Names of Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel

If you have information about graduates who have served or are currently serving in the military, please contact Mary Fran O'Keefe at mfokeefe@BSMSchool.org or 952-915-4360.

Senior High Spring Musical

—Calling all theater alumni!

Please come back to campus for the production of *High School Musical*

May 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15

Come early to look at the theater archives set up in the library and register for prizes. Tickets are available at www.BSMSchool.org.

Bartlett Alumni Softball TOURNAMENT

The Bartlett Alumni Softball Tournament is back! One-day, double elimination softball tournament Saturday, June 11

8:30 a.m. Registration • 9 a.m. Games Begin
Cost: \$10 per person; \$90 per team

Register by contacting Sandy Janssen Barry at sjanssenbarry@BSMSchool.org or 952-915-4358, ext. 2402.

Alumni Baseball

Check out the new baseball field

Homerun Derby and Short Game • Picnic Fare • Families Welcome
Sunday, June 12 at 1 p.m.

Please RSVP to Fred Hennen at fhennen@BSMSchool.org by June 1.

Alumni Album



Alumni Cheering Section—Several members of the Class of 2010 returned to the Haben Center on January 11 to watch the boys' basketball team defeat Cooper 86-59. Cheering for the Red Knights were: back (left to right) Nick Meyer, J.J. Hafermann, Ben Kresbach, Daniel Nelson and Seth Marx; front (left to right) Jen Deglmann and Kelly Sullivan.

Boston College Mass—The Minnesota Chapter of the Boston College Alumni Association hosted a Mass and brunch at Benilde-St. Margaret's on January 9. Fr. William Neenan, SJ, celebrated the Mass attended by over 200 guests. Although some Red Knights/Eagles were in San Francisco for the bowl game, five BSM alumni were on hand for the gathering: (left to right) Katherine Poley '07, Stephen DeJute '07, Nadia Aboussir '05, Maggie Martyn '02, and Jim Dunbar '96.



Family Fun—The Forschler family can always be counted on for good humor. Here they demonstrate their musical talents: (left to right) Sarah Forschler, Zachary Forschler '08, senior Emma Forschler, Katie Forschler '06, and David Forschler '09.



Autumn Setting—The family photo at Gina Periolat's wedding pictured four alumni: (left to right) Michael Periolat '99, Jill Periolat '02, John Elliott, Gina Periolat Elliott '96, Mary Seiwert Periolat '67, and John Periolat.



Duffy Family—The family of Tom and Jane Duffy gathered to celebrate the couple's 50th wedding anniversary. BSM alumni pictured include: back row Bart Duffy '81, Thomas Duffy '07, Dana Duffy '82, and Ashley Duffy '08; middle row Shannon Duffy Hendricks '78, Tim Duffy '83, and Matt Duffy '80; front row Robert Duffy '10.



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Hawkeye in Town—When All America candidate Kachine Alexander '07 and her University of Iowa teammates played the Minnesota Gophers, she had a chance to see her cousin, Tish Alexander '10, who plays basketball for the College of St. Benedict. As a college senior, Kachine was particularly delighted with the Hawkeye victory (63-57).



Dance Team Gathering—Varsity dance team coaches Tracy Ronhovde Standal '92 and Kelly Fogarty McGinnis '94 welcomed alumnae dancers and their families at a gathering on January 11. Tracy (left) and Kelly (right) are pictured with Kate Leahy '96.



June Bride—Calley Kingston Roers '04 was surrounded by fellow alumni at her wedding on June 12, 2010: back (left to right) Jimmy Smoot '04, Andrew Kelzer '03, Michelle Melsen '04, Erin Eagan '04, Collin Kingston '02, Tim Cooley '98, Dan Cooley '96, Doug Cooley '69, and Dick Lewis '69; front (left to right) Libby Schroll '04, Maggie Kanowitz '04, Brian Sefton '03, Calley Kingston Roers '04, Katie Mulvahill '04, Maureen Sefton '04, Laura Kloehn '04, Maureen Ryan '07, Kate Sefton '07, Sarah Rauenhurst '04, Erin McNaught '04, Kerry Cooley '02, and Kristine Rauenhurst '01.

Simeon 50th Anniversary—Larry and Phyllis Simeon, parents of David, Kevin '83, Mark '84, Paul '86, and John celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by hosting a family reunion over Thanksgiving week at Kingston's Plantation in North Myrtle Beach. This photo was taken following Saturday Mass where Larry and Phyllis renewed their wedding vows.



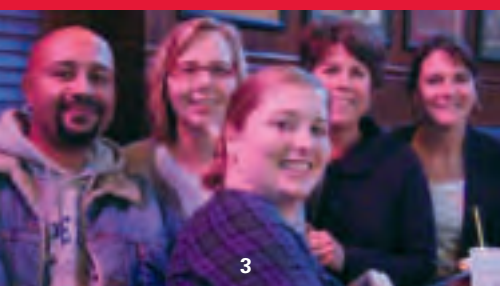
Alumni Boys' Hockey—Despite the weather, many alumni took the ice on Christmas Eve morning 2010 for the annual alumni game: back row (left to right) John Kernan '10, Johnny Duda '10, Brett Patterson '10, Niklas Almstrom '08, Chad Beltrand '05, Justin Green '03, Blake Friesen '04, Thomas McCarthy '08, Chris McGowan '91, Jason Hill '91, Steve Johannes '96, John Kuzara '80, Mike Mason '77, John Dwyer '75, and goalie, sophomore Paul Lundberg; front row (left to right): George Sayer '04, Chris Lappen '05, Ben Sauer '09, J.B. Davis '96, Judd Thomas '96, John Grupa '08, and coach Ken Pauly.

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Giving Thanks for BSM Friends

The annual pre-Thanksgiving event in 2010 was at the Park Tavern. There was a lot of family fun in the early evening.



1 – Mike Ott '79 and Ed Janssen '78

2 – Scott Simonett '82, Mike Ott '79, Bill Janssen '80, and Mike Kashbohm '80

3 – Jason Bellefont '89, Lisa Lenhart Murphy '86, Maureen Weber Grazzini '86, Chris Glisczinski '86, and Susan Martinson '02

4 – Maura Daly '83 and her daughter Clare

5– Cindy Janssen '83 and Katie Kunert '83

October Wedding—Gina Periolat Elliott's mates from the Class of 1996 were on hand to celebrate with her on her wedding day: (left to right) Kathleen Martinson Stutzman, Lisa Carufel Shepherd, Gina, and Angie Coffee.

Sisters—Lauren Walsh '07 returned to BSM to watch her sister, junior Natalie Walsh, when the dance team performed at halftime of the boys' basketball game on January 11.



Wedding Preparation—Classmates Molly Martyn '00 (right) and Katie Twidwell '00 prepared for Katie's wedding. Molly was the maid of honor.



Colorado Meeting—Two Minnesota natives, Bryan Johnson '00 and Christy Manfred, met while studying at Colorado State University. A number of BSM graduates were among those who attended the Manfred-Johnson wedding party: back row (left to right) Kolby Malesich, Patrick Hutchinson, Ben Goldstein, Erik Gulbrandsen '00, Nicholas Johnston '02, Michael Manfred, Jaran Travis, Brendan Burns, and Sean Mattox '97; front row (left to right) Andrew Campbell, Gretchen Hoppman, Lily Bui, Christy and Bryan Johnston '00, Katie Johnston '06, Meghan Short '01, Jenny Cutshall, and Brooke Seymour.

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Distinguished Alumni Winner—Richard Prosen '83 had several guests celebrating with him at the Hall of Honor: (left to right) Richard, Luke Carlson, Teresa Prosen Carlson '79, Dan Carlson, Aaron Carlson, John Prosen '76, Rick Ragatz, and Tim Chisser.



Miller Family—Patrice Miller Carlson's family was present to celebrate with her as she was recognized at the Hall of Honor: (left to right) Adam Carlson '00, Tom Miller '79, Bob Miller '83, Patrice '78, Tim Miller '75, Ben Carlson '04, and Peter Carlson '02.



Volunteer Winner—Nancy Selleck was delighted to have her daughter Allie '98 and Betsy Ringham Mulvehill '98 at the Hall of Honor celebration.



Alumni Boys' Basketball—Competition on the court was as lively as ever for the annual alumni boys' basketball outing on December 23, 2010. Surviving the activity were: back row standing (left to right) Mitch Koch '05, Michael DesLauriers '05, Matt Thimjon '06, Michael Ritchie '05, Charles Moore '07, Seth Marx '06, Joe Jensen '07, Patrick Shannon '06, Charlie Margarit '07, Danny Miller '07, Coach Mike Swann, Chet Paulson '08, Peter Crawford '10, and John Moore Jr. '08; front row standing (left to right) Michael Fuller '02, Josh Hollie '03, Nick Meyer '10, R.K. Glover '06, Scott Twelves '07, Nick Emanuel '07, Peter Ritchie '07, Dan Emanuel '09, Sidique Lamin '07, Matt Thomas '08, Matt Melsen '07, and Coach John Moore '74; back row seated (left to right) junior Alex Bussaus, junior Breion Creer, senior Tommy Nelson, junior Isaiah Gray, junior Sevy Gondeck, junior Matt Frank, senior Colin Gallaher, and senior Matt Perpich; middle row seated (left to right) senior B.J. Dunn, junior Kyle Washington, junior Sanjay Lumpkin, junior Joe Gill, junior Kevin Labahn, and senior Myles Barnes; front row seated (left to right) senior Evan Battle, junior Danon Briggs, junior Will Dunn, junior Isaiah Zierden, and sophomore Grant Kellogg.

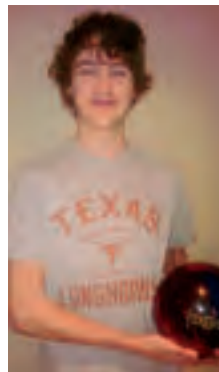
IN THE NEWS

The BSM Film Festival was held on January 8. The Grand Jury Prize, Directing Award, Cinematography Award, and Screenwriting Award were awarded to the short film entitled "Influence," made by seniors **Ryan Baudler** and **Sam Jordan**. There was a tie for the Audience Award between "Jock Jams," by seniors **Bryan Febel**, **Kevin Greening**, **Kyle McCarthy**, and **Shreya Mehta**, and "Ladies' Men," by senior **Matt Carney** and junior **Brennan Gensch**.

Junior **Emily Herrmann** placed first at the Lincoln-Douglas Debate section tournament. At the January 14 state tournament, she went 3-3 in the qualifying rounds and just missed breaking for the quarterfinals.

Senior **Patrick Daly** has made a verbal commitment to play Division I hockey for the University of Wisconsin-Madison next year. Patrick, a defender, and sophomore **Grant Besse**, a forward, were named as two of 20 Metro-Area Boys Hockey Players to Watch, by the Star Tribune at the start of the season.

Freshman **Ryan Kelly** bowled a perfect 300 game on January 8. Ryan is a league bowler at Texa Tonka in St. Louis Park. Because this achievement happened in United States Bowling Congress (USBC) sanctioned league play, Ryan will receive a commemorative ring; and, the citation will go on his permanent USBC record. Ryan is on the BSM varsity bowling team. He earned All-Conference honors in fall 2010.



Junior girls' basketball guard **Olivia Antilla** scored her 1,000th point on January 4, when BSM took on St. Paul Highland Park. Her milestone point came at the end of the first half on a three-point shot.

Freshman girls' hockey player **Kelly Pannek** was selected as a Star Tribune Athlete of the Week on January 4. The newspaper noted, "Pannek is a key cog in the Red Knights' youth movement. One of eight freshmen on the roster, Pannek scored five goals in three games to help BSM win the Blue Division championship of the Schwan Cup."

The **girls' JV hockey team** won the 2010 Schwan Cup Hockey Tournament for the second year in a row when they defeated Cambridge/Isanti 7-1 on December 29, 2010, in the championship game. The undefeated Red Knights advanced to the championship game with an opening round 9-2 over Champlin Park and a 5-2 semi-final win over Orono.

BSM has nominated juniors **Jake Horton** and **Nicole Sauer** for the Minnesota State High School League ExCEL Award.

Several art students had work chosen for the Minnesota Scholastic Arts Competition. The pieces that received Gold or Silver Keys were on exhibit at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design from January 21-February 13. An awards ceremony was held at MCAD on February 13. The artwork that was awarded a Gold Key advances to the National Scholastic Competition in New York.

Students awarded a Gold Key were:

Senior **Jordyn Burns** for her ceramic vase
Senior **Erik Gunkel** for his drawings, "Old Man" and "Sons of Anarchy: Jax Teller"

Junior **Frances Jimenez** for her photo, "Swing"

Senior **Anne Kluis** for her teapot and her "Stormy Blue and Gold Tea Set"

Senior **Alex Patow** for his photo, "Gone"

Sophomore **Conrad Schmidt** for his painting, "It Was A dream"

Students awarded a Silver Key were:

Senior **Erik Gunkel** for his drawing, "Jazz Musician"

Sophomore **Rachel Lais** for her photo, "On the Grass"

Junior **Anna Landis** for her photo, "Merry-Go-Round"

Students awarded Honorable Mention were:

Senior **Kelsey Brown** for her tea set

Senior **Grace Helgager** for her photo, "Plaid"

Sophomore **Stephen Jacobs** for his ceramic container

Freshman **Allie Kohler** for her self-portrait

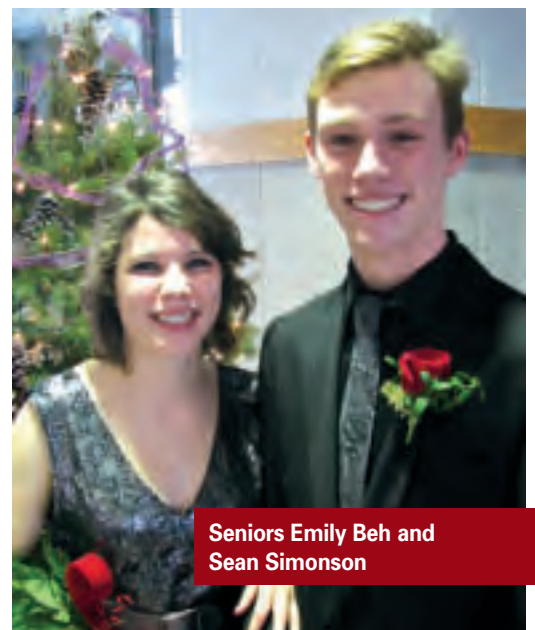
Junior **Melissa Luther** for her portrait

Sophomore **Krista Marshall** for her ceramic bowl

Senior **Natalie Perrine** for her ceramic sculpture, "Under the Sea"

Sophomore **Mckenna Sullivan** for her photo, "Shaver Lake"

Senior **Sean Simonson** was crowned Grand Knight on December 6, 2010. Other Grand Knight candidates included seniors **Michael Blessing**, **Adam Clark**, **Patrick Daly**, **B.J. Dunn**, **Dan Morizio**, **Nate Muckley**, **Karl Nann**, **Matt Perpich** and **Jake Stewart**. Emcees for coronation were seniors **Brett Draxler** and **Greg Zeman**.



Seniors Emily Beh and Sean Simonson

RED KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

Senior **Chris Monks** was named to the West Metro Division Honors Team in bowling. It is an award that recognizes service and achievement both inside and outside of bowling.

Eighth graders **Luke Guidinger** and **Mary Pat Ross** were cast in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," performed at Chaska Valley Family Theatre.

Junior **Anders Jecha** was named a St. Paul Pioneer Press Athlete of the Week in early December 2010. The paper noted that Anders "made 21 saves to anchor the No. 4-ranked Red Knights' 3-1 nonconference victory over No. 7 Hill-Murray on Saturday. Jecha faced 13 shots in the final two periods and gave up only J.D. Cotroneo's power-play goal in the second period. Hill-Murray was 1 of 5 on power-play opportunities. Jecha is 2-0 with a 1.00 goals-against average and a .952 save percentage."

At a ceremony on December 1, 2010, 38 BSM students received a Student Recognition Award. This semi-annual event, sponsored by the BSM Parent Association, highlighted students on the basis of character. Students included seniors **Carmen Aguirre, Lauren Anderson, Irena Cich, Nick Kim, John Marinelli, Logan McMillen, Michael Mullin, Chris Nagel, Sidney Pilarski, Sean Simonson,** and **Henry Williams**; juniors **Gabby Bauer, Kate Hinkens, Cisco Labayki, Sanjay Lumpkin, Josh Paquette, Ashley Sanger, Zach Smith, and Ashley Valentine**; sophomores **Adam Bilski, Barrett Fitzgerald, Dan Flavin, Bobby Karlen, Megan Larson, Nick Lundquist, Gavin McLain, Rooscol Rozambert, Christine Silikowski, and Madison Winston**; freshmen **Lexi Johnson, Samantha Letscher and Annika Wahlquist**; eighth graders **Annie Dillon, Luke Guidinger, and Maura Hanson**; and seventh graders **Sabrina Ehrmantraut, Rachel Long, and Peter McCague**.

Four Red Knight swimmers: sophomores **Catherine Cole, Emily Egge** and **Amanda Semler** and freshman **Megan Poley** set a new school record at the state meet. They finished their 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:40.82, earning them ninth place at state. Sophomore **Madison Winston** also qualified for the state meet, competing in the 100-yard backstroke, and junior **Casey Nightingale** went to state as a diver.

The National Forensic League has awarded senior **Alex Smith** the distinction of Academic All-American. Academic All-Americans have achieved success in both competition and the classroom.

This elite group includes students who have met the following criteria:

- Earned the degree of Superior Distinction (750 points)
- Earned a GPA of 3.7 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent)
- Received an ACT score of 27 or higher, or SAT score of 2000 or higher
- Completed at least five semesters of high school
- Demonstrated Outstanding character and leadership



Taylor Ahlborn, Jordyn Burns, John Marinelli, Tiana Press, Christian Rekow, Zach Silvestri, and Taylor Topousis

On November 18, 2010, seven student athletes made commitments to play Division I sports next year.

Seniors **Alex Schissel** and **Jordyn Burns** were named All-state girls' soccer players, and senior **Sam Thomas** received honorable mention. For the boys, senior **John Marinelli** and juniors **Paul Graupner** and **John Mulvahill** earned All-state status.

Senior **Tommy Nelson** was named to the Academic All-state team for football. Seniors **Myles Barnes** and **Kyle McCarthy** were named All-state Football Honorable Mention by the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

At a fall 2010 signing ceremony, seven student athletes made commitments to play Division I sports next year. The seniors include **Taylor Ahlborn** (girls' tennis for Providence College, Rhode Island), **Jordyn Burns** (girls' hockey for Syracuse University, New York), **John Marinelli** (boys' soccer for United States Military Academy at West Point), **Tiana Press** (girls' hockey for Harvard University), **Christian Rekow** (boys' lacrosse for Quinnipiac University, Connecticut), **Zach Silvestri** (boys' lacrosse for Lafayette College, Pennsylvania), and **Taylor Topousis** (boys' lacrosse for Dartmouth College, New Hampshire).