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## on the cover

The BSM Alumni Department hosted a dinner for our graduates who are working locally in Catholic education. Thirty-one alums were able to attend the event on February 11: front row (l-r) Rachel Kuzma Olson '93, Rachel Tondryk Hubly '08, Suzanne Johnson Zadra '88, Sandy Janssen Barry '86, Theresa Beutz Hefel '85, Kari Koshiol '99, and Tiffany Teclaw McCaffrey '89; 2nd row (l-r) Jill Hance Miller '05, Patrice Miller Carlson '78, Brigid Diaz '06, Jean Hromatka Nightingale '80; Kelsey Jacobson '10, Kate Kuffel Hamill '96, Natalie LeSage '10, and Mary Ruane '05; 3rd row (l-r) Heather Humphrey Faber '96, Claire Shea '05, Mary Kempf Lundberg '76, Lisa Lenhart Murphy '86, Eileen Kadlec Nygard '93, Carrie McConville '02, Angie Schuster O'Keefe '93, Amy Jo Reinhart Hyde '89, Diane Lundeen Noll '73, and Monica Kocourek '84; back row (l-r) Heidi Teclaw Wolf '87, Veronica Campion '83, Joanie Kopp Sauer '88, Megan Kern '86, Dave Platt '85, and Steve Pohlen '86.

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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I've been reading Pope Francis' Lent 2015 message as I work to immerse myself in the season. In this work, Francis challenges us to confront indifference and to "...hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience." He states that indifference in our society has reached global proportions. I agree with him and fear that we adults have grown too comfortable, which should go against our nature as Christians, and that our hearts have grown cold to the suffering and injustice around us. Fortunately for us, God is not indifferent; he loves us so much that he gave his only Son that we may have eternal salvation.

Students at Benilde-St. Margaret's School are also not indifferent; they are motivated to serve others, to make a positive impact on the world around them, and to build the Kingdom of God. Think of it this way, our students show up in the world and manifest their faith by serving others, and they do it without thought of reward.

At Benilde-St. Margaret's School our primary focus is to develop intelligent, engaged servant leaders who leverage their faith and strive together to solve problems that matter.

Key to the solving journey and the self-identification of students as problem solvers is the three question model you will read about throughout this edition: What problems are you solving right now? What are you curious about? What could I learn from your work? As the new president, I see the fruits of this labor all around me. Last week I had the opportunity to share an evening meal with a group of BSM alumni who went on to become Catholic school educators. Through the process of discernment, they answered God's call and accepted their vocation as Catholic school educators. They are BSM success stories. They are truly servant leaders.

Lent is also a wonderful time to let Jesus serve us so that we may become more like him. When we hear God's word, open our hearts to his call, and worship him, we become a more complete part of the Body of Christ. In this body there is no room for indifference.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Gyolai". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kevin Gyolai, Ph.D

# 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 2015 honorees have made a significant contribution to the lives of many in the Benilde-St. Margaret's and greater communities.

## Red Knight Leadership Award

Rodney Jordan  
Barb Melsen  
Ken Pauly

## Distinguished Alumni Award

Gene Merriam '62  
Elizabeth Rogers '94  
Ann Ruff '73

## Volunteer Service Award

Anne Ford Moore '81  
Nancy Patton

## Twenty-Year Club Inductee

Anne Marie Dominguez





Rodney Jordan



Barb Melsen



Ken Pauly

## Leadership Awards

### Rodney Jordan

If it's true that a leader's heart is demonstrated through service to others, then Rodney Jordan possesses one of the biggest hearts around.

Board members who served with Rodney during his six years praise his professionalism and readiness to listen. As chair of the board, Rodney was not afraid to tackle the difficult questions and had the ability to raise the level of board discussions.

Under Rodney's leadership, BSM embarked upon an innovative and comprehensive planning process that involved board members, faculty, staff, parents and alumni. The end result was BSM 2020, a strategic plan with the goal of making BSM a nationally recognized leader in Catholic, college-preparatory education.

Rodney was always willing to pick up the phone. No job was too big, or too small for him to lend a hand. Most recently he graciously contributed his time and human resources and strategic expertise as a member of the presidential search committee.

Rodney has made Benilde-St. Margaret's his mission. The benefits gained from the gift of his passion, heart and leadership will be enjoyed by many future generations of Red Knights.

### Barb Melsen

Barb Melsen is a force to be reckoned with. Her seemingly endless supply of energy, ideas and enthusiasm has been a boon and a blessing to our school. Barb was a BSM board member for seven years, as well as past board chair. Her focus has remained on the growth and well-being of the BSM community.

Barb is steadfast in her dedication to building BSM's reputation as a caring community filled with students, faculty and staff who are uniquely engaged and connected. Most recently she was asked to step up again to serve on BSM's presidential search committee.

Other members of the committee were unanimous in their appreciation of Barb's commitment to designing an exemplary search process. Barb's leadership was inspiring, tireless and thorough. She made sure all constituent groups had a voice in forming the profile for the type of candidate BSM was seeking. Her inclusive approach is credited with yielding a candidate who is an extraordinary fit for BSM at this point in our history.

It would be difficult to find someone who appreciates BSM more than Barb. Her pride at being a parent of four BSM alums is something she wears on her sleeve.

### Ken Pauly

The Red Knight journey of Ken Pauly began with many twists and turns that included stops as a JV coach, an admissions assistant, and a part-time teacher. However, in 1990 the path straightened and he has been the head boys' hockey coach for 22 seasons and he is currently the chair of the social studies department.

Ken's leadership has positioned our boys' hockey program as one of the elite programs in the state. The records in his tenure as coach speak for themselves in that area: three state titles, 10 conference championships, and a 369-168-19 record. He is the winningest coach in the program's 55-year history.

In 2012 he received the Mariucci Award as the state's Class AA coach of the year and twice he received the Minnesota Wild 3M Excellence in Coaching Award. He also served as President of the Minnesota Hockey Coaches Association.

Coach Pauly's leadership is also evident in many ways not measured by wins and losses. His confident, passionate, and caring manner nurtures young athletes and young students. In 2012 Ken was honored as the Faculty of the Year. A man of strong faith and high standards, Ken is an exemplary model for Red Knight student athletes.

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## Distinguished Alumni



Gene Merriam '62



Elizabeth Rogers '94



Ann Ruff '73

## Distinguished Alumni

### Gene Merriam '62

After graduating from Benilde, Gene did a stint in the Marines, earned a business degree from the University of Minnesota, and landed a job as an accountant with Arthur Andersen.

Gene's career as a public servant began in 1973 when he ran for a seat on the Coon Rapids City Council. Two years later, he was elected to the Minnesota State Senate where he served for 22 years.

An avid outdoorsman, Gene took his passion to work. He played a pivotal role in drafting legislation responsible for setting Minnesota's first environmental standards in recycling, landfill use, and water conservation. Remembered as one of the great environmental champions of his era, Gene was ranked as the 5th most influential senator in the last 50 years by Twin City Law and Politics Magazine.

Seven years after leaving his post in the senate to work in the private sector, Gene was asked to be the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, a post he held for four years. Gene is recently retired, but continues to serve on many volunteer boards and committees, keeping a watchful eye over our state's natural resources.

### Elizabeth Rogers '94

Over the past twenty years, Liz has differentiated herself from her classmates and colleagues alike by her academic achievement and giving spirit. Graduating from Harvard summa cum laude, Liz went on to earn her medical degree from Stanford and completed her training in pediatrics and neonatology at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF).

Liz is currently an assistant professor of pediatrics and neonatology at UCSF, the director of their Intensive Care

Nursery Follow-Up Program, and assistant director of neonatal clinical programs. Dr. Rogers has won more than ten service, academic and teaching awards and she has volunteered on well over 20 university, professional and public service committees and boards. Liz has also received multiple grants and has compiled an extensive published body of research.

Constantly striving for excellence in a challenging and demanding profession, and relentless in her pursuit of medical innovations, Liz manages to beautifully balance the roles of doctor, teacher, mentor, researcher, volunteer, wife and mother of four with her trademark sense of humor and quiet confidence.

### Ann Ruff '73

At St. Margaret's Academy, the Sisters of St. Joseph taught the importance of loving your neighbor as yourself. Ann Ruff took their lessons to heart.

She started her career as an advocate for children, working for and with at-risk youth and their families. She then went on to be a voice for women in higher education, first as an associate, then as director of development at the College of St. Benedict.

For the past 16 years, she has spent her days working behind the scenes to ensure the most vulnerable members of our society have access to shelter. As vice president of resource development for CommonBond Communities, Ann supports all aspects of the upper Midwest's largest provider of affordable homes and life-enhancing services.

In her spare time, Ann volunteers as a cook at Clare housing, spends time as a 10-year-old's study buddy and serves on many boards and committees, including BSM's own development committee. Ann's successful career in non-profits is a shining example of servant leadership in action.



Anne Ford Moore '81



Nancy Patton

## Volunteer Service Awards

### Anne Ford Moore '81

Dr. Anne Moore '81 serves the BSM community in a very unique way. She comes armed with the expertise of her profession, a calm, confident and caring manner, boundless energy, a generous spirit, and the heart and touch of a mother. Her service gives new meaning to "house calls." She officially volunteers for sideline duty at football games but her contact with Red Knights reaches far beyond those 100 yards. Actually, a house call (really your call to her house) is sometimes the correct term but it could be a bleacher call, a locker room call, a field call, or a call to visit her office.

Countless Red Knights could tell stories about her help. And, those stories would always include the message of comfort when the doctor helping you is the familiar face of **Maddy '11**, **TJ '13** and **Auggie's '16** mom.

She is amazing – the woman who always smiles, who never sleeps, and who has encouraging words for everyone. Of course she's also been a captain's mom, a dance mom, and a student council mom. Why not? She makes the time and has the energy to help everyone.

### Nancy Patton

Nancy Patton is the personification of the word organized. She has led the charge for Funky to Formal, the Parent Association, the senior party, and the auction and kept them wonderfully organized. Her managerial skills are well honed. Never shying away from tasks herself, she does more than her share but trusts others to complete their pieces of the project as well. Nancy is resourceful, able to think outside the box, and confident in her decisions. That calm confidence reassures others and enables everyone to be more productive.

Nancy knows lots of people and she is not afraid to seek their help and offer them wonderful opportunities to contribute. That grassroots approach to success values the contributions of many and often lessens the burden for the few. She is a clear and concise communicator – a skill so critical and much appreciated.

Her financial expertise keeps budgets in check, and her computer skills make it easy for her – and others – to stay on track. She is a planner and an organizer extraordinaire. Benilde-St. Margaret's was so fortunate to have Nancy share all of her time and talents with so many groups and so many projects.

## Twenty-Year Club

For 20 years Anne Marie Dominguez has been a solid member of the English department, where she has taught everything from English 9, English 10, Honors English 10, and American Lit, to a cross-disciplinary course American Studies, which she designed and teaches with social studies teacher Megan Kern.

In addition, Anne Marie has served as the newspaper adviser and department chair. Anne Marie's commitment to her faith is a reason she is in the profession at a Catholic school.



Anne Marie Dominguez

She freely and articulately shares her faith perspective as she integrates the values of Catholic social teaching throughout the curriculum. Students are encouraged to think deeply about themes in literature and Anne Marie challenges them to connect their thinking to real world problems. Sitting back and taking it all in is not an option for students in her class. She creates a learning environment where students can't help but actively engage. She challenges students to think critically about their own beliefs and perspectives, all the while reinforcing the values and teachings of the church.

Described by a peer as a "valued colleague," Anne Marie's dedication, expertise and commitment to BSM is second to none.



# BSM Reflections: What Do We Learn From Their Work?

By Mike Jeremiah

His name was Mr. Lockhart, and I ended each day my sophomore year in high school in his eighth period English class. He was an amazing man who shared with us countless life stories and encouraged us to write and to create our own. He was a deeply caring man who was able to weave his calling as a minister very easily into the English classroom and curriculum. He saw each of us as a gift from God and taught us to never let life or people pass us by unnoticed. He and my other high school English teachers were the inspiration behind my choice of an English major in college; and although the English major never became a reality, their teaching shaped and helped to make me who I am today.

My life is different today because of Mr. Lockhart and because of all those who took the time to offer lessons of life, regardless of the subject matter. It's that kind of difference that we hope our ministry here at BSM makes in the lives of our students. Having been a part of this community for so many years, I truly enjoy seeing the changes and the growth that take place in all those who, though moving on in life, continue to remain Red Knights. While we take great pride in their accomplishments, large and small, we are particularly proud of those who choose to give their lives to Catholic education . . . those to whom the gauntlet has been passed in continuing to teach as Jesus did.

Through email and personal conversations, alums have shared stories about who and what led them to their current work in Catholic schools. The path was not the same for everyone. A junior from my first year at BSM, **Perry Reinhardt '77**, joined the education field later in his career. His story is wonderful.

"I followed my father's career and worked for IBM for 22 years fixing all sorts of computer equipment after receiving a civil engineering degree from the U of M. The IBM job allowed me to make enough money to give my four kids a Catholic education through St. John's in Savage and Holy Angels. Two of the four kids also went to St. Bens/St. Johns University.

"When the kids were done with college, my wife (who graduated from St. Catherines) of 33 years said I could go back to school to become a math teacher. It was something I thought I was called to do. My idols and favorite teachers were Mr. Periolat at Most Holy Trinity and Mr. Steve Dahlman at Benilde. Both math teachers. I went through the teacher licensure program from St. Scholastica.

"I am very happy about my decision to be doing something as important as educating children and it is especially gratifying to be involved in Catholic education."

On the flip side, **Bruce Becker '82** knew early on that he wanted to be a teacher. He began at St. Margaret Mary in Golden Valley and then in 1989 moved to St. Joseph's School in West St. Paul where he has been ever since. Mathematics and religion are the "classes" he teaches, but the lessons he teaches reach far beyond that.

His summer adventures in engineering, space, marketing, and education bring valuable insights to his students and his continued study enhances his teaching. He is grateful for the influence "of some of my own teachers at Benilde-St. Margaret's School. I have very fond memories of my time there with Mr. Sylvian Sundrum, Mr. Michael Jeremiah, Mr. Ron Kretsch, Cesar Lewandowski, Herr Ebensteiner, and Mr. Haider, among many others. They meant a great deal to me."

Claire Shea '05, Becca Walsh Meagher, and Mike Jeremiah have fun looking at Claire's senior yearbook.





Bruce gives witness to the mission of Catholic education. "As the years have passed, I have remained in the Catholic school system because I still believe in the revolution started two millennia ago by Jesus. The challenge to humanity is still great... to act out of love, mercy and forgiveness, instead of fear, jealousy, greed and violence. As a young man I wanted to do my part to energetically and enthusiastically change the world for the better, and this is a calling that remains with me today. In my school, I can do my small part to witness my faith and make what I hope to be a significant difference in young peoples' lives."

On the other side of town, **Mollie Sieve Olsen '89**, armed with a master's degree in teaching, began as a volunteer art teacher at St. Joseph in Waconia when her oldest son was in kindergarten. Aidan is now in 7th grade and Mollie is the art teacher at St. Joe's. Mollie tells us that "I have enjoyed the journey more than I could have ever imagined! I love the enthusiasm and energy that fills the art room...it's contagious and keeps me energized."

Mollie credits Sue Jacobson and Jan Johnson with her love of art. "I feel my Catholic education at Benilde-St. Margaret's was instrumental in my development as an art teacher. It is there that I first really appreciated the art of teaching and the joy art teachers could share in my life. Today I am on a new journey in which our school has become a C-STEM school...Catholic, Science, Technology, Engineering & Math. I'm learning more than ever how to integrate the arts in all of these amazing areas. I would have never guessed I'd be building robots that could make art."



**Mollie Sieve Olsen '89 poses with one of her young budding artists.**

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**We are blessed at BSM to have 19 graduates who are doing their part in our school. They too are hoping to make a significant difference in the lives of the young Red Knights. They have great memories of their high school years and they shared some thoughts about those teachers who inspired them.**

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We asked the question, "Who, in your years at BSM, inspired you to become a teacher and to return to you alma mater? It took **Kari Koshiol '99** a nanosecond to reply to the question. "Hands down, it would be Tom Backen."

**Claire Shea '05** had no trouble recalling her aha moment. "I was asked, at some point in my high school career, to interview a teacher and ask them about their profession, field of study, etc. I interviewed Becca Walsh, and I distinctly remember during that interview saying, 'Wow! I'd love to become a religion teacher.' So naturally, I went off to college, and entirely forgot about this. I entered as an English major, and after my first semester in college, and taking one required theology course, quickly changed my major to theology, and never looked back."

Claire spent four years teaching Bishop Byrne High School's Red Knights in Memphis, Tennessee, but stayed in touch with Becca and was ready to move back to the Red Knights at BSM. It has been a great move for Claire and Benilde-St. Margaret's.

With an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering it is no wonder that **Steve Pohlen '86** listed another science guy as his inspiration. "Jim Wander had a great knack for combining physics content with the application of that knowledge in hands-on, real-life scenarios. And then of course there were the stick figure drawings. Jim inspired a love of learning, science, and curiosity in me that I wanted to share with others."

**Amy Jo Reinhart Hyde '89** does a flashback in preparing for her students. "When I plan my lessons, I still ask myself, 'What would Madame Cipolle do?' French was my favorite class at BSM because Madame Cipolle did so many fun, engaging activities. She inspired my love of the language and culture...I am thrilled to be carrying on that tradition here at BSM!"

In the case of **Jean Hromatka Nightingale '80**, not all of the inspiration came from the classroom as she mentioned Mickey Scott, Jim Wander and Mary Fran O'Keefe. "They each made school challenging but fun, and showed by example that a great school combines a strong classroom environment with outstanding extracurricular activities."

Each year, Catholic schools across the nation celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW) and this year the alumni department hosted a special evening at the Golden Valley Country Club for those local alums involved in the field of Catholic education. There was lively conversation and great stories about many teachers at SMA, Benilde, and BSM.

The theme for this year's CSW was "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." That fits perfectly with our mission at Benilde-St. Margaret's and with the work of those alums who continue to share their gifts with the students in area Catholic schools. Mollie Sieve Olsen expressed the view of many when she said, "I am so very proud of my Catholic education. I am blessed that my parents believed in its importance too. My hope is that our children will appreciate and enjoy the gift we have passed on to them so they too will share it with future generations!" Amen, Mollie!

As for me, I regret never taking the opportunity to let Mr. Lockhart or many of the other teachers in my grade school and high school know how greatly they influenced my life. Much of what I am today is because of what they were. A lesson I've learned and tried to pass on here at BSM is never let people go unnoticed or without knowing the difference they make. For each of us, whether we are in a classroom or office, we must also consider the difference we make in the lives of the people we encounter. You just never know how the future will be impacted because of the difference you make today.

**Dan Lundberg** '12 developed an interest in muscular dystrophy when he first volunteered at the Courage Center as part of his Service Leadership class at Benilde-St. Margaret's in 2010. From his experience working with children at the Courage Center, Dan's interest in progressive muscle disorders like muscular dystrophy grew, leading him to participate in a research project at Gillette Children's Hospital while still a student at BSM.

## Curiosity and Concern Create Change

By Rachel Kuzma Olson '93

His research furthered his curiosity about muscular dystrophy and led to an interest in how disease progression and access to health care in other parts of the world differ from those in the United States. Dan applied for and received a grant to travel to Ghana, West Africa, to research muscular dystrophy cases. In Ghana, he was introduced to an organization called Share Care Ghana, a society for people with severe autoimmune and neurological conditions. His contacts there led him to a unique African family not only living with muscular dystrophy but also working single-handedly to educate others about disabilities in surrounding areas. Through his research with this family, Dan gained a deeper understanding of the poverty, poor quality of life and true discrimination that people with disabilities face in third world countries.

Inspired by what he had learned in Ghana, Dan embarked on a fundraising mission in the U.S. Running six marathons, speaking to groups and presenting his story to BSM students for a Common Basket collection, Dan raised several thousand dollars. He elected to take a one-year leave from his studies at Boston College to work full time on disability rights in Ghana and began using the money he raised to educate and change cultural beliefs and stigmas.

While it seems Dan's curiosity has opened the door for change in the underserved population in Ghana, Dan's story does not end here. His curiosity in social enterprise prompted him to launch Ghana Strong Books, a publishing organization that produces books for young people. Ghana Strong Books commits 70% of profits or \$5 per book toward developing initiatives that empower marginalized people with disabilities living in Ghana. Dan's first book is titled, *I Found the World Inside My Mother's Coffee Mug*. Dan was inspired to write this young adult novel while living in Ghana and completed his writing in just 40 days. The book is self-published and available at [ghanastrong.org](http://ghanastrong.org). Dan plans to publish more books to create a sustainable income to further his efforts in West Africa.

According to Dan, the real value of service work is reflecting on what you learn from your experience and transferring that knowledge to help other underserved groups. As a student at Benilde-St. Margaret's, Dan was given many opportunities to serve, which allowed him to understand the need for social change. Through his experiences in the classroom, on the soccer field, on the speech team and with RKVC, Dan discovered how to be a leader and how to articulate his passions. With a major in biochemistry and a special interest in human development at Boston College, Dan hopes to go to medical school someday. For now, however, he is too busy writing, teaching, advocating and changing the world.

Striving together to solve problems that matter



# Innovation is the Heart of the Matter

What problems are you solving? For 2007 graduate **Ellie Hawkinson O'Brien**, the answer to this question is an easy one. Ellie is an innovations design engineer in the Innovations Lab at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. Using a variety of 3D printing methods and state-of-the-art materials and techniques, Ellie creates and produces real-world training models for medical students and physicians. These models teach pediatric surgeons how to navigate inside patients using surgical simulators, resulting in better patient outcomes. The lab collaborates with faculty members and medical educators to provide teaching tools that will improve surgical techniques for students.

Although her work is featured in many of the lab's surgical simulators and training models, a tiny, pediatric heart is Ellie's proudest accomplishment. She created the 3D-printed heart, based on actual patient data, using hundreds of traditional 2D scans to replicate the exact pediatric heart being studied. The tiny heart was the first of its kind manufactured as a training tool for pediatric surgeons.

The capability to produce neonatal-sized models opens up a new world for surgical training in pediatrics. With only 900 pediatric surgeons in the U.S. and Canada, pediatric surgery models are nonexistent. Manufacturers do not develop surgery simulators for this market because the number of customers is relatively small for their industry. Therefore, researchers are turning to new problem-solving methods to train medical students and surgeons.

As a freshman at BSM, Ellie admits she was forced to think outside the box when she was placed in Mr. Jump's freshman biology class. Mr. Jump's nontraditional way of teaching presented Ellie with new ways of problem solving that spurred her interest in science. She went on to participate in BSM's Advanced Competitive Science program that provided her with rigorous coursework and a strong academic foundation. Ellie decided to major in biomedical engineering at Marquette University, where she combined a bachelor's degree with valuable work experience at the VA Medical Center in

Milwaukee and Boston Scientific in Minneapolis. After graduating from Marquette, Ellie took her resume to Chicago where she was offered a job in the Innovations Laboratory at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine.

Recently married to husband Pat and living in the Chicago area, Ellie is a great example of a BSM alum using her knowledge, skill and aptitude for solving problems in her community. While she thoroughly enjoys the challenges and problem-solving nature of her job, she sees herself returning to school someday to possibly pursue an MBA. Armed with the skill to manufacture real-world teaching tools, the patience to perfect her craft, and the creativity to tackle new opportunities, there is no limit to what problems Ellie Hawkinson O'Brien might solve next.



# Bulletin Board



## Reunion Information

**SMA 1952** • Tuesday, June 9 at Jax restaurant at noon

**SMA 1955** • Wednesday, September 16, luncheon at Crowne Plaza Hotel  
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## Alumni Events

**Alumni Lacrosse**  
Thursday, June 18, 7 p.m.  
BSM Stadium

Connect with BSM alumni on  
Facebook and LinkedIn.



## Joranger Open



11 a.m. registration • 12:30 p.m. shotgun start  
Deer Run Golf Course, Victoria, Minnesota

See information on back cover or at [www.BSMschool.org/Joranger](http://www.BSMschool.org/Joranger)



## Making a Difference

# The Power of Your Gifts to BSM

A Catholic, college-preparatory junior high and high school experience has remained alive and well, year after year at Benilde-St. Margaret's. Countless school-age students transition to our community every year from a diverse base of partner schools. Increasingly, financial aid is required for a growing number of our BSM families. This need was highlighted during the 2014 BSM auction when 2012 graduate and valedictorian **Nicole Sauer** spoke about the aid her family received when her father was laid off. Nicole's words were earnest and inspired a number of attendees to make a gift to support tuition assistance. That night our school community raised a remarkable \$126,000 in tuition assistance.

One of our new BSM families who attended "A Knight for All Seasons" for the first time, Steve and Janet Lerch, shared with me that listening to the words of Miss Sauer was a moving experience for them. "It was powerful to hear how the generosity of the BSM community was able to provide the opportunity for Miss Sauer to succeed." Like many of you, in making their gift that night, they wanted to ensure the opportunity for students to attend BSM continues for years to come. Our conversation led to questions regarding how many families receive aid and how many more are in need.

Each year BSM makes available \$1.4 million in financial aid for families who qualify for this assistance. Thanks to many of you, this fiscal year 221 students (19%) are being given the opportunity to attend BSM through financial aid. Even with this generosity, there are still other families who need assistance to obtain one of the best educations in the Midwest. The amount required to meet the total demand for demonstrated need by these qualified families would be \$2.3 million.

**If you want to learn more, or make a gift to help our students, give me a call at 952-915-4351. Please keep a Catholic, college-preparatory experience alive and well.**

All my best,



Richard J. Olson

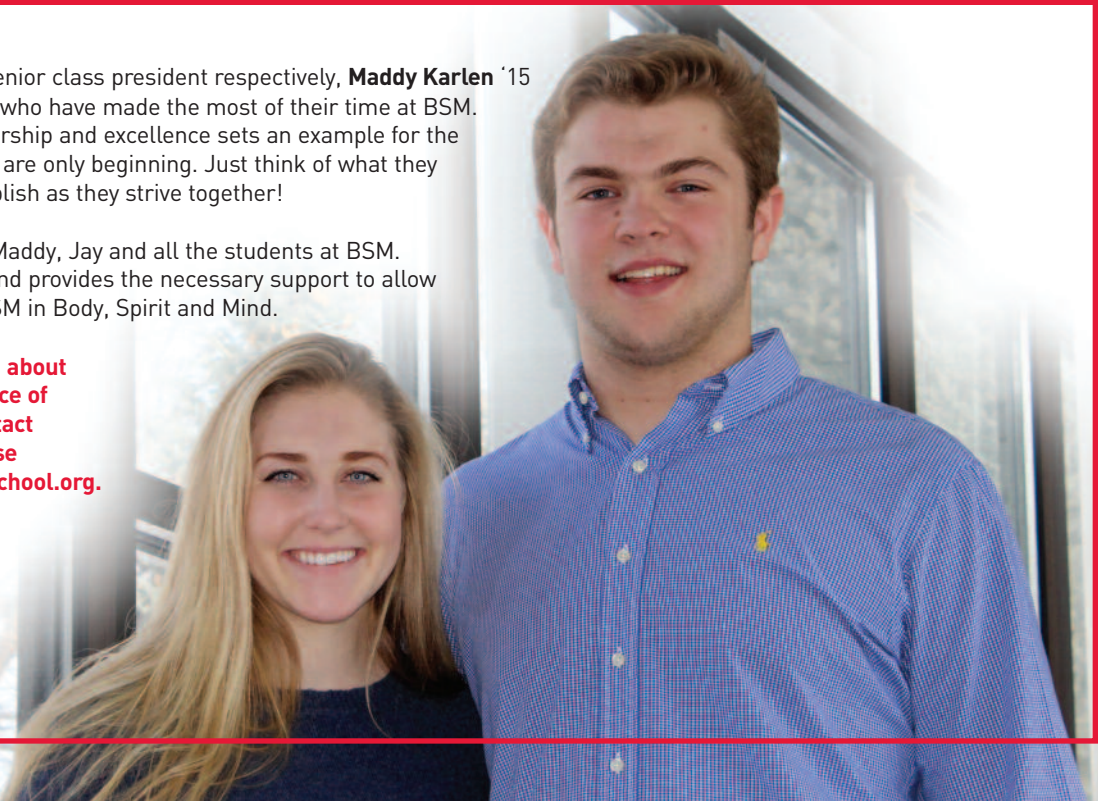


## Annual Fund

As student council president and senior class president respectively, **Maddy Karlen '15** and **Jay Weber '15** are two seniors who have made the most of their time at BSM. Their commitment to servant leadership and excellence sets an example for the students who follow them and they are only beginning. Just think of what they and our other students will accomplish as they strive together!

The Annual Fund directly benefits Maddy, Jay and all the students at BSM. Your gift truly makes a difference and provides the necessary support to allow our students to be successful at BSM in Body, Spirit and Mind.

**If you would like more information about the Annual Fund and the importance of your financial support, please contact Director of Development Ted Freese at 952-767-0650 or [tfreese@BSMschool.org](mailto:tfreese@BSMschool.org).**



# ALUMNI NEWS

**1952**

**Sister Marilyn Schlosser, OP,** celebrated the 60th anniversary of her religious profession at a Mass in Queen of the Rosary Chapel at Sinsinawa Mound in Sinsinawa, Wisconsin, in the summer of 2014.

**1954**

Classmates from St. Margaret's Academy gathered on December 10, 2014, for a Christmas lunch: (l-r) **Karol Meunier Dayton, Julie Campion Humbeutel, Mary Scheinost, Annette Freese Wahl, Ginny Jeub Romens, Kathy McGraw Gretsch, Rosie Orr Ekelund, Joanie O'Donnell Downes, and Mary Ellen Irving O'Brien.** ▼



**1965**

**Tim Munkeby** has published a novel entitled *Back to the Island*. A retired literature teacher and financial planner, Tim now spends most of his time at his lodge on Lake Vermilion surrounded by cabins for each of his five children, and their families, now totaling 23. Tim lectures at colleges and universities on financial and career literacy when he's not writing, hiking, biking, kayaking or skiing. For more information or to purchase, go to [www.timmunkeby.com](http://www.timmunkeby.com). Use promo code "friend" for 25% discount. The book is also available at *Barnes & Noble*.

**1968**

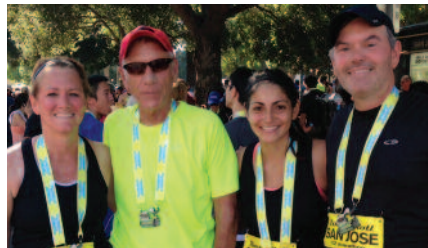
**Tim Hanratty's** insurance company, Hanratty & Associates, was named as a finalist for the 2015 Community Impact Awards by the Minnesota Business Magazine for overall excellence in positively impacting Minnesota communities by a small company (up to 50 employees). Hanratty & Associates provides employee benefits consulting, third party administration, human resource solutions, health care reform compliance, wellness consulting, and financial services for its customers and is located in Plymouth.

**1970**

**Don Bania** suffered a spinal cord injury two months after graduating from Benilde High School in 1970. Don is paralyzed from the neck down but has found many ways to serve his community. Don is an artist, a motivational speaker and most recently Don spearheaded an effort to collect and refurbish wheelchairs for people with disabilities in developing countries. Don and his wife, Mary, live in Rogers.

**1983**

Revival Social Club is a new Chicago gathering place opened by **Chris Bowler** and his business partner. The restaurant features "flavorful fusion dishes, innovative beverages, and unique coffee creations." It's located on Granville Avenue.



**1985**

**Jenny McDougall Mastroni** ran in the San Jose Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon on October 5, 2014. Jenny is pictured with her dad, sister-in-law and youngest brother Mark. ▲

**1986**

Friends gathered for an annual cabin weekend and also celebrated their Class of '86 roots: (l-r) **Shannon O'Brien Arseneau, Todd Barnes, Katie Kozlak Graif, Jason Verrett, and Marielle Fournier Fransen.** ▼



**1992**

Richard "Richie" Clarence Beutz was born on May 12, 2014, to parents Kari and **Dan Beutz**. Richie was welcomed by siblings Lillian, Robbie, and Leah. ▼



**1994**

Tara and **Tom Hanson** are pleased to announce the birth of Thomas Gregory Hanson, Jr. (TJ) on January 12. TJ was welcomed home by Hugh (4) and Blake (1 1/2). Tom is a regional manager for Winmark Capital and Tara is home with the boys.

**1995**

**Helen Troy-Duncan** and husband Warren are pleased to announce the birth of Fiona Kathryn on March 13, 2014. Big sister Charlotte (2) is also thrilled with the new arrival! The Duncans live in Plymouth.

**1998**

**John and Andrea Patch Rondoni** are proud to announce the birth of Silvia Lucille on January 26. Two-year-old James is excited to have a baby sister. John is the senior director of product development and operations at Inspire Medical Systems. Andrea continues to find time to service her customers in the development of marketing materials and technical writing.

**1999**

**Mike Ryan** was named "40 Under 40" by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal for 2015. Mike is the director of architecture and engineering for Ryan Companies, US. Mike and his wife, Leah, live in Minneapolis.

**2000**

**Matt Dunsmore** is a professional bull rider. He competed in Minnesota recently at the World's Toughest Rodeo at Xcel Energy Center. When he is not on the road competing, Matt lives in Elk River.

**2001**

**Charlie Daum** and **Nora Selly** were married on August 16 at the Church of St. Anne in Hamel, Minnesota. ▼



**Anna Hanten Tanis** and her husband, Pete, welcomed their first child, Audrey, on December 6, 2013. The family lives in Excelsior.

**Kristine Rauenhorst Widmer** and husband Ian are the proud parents of Kathryn Anne who was born on September 11, 2014. Kristine is at home with Kathryn and Ian is the senior director of sales for Canada Goose. The Widmer family lives in Denver.

**2002**

**Peter Carlson** and **Bridget Miskowec** were married on August 9, 2014. Peter works for Hennepin County and Bridget is a Doctor of Audiology. ►



# ALUMNI NEWS

On December 10, **Michael Fabiano** appeared as Rodolfo in *La Bohème* at the Metropolitan Opera. BSM vocal music instructor Nancy Stockhaus traveled to New York to hear her former student. Michael also appeared in a two-part, four-hour PBS documentary series, *The Italian Americans*, about the Italian experience in America. ▲

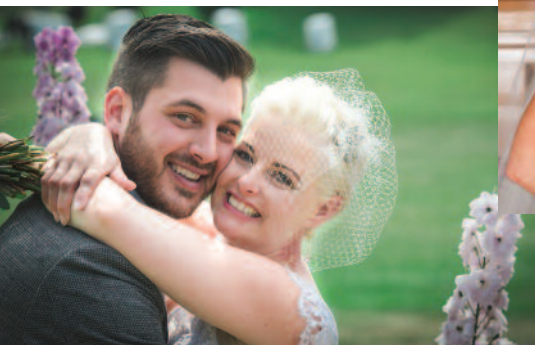


**2003** **Katy Mulvehill Mulcahy** and her husband, Colin, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Madigan Patrick, on June 24, 2014. Katy works in cardiac medical device sales while Colin works for RBC Wealth Management. Colin also coaches the BSM boys' varsity lacrosse team. The Mulcahy family lives in St. Louis Park. ▼

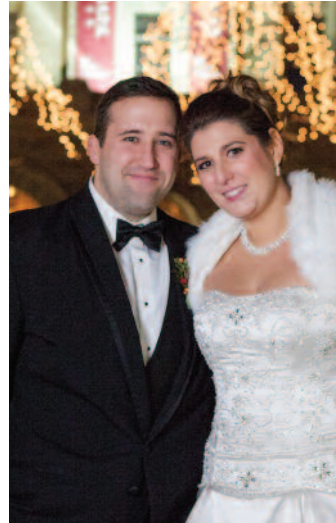
**2004** **Ben Carlson** and Amanda Bringgold were married on September 12. Ben works for Wells Fargo and Amanda is employed by Lifetime Fitness. ▼



**Kellie Sutherland** and Brad Hansen were married September 27 at Holy Cross Church in Minneapolis. Kellie works as an event planner for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Brad is a fourth year medical student applying for residency in emergency medicine. The couple lives in Chicago. ▶



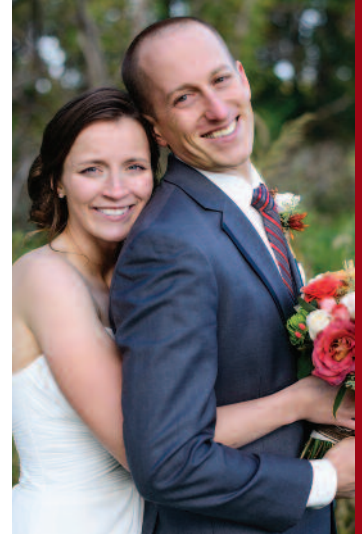
**Betsy Miller** and **David Windorst '00** were married December 27, 2014, at Good Shepherd in Golden Valley. Betsy is a teacher at Susan Lindgren Elementary and David is a nuclear engineer at Amec Foster Wheeler. The couple lives in St. Louis Park. ▶



Taylor and **Luke Carlson** were married on August 23 in Greenwich, Connecticut. The couple lives in New York where Luke is an associate at Rialto Capital and Taylor is the marketing director for Goop. ▼

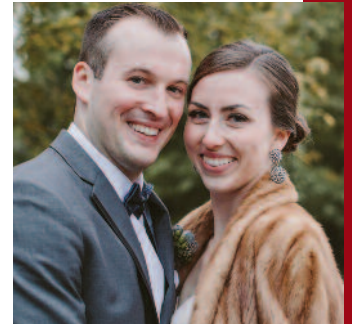


**2006** **Betsy Van Cleve** and Keir Stiegler were married in Eden Prairie on October 4, 2014. ▼

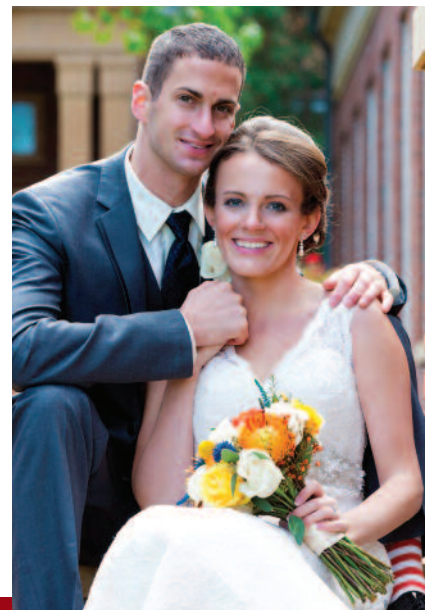


**2007** **Ellie Hawkinson** and Patrick O'Brien renewed their

wedding vows at a celebration on October 3, 2014, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Chicago. ▶



**2008** **Laura Monahan** and Michael Williams were married October 4, 2014, at Our Lady of Grace Church in Edina. ▼



# ALUMNI NEWS

**2009**

**Sasha Orange** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of Minnesota and works at Regions Hospital in the postpartum area.

**Kaia Preus** has an essay titled "Heavy Blessings" forthcoming in The Briar Cliff Review. She is currently a second-year MFA candidate in creative writing at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia.



**2010**

**Kaileen Kraemer** is employed at Walt Disney Animation Studios in Burbank, California, and is a credited member of the optimization team responsible for the visual graphics on the 2015 Oscar winner for Best Animated Feature, *Big Hero 6*. ▲



Red Knights gathered to catch up at their 5-year reunion on December 28 in Minneapolis: (l-r) **Brendan Rooney**, **Annalisa Huge**, **Michael McCarthy**, and **Mira Friedlander**. ▲

**2012**

**Dan Riley** returned to BSM to talk to the investments class. Dan is enrolled in the Applied Investment Management Program (AIM) at Marquette University where he helps manage a portfolio worth over \$1 million. As a recent BSM grad, he was able to talk about the similarities in that program and BSM's program and offer valuable advice to the current students. He fielded many excellent questions from the class.

**Paul Graupner** is a junior placekicker at the University of St. Thomas. Graupner is a business management major with a 3.46 GPA for the 23rd-ranked Tommies. Graupner was named to the CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors Association) District 6 NCAA Division III All-Academic team. To earn a spot, a player must be a starter or key reserve for a team and also maintain a minimum GPA of 3.30 (academic and athletic achievement are both weighed in choosing the team).

**Kale Walch** and sister **Aubry** are opening the world's first vegan butcher shop, the **Herbivorous Butcher**, in Minneapolis in the spring of 2015. The duo had overwhelming support from donors through their Kickstarter campaign that surpassed their fundraising goal by \$10,000.

**2013**

Several alums from the Class of 2013 stopped by BSM for a meeting over Christmas break: (l-r) **Joe Pauly**, **Dan Letscher**, **Adam Bamonti**, **Anne Arnason**, **Giulia Imholte**, and **Tara Fan**. ▼



BSM retired the #12 jersey of **Grant Besse** before a game with Holy Family on December 16. Grant was named Mr. Hockey in 2013 and finished his career ranked fifth in state history in goals (163) and seventh (272) in points. Grant currently plays for the Wisconsin Badgers.

## Alumni Musings

By **Sandy Janssen Barry '86**  
Associate Director of Alumni Relations

### Nordic Skiing Brings Alumni, Parents and Students Together

\*Skiers use a strong "kick" to ramp up their speed.

Benilde St. Margaret's alumni, parents, and current Nordic ski team members spent Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend at Maplelag Resort in Callaway, Minnesota. Although the weekend was designed for the 17-member team to get in additional practice time, the alumni and parents also strapped on their skis. Soccer, relays, chariot races, one-ski-only races, backwards skiing, hopping over cones, agility workouts, and sprints, (all on their skis!) kept spirits high and helped the miles fly by.

At night, everyone gathered at the lodge. There was plenty of food, more games, coach-led yoga classes and a hot tub. Sunday night was the highlight of the long weekend with a traditional student talent show and a DJ.

On and off the trails, Red Knights took advantage of their time together to become not just better skiers, but better friends. **Mary Tremmel Selke '88** said, "My favorite parts of Maplelag were the downhill races, three face plants, running into a tree, hot tubing, night skiing, and kick'n it\* with such wonderful people."

Other alums enjoying the weekend were: **Andy Renier '14**, **Annie White '12**, **Elizabeth Vertina '11**, **Katie Renier '09**, **Peter Enz '08**, **Eric Hoeg '08**, and **Betsy Murphy Reiner '76**.



2014

Prior to a boys' hockey game on December 20, BSM honored **Jack Jablonski** by retiring his #13 jersey. Since suffering a spinal cord injury in December 2011, Jack has inspired many by his demeanor, rehabilitation work and good nature in the face of adversity. In 2012, Jack was the America's Choice Honoree for the CBS Courage in Sports Award and has been honored and celebrated for his dedication and determination by the Red Knights who renamed their Most Determined Player

Award in his honor. Jack is currently enrolled at the University of Southern California where he is studying broadcasting.

**Peter Watkins** and **Carter Burn** returned to share information about their experience in the military with BSM students. Peter is an Army ROTC student at Iowa State and Carter is serving at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. ▶



## IN MEMORIAM

Nick Avery '05

Victor Allen Buchanan  
Father of Kathleen (Kit) Buchanan  
Arnuist '68  
Mark '71  
Jay '73

James Cashman  
Father of Paul  
Dan  
Colleen Cashman Tracy '73  
Anne Cashman Dolan  
Molly Cashman Sebold '76  
James '77  
Maggie  
Patty Cashman O'Reilly  
Kerry

James Cassidy '60  
Brother of Bob '64  
Tom '65  
Marjorie Cassidy Halgren

Jane Clifford  
Mother of Sheila Clifford Lind  
Cathy Clifford Brennan  
Dennis '69  
John  
Jim '73  
Mark '78  
Brian

Richard Endres  
Husband of Bernice – past staff  
Father of Vicki Endres Barker  
Mary  
Peggy  
Steve  
Mark '85

Millie Ferrara  
Mother of Patricia '60  
Pam Ferrara Whelan '61  
Tim '65  
Pene Ferrara Zarnoti '68  
Tony '69  
Bruce '71  
Ted  
Todd  
Terry

Kathleen Langner Fike '51

Mary Finklea  
Mother of Edward '69  
Charlotte  
Richard

Patricia Follows '76

Helen Grotz  
Mother of Linda Grotz Johnson '71  
Colleen Grotz Webber '72  
Deanne Grotz Madden '79

Thomas Hammer '65  
Brother of Deb Hammer Williams '67  
Ron '69

Charles Hastings  
Father of C. Thomas  
Jill Hastings-Storer  
Michael  
Maureen Hastings Shaver '79

Patricia Hommes Auger '56

Robert Johnson  
Father of Nancy Johnson Nelson  
Mary Beth Johnson  
Susan Johnson Wahl '78

Catherine Florance Karels '78  
Wife of Bill Karels '78  
Mother of Matthew '07  
Charlie '08  
Katie  
Sister of Mary Florance Thorson '75 – deceased  
Elizabeth Florance Molgrem '77  
Madrienne Florance Petitjean

Todd Karlen  
Brother of Tamara Karlen Malloy '85  
Tom '88

Patricia Kempf  
Mother of Mary Kempf Lundberg '76  
Terry Kempf Arnold '77  
Mark '81  
Diane Kempf Hilbert '83  
Paul '85

Sarah Isabel Krieger  
Mother of Patrick - Faculty

Ethan Lang  
Brother of David '03  
Bennett '05

Connie Vierling Larson '66

Rosemary L. Larson  
Mother of Cori Larson Duffy '79  
Mary Jane Larson '81

Kelly Barber Linert  
Daughter of Doug Barber '64

Steven McKee '81

Ralph Nielson  
Father of Brandt '02

Sue Fischer Peterson '64  
Mother of Jessica Peterson Hackman '95  
Joe '95  
Mary '98  
Sister of Barbara Fischer Hollis '66  
Andy

Mary Sue Canfield Pierce '60  
Sister of Judie Canfield Shapiro '57  
Fred

Mary Jean Borovsky Porter '51

Patricia Ganley Rosinek '42

Kevin Schieffer '77  
Husband of Mary DesJarlais '77  
Brother of Mary Schieffer Scanlon '80

Mary Catherine Setzler  
Mother of Steve - past faculty

Wyatt Shepherd  
Infant son of Lisa Carufel Shepherd '96

Shirley Wanchena  
Mother of Michael '68 – deceased  
Jeffrey '69 – deceased  
Ann Marie Wanchena Croteau '71  
Amy Wanchena Ames '74  
Lisa Wanchena Raddatz '78  
Christine '79

Agatha Sommers Zuccaro '42

# Alumni Album



**Wedding News**—Kellie Sutherland '04 and Brad Hansen tied the knot on September 27 at Holy Cross Church in Minneapolis. The wedding party included several Red Knights: (l-r) Josh McCuskey, Shannon Gutzke, Dan Kralovec, Robby Sutherland '12, Nick Sutherland '07, Curt Hansen, David Cullen, Brad Hansen, Kellie, Vanessa Jonckowski, Molly Surdyk '04, Stephanie Olson, Melissa Becker, Kelly Rodgers '04 and Maddie Mottaz.



**Senior Night**—Hockey player Will Duda '15 was joined by his entire family when BSM met the Chaska Hawks on Thursday, February 5: (l-r) Kaitlin '13, Julia '18, Peggy Fitzgerald Duda '79, Will, Leon '79, John '10, and Patrick '09. Will is the last of the three brothers to skate for the Red Knights.



**Wedding Bells**—Several members of the Class of 2005 gathered on May 24, 2014, to celebrate the marriage of Steven Schwartz '05 and Jenessa Lieser: (l-r) Josh Benda, Trey Renard, Ashley Anderson, Dillon Kvasnich, Erika Seberson, Sean McConville '05, Jenessa Schwartz, Steven, Carl Phillips '05, Michael Bourgeois, Teddy Pechacek '05, Bobby Ryden '05, Victoria Hafner and Robert Keefe '05.

**Alumni Hockey**—The early morning crew on Christmas Eve meets annually to play alumni hockey and DeAnn Zytoskee Hill '91 is always there to take the photo: back row (l-r) Kris Birch '98, Michael Bowler '73, Johnny Austin '14, Chad Beltrand '05, Jeff Zajac '97, Craig Drugge '90, Jason Hill '91, Chris Hickok '13, Paul Herzog '84, Judd Thomas '97, Eric Almquist '86, AJ Rashid '93, Pat Steinhauser '11, Joe Nemanich '93, Grant Besse '13, and Varsity Head Coach Ken Pauly; middle row (l-r) JV Coach Chris McGowan '91, Dan Liberko '14, and Bobby Krenn '05; front row (l-r) Seth Chumley '13, John Duda '10, Nick Lauth '12, Pat Borer '09, Jake Horton '12, Jonah Johnson '12, JB Davis '96, Patrick Duda '09, Dan Labosky '13, Spencer Naas '14, Christian Horn '12, Andrew Sprang '13, and Chris Lappen '05.



**10-Year Reunion**—Classmates from 2004 gathered on November 29 at Ray J's in Minneapolis, a restaurant and bar co-owned by classmate, Paul Jacob: photo 1: (l-r) Laura Kloeohn Saltzstein, Ann Greco, Maggie Kanowitz, and Libby Schroll; photo 2: Paul Jacob and wife Katie.



**Alumni Children's Christmas Party**—Many alums and their families attended the Alumni Children's Christmas Party at BSM on Sunday, December 14, to celebrate the season and get their picture taken with Santa: (l-r) Colleen Kaster Quince '97, Corinn Tennesen Cella '95 with Tommy, and Laura Hanson Conlon '97.



**Gopher Hockey**—BSM teachers attended a Gopher women's hockey game to watch Kelly Pannek '14, in action: (l-r) Jennifer Roushar, Mary Seppala, Kelly, Mark Lex and Dan Bowler.



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**Table Tennis**—Alums gathered over Christmas break for the annual alums vs. current players matchup. The alums were victorious and Mikayla Coulombe came out on top in the "Game of Champions" match: (l-r) Alec Minea '12, Ben Rosengren '12, Mikayla Coulombe '12, Dan Hogan '14, Christian Pederson '14, Drew Coulombe '14, and Chris Sather '12. Not pictured Bob Dwyer '73.



**Giving Back**—Last fall, Maddy Moore '11 stopped by a BSM religion class taught by Claire Shea '05 to give a presentation to younger brother Auggie's class. Maddy is a senior at the University of Minnesota: (l-r) Maddy, Claire, and Auggie Moore '16.



**Fall Wedding**—Betsy Van Cleve '06 and Keir Stiegler were married on October 4, 2014. Bridesmaids Amy Perrine Scott '06 and Julie Cooney '08 helped Betsy celebrate.



**Dunn Brothers**—Alumni basketball brought the family together to shoot hoops at the alumni game on Christmas Eve: (l-r) Will '12, Joe '18 and B.J. '11.



**Alumni Basketball**—Christmas Eve was busy in the Haben Center as alums came back for a little basketball: back row standing (l-r) Stu Neville '08, RK Glover '06, Danny Miller '07, Nick Guggemos '14, Stephen Kedzuf '06, Varsity Coach John Moore '74, Max Carlson '08, Matt Frank '12, Myles Barnes '11, Peter Crawford '10, Tommy Nelson '11, and Seth Marx '10; front row standing (l-r) Charles Moore '07, David Lang '03, Josh Hollie '03, John Moore Jr. '08, Seborn Yancy '03, Peter Ritchie '07, Matt Thimjon '06, Bennett Lang '05, Andrew Birkeland '14, Colin Polarek '14, Alex Alexander '13, Sam Lynch '14, Jack Hathaway '14, Nick Meyer '10, Mike DesLauriers '05, Will Dunn '12, Colin Gallaher '11, and Isaiah Gray '12; back row seated (l-r) Eli Cave '16, Eric Wilson '17, Ryan McTigue '17, Derek Drees '17, Matt Lilienthal '16, Joe Dunn '18, Matt Nyberg '17, and Payton Miller '16; front row seated (l-r) Marshall Frank '15, Jay Patnode '15, Will Whitmore '17, Isaac Schmitz '15, and Jalen Floyd '15; front, Sam Baker '16. Not pictured, BJ Dunn '11, Breion Creer '12 and Sanjay Lumpkin '12.



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**Holiday Ball**—Eddie McHugh '15, Bill McHugh '80, Theresa Graham Deterding '81 and Conor Deterding '15, pose for a picture after the Grand Knight Coronation for Holiday Ball. Eddie and Conor were both members of the court.



**Red Knight Groomsmen**—Groom Peter Carlson '02 was supported by eight Red Knight groomsmen: back row (l-r) Adam Carlson '00, Weston Miller '02, Nolan Jacobson '02, and Ben Carlson '04; front row (l-r) Anthony Davis '02, Ian Wexler '02, Peter, Jeff Sweetser '02, and Mike Fuller '02.



**Mini Reunion**—Friends from the Class of '05 had a mini reunion on February 7: (l-r) Peter Lucke, Nick Hittler, Peter Klinkenberg and Max Neraasen.



**Melsen Fan Group**—Barb Melsen was inducted into the Hall of Honor on January 26 and her family was there to support her. Kristina Kosch Melsen '07, Matt '07, Michelle '04 and Krisie '98 chatted with Mike Jeremiah during the social hour. John '01 and his wife Carrie missed the photo.



**Class of 1994**—Classmates of Elizabeth Rogers attended the Hall of Honor awards dinner on January 26 to celebrate Liz's induction: (l-r) Jocelyn Hovanec, Erin Faulhaber Kyle, Sara Wartman Dooley, Liz, Angie Allen Wachholz, and Libby Dooley Hankey.

**Ben and the Boys**—Ben Carlson's '04 wedding party definitely had a Red Knight flavor: (l-r) Marcus Jones, Peter Carlson '02, Ben, Adam Carlson '00, Phil Davis '04, and Dan Tewksbury '04.



**California Wedding**—John O'Leary '99 married Natalya Etina on September 27, 2014, in Fremont, California. Family and friends joined the couple at their celebration that included many alums: (l-r) Nik Frenz '03, Eva Frenz Peragallo '01, Brian Grace '93, Rachel Frenz '13, Drew Frenz '10 (hiding his face), Mary Frenz Paquette '84, George O'Leary '60, John Frenz '73, Peter Frenz '72, John F. O'Leary '69, Elizabeth O'Leary '97, Natalya, John, Molly McShane Davin '99, Mike Davin '99, Sarah Frenz '19, Steve Frenz '82, Ellen Grace Westin '01, Cristalle Wasche '99, Stephanie Djerf '99, Ryan DuPuis '99, Kurt Bogaard '99, Rick Schostag '99 (Ring Bear), Celia Bird, and Simon Bird '99.





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**5-Year Reunion**—Ryan Quinlivan '10 and Erin Katopodis '10 joined their classmates over the Christmas holiday at Williams Pub and Peanut Bar in Minneapolis.



**Family Fun**—Seborn Yancy '03 and his family are regulars at the annual alumni basketball event. Seborn is holding his daughter Shiloh (8 months) and his wife, Meghan, is holding their 4-year-old daughter Samaria. Five-year old Makkedah is ready for a little basketball with her 2-year-old brother Nehemiah. Seborn is the dean of academics at Maranatha Christian Academy.



**Barry Manilow Fans**—According to Lisa, Traci Almquist Hedstrom '82 (left) and Lisa Fitzgerald Miller '82 brought down the average age at the Barry Manilow concert they attended when Lisa visited Traci in Ohio.

**It's a Great Day to Be a Red Knight**—The wedding of Emma Dugan '09 and Craig Shaver '09 united many Red Knights on September 5 at the Calhoun Beach Club: back row (l-r) Molly McRaith Sigel '83, Maureen Hastings Shaver '79, Joe Kunitz '09, Harry Torvik '09, Spencer Shaver '13, Megan Beacom '09, John Musech '09, Greta Wiessner '09, and Drew Breyer '09; first row (l-r) Tim Slater '09, Ali Myhre '09, Zack Arostegui '09, Connor Kapryan '09, Sarah Koller '09, Celia Fulco '09, Mary Cashman '09 and Jim Cashman '77.



**Gustavus Connection**—McKenzie Swenson '14 met up with fellow BSM alum Mary Joos '01 at Gustavus Adolphus College where McKenzie is a student in Mary's CPR course. Mary is the clinical education coordinator for the Athletic Training Program in the Health Exercise Science Department.



**Red Knight Groomsmen**—Charlie Daum '01 had Red Knight support in his wedding party when he and Nora Selly were married in August. Andy Daum '04, Luke Dugan '01, Steve Dunbar '01 and Nick Schneider '01 were all in the wedding party.



# BSM BUZZ

Senior **Bright Rwigatare** was selected as the 2015 Grand Knight at coronation ceremonies on Wednesday, January 21. Bright and his escort, **Maura Lysne**, reigned over the Holiday Ball on Saturday, January 25.

Senior **Jackson Fortney** qualified for the state Alpine Slalom Championships at Giants Ridge on February 11. Jackson placed in the top half of the skiers participating.



2015 Grand Knight, Bright Rwigatare is pictured with the members of the court: (l-r) emcees Shelby Erickson and Jay Weber, Morgan Matson and Conor Deterding, Jackie Lawyer and Mark Falls, Emma Van der Heide and Aidan O'Driscoll, Maura and Bright, Keara Clacko and Tommy Borin, Danielle Carr and Tim Zaccaro, Mary Kate Paulison and Isaac Schmitz, and Kendel Malcolm and Eddie McHugh.

**Amanda Kautzer '16** qualified for the U.S. Junior World Championship Biathlon Team. Kautzer ranked fourth among youth women at the trials held December 28-30, 2014, at Mt. Itasca. She and her team (four total) competed against the best age group athletes from over 30 nations in the 2015 Youth/Junior World Championship in Minsk-Raubichi, Belarus, February 17-24, and finished in 12th place. Amanda was also the Section 6 individual Nordic ski champion. She and **Matt Paal '16** competed at the state meet where Amanda placed 12th and Matt finished in 46th place. **Clyde Sellke '18** missed qualifying for state by less than two seconds.



Amanda Kautzer



Matt Paal

BSM nominated seniors **Ben Newhouse** and **Mary Pat Ross** for the Minnesota State High School League's Triple "A" (Academic, Arts, and Athletics) Award.

Juniors **Amanda Kautzer** and **Peter McCague** are BSM's nominees for the ExCEL Award sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League. ExCEL – Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership – is a unique recognition program designed exclusively for Minnesota high school juniors who are active in school activities, who show leadership qualities, and who volunteer in their communities.

Four Red Knight wrestlers participated in the state meet that was held February 27 and 28 at the Xcel Energy Center. **Logan Kass '15** and **Seoulec Gunvalson '15** were section champions. **Zach Bigelbach '17** and **Jameer Anderson '16** advanced with second place finishes at the section meet. Gunvalson earned 2nd place honors at 138 lbs. and Kass was 3rd at 152 lbs. Pictured at the conclusion of the tournament are: (l-r) Coach Dave Zuniga, Zach Bigelbach, Coach Chris Love, Jameer Anderson, Coach **Nick Tourville '10**, Logan Kass, Varsity Head Coach Darryl Johnson, and Seoulec Gunvalson. Three Red Knight wrestlers received All-Section Academic Awards: **Blaise Fitzgerald '15**, **Charlie Wolfe '16**, and **Zach Bigelbach '17**.



Senior basketball player **Azzairia Jackson-Sherrod** joined the 1,000 point club on January 13 when the Red Knights defeated cross-town rival St. Louis Park. A four-year letter winner, AJ is one of the team captains.

Several musical Red Knights received All-Conference recognition in their respective areas. All-Conference Choir members were: seniors **Ben Appelhof**, **Annie Dillon**, **Luke Guidinger**, and **Hugo Lindsey**; juniors **Sabrina Ehrmantraut**, **Rachael Long**, and **Joey McLain**; and sophomore **Ty Hansen**. Seniors **Justin Barnett**, **Jason Kang**, **Carly Linder-Roman**, **Ben Newhouse**, and **Jacqui Theisen** were selected to the All-Conference Orchestra. The All-Conference Band honorees were seniors **Glenna Greer**, **Ben Grogan**, and **Matthew Keefe**.

Members of the BSM Figure Skating Club had an opportunity to perform at both a girls' and boys' hockey game this winter. The club was formed in 2009 and includes skaters with a wide range of experience. Pictured at the St. Louis Park Rec Center are: (l-r) **Holly Caboti-Jones '17**, **Michaela Heuckendorf '15**, **Harriet Cosslett '18**, **Katie Ercolani '17**, and **Carmen Ercolani '18**.



**Patric Rooney** and **Ben Newhouse** were honored at a signing ceremony on Wednesday, February 4. Patric will be playing football at the University of North Dakota and Ben will continue his hockey career at Union College in Schenectady, New York.



Patric Rooney



Ben Newhouse

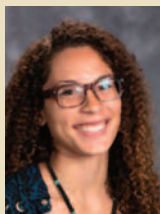




The Knightettes pictured with their championship trophy: 1st row (l-r) Bailey Adams '16, Kendel Malcolm '15, Taylor Everett '15, Christine Lager '15, Natalie Chevalier '15, and Margaux Brink '15; 2nd row (l-r) Caroline Pauly '19, Lauren Chevalier '19, Cici Fortney '17, Molly Segner '10, Alexa Field '19, and Hannah Witterschein '16; back row (l-r) Coach Sam Cameranesi, Manager Alice Baker '15, Nicole Lundeen '15, Morgan Hovanec '17, Ashley Zagaros '16, Megan Benson '17, Sophie Flannery '17, Manager Kake Trochilil '17, and Coach Sarah Johnson.

The Knightettes repeated as State AA jazz champions and placed 4th in the kick portion of the state AA competition. Seniors **Natalie Chevalier** and **Kendal Malcolm** were chosen for the Class AA All-Tournament jazz team and seniors **Margaux Brink** and **Christine Lager** were named to the Class AA All-Tournament team for kick. Chevalier and Lager also received MADT Senior Academic All State Awards.

**Sophie Weber** '15 was honored with a \$60,000 scholarship toward MCAD (Minneapolis College of Art and Design) at the Minnesota Scholastic Art Awards (MSAA) ceremony held at the University of Minnesota's Weisman Art Museum on February 22. The MSAA is the state art awards event where the top projects of promising high school art students receive honorable mention, silver and gold keys. Sophie's entire portfolio, "India," received a gold key, and her portfolio was selected from all other gold key portfolios for one of two scholarships. Weber's portfolio and two other gold key-winning student photos; "Cuban Smoke" by **Payton Turner** '15 and "Untitled" by **Chase Mouser** '17 will go on to be judged at the national competition in New York this spring.



**Soma Arimasu** '16 won a table tennis state title in the unrated division on February 7 at Champions Hall in Eden Prairie. The BSM boys'/girls' team took 3rd place in the High School State Championships on February 22, and the girls' team took 8th place in the High School State Championships on March 1.



Soma Arimasu

The boys' swim team competed in the Section 2A finals on Saturday, February 28, with great swims leading them to a second place team finish, many state qualifying times, and two school records broken. The 200-yard medley relay team of **Matt Bonvino** '15, **Jeffrey Weaver** '15, **Peter McCague** '16, and **Carson Knoer** '17, and the 200-yard freestyle relay team of **Kyle Johnson** '15, Bonvino, **Henri Schmidt** '16, and **Tyler Metz** '17 both swam to a third place finish and qualified for the State Meet. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Johnson, Schmidt, **Tommy McGinn** '17 and Metz swam to a second place finish with a state qualifying time. Johnson qualified for the State Meet in his two individual events, the 200-yard

freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke, breaking his own school record in the 100 backstroke. Metz qualified in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle events, breaking the school record in the 100 freestyle, and McGinn qualified in the 500-yard freestyle event. The state meet was March 5-7 at the University of Minnesota. Pictured with their trophy are: Back row (l-r) Varsity Head Coach Damon Carrison, **Peter McCague**, **Tyler Metz**, **Tommy McGinn**, **Henri Schmitz**, and Coach Jon Weidenbacher; front (l-r) **Khoa Ho** '15, **Alec Johnson** '17, **Jack Boase** '17, **Patrick Hunter** '15, **Jeffrey Weaver**, **Kyle Johnson**, **Matt Bonvino**, **Carson Knoer**, **Chase Rizo** '15, and **Noah Shields** '18.



Pictured with their 3rd place medals are: (l-r) Emma Sather '16, Jack Pupel '15, Connor Day '15, Macartan Commers '16, Will Rosengren '16, Henry Koch '18, Jason Kang '15, Soma Arimasu '16, Thomas Koch '16, Parker Sipes '15, and Coach Casey Hanson.



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