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Hannah Corbett '11, Ryan Palach '11, and Wellness Director Connie Fourré work with biofeedback technology, part of the wide-ranging and holistic BSM program in which students explore current research on the mind/body connection, stress management and nutrition.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Who said summertime is quiet time?

At BSM, the Class of 2011
is preparing for new adventures
as they take their place
among the alumni.



The Class of 2017 is preparing to become the newest members of the Benilde-St. Margaret's community. Athletes, musicians, thespians and servant leaders are coming and going for the summer camps program. Crews are resurfacing the track, marking the completion of the wetlands relocation and fields renovation project, made possible through your generosity.

We're putting the finishing touches on a new daily schedule that will affect senior high students and the faculty working with all of our New Millennial Learners. In keeping with our mission as a dynamic Catholic learning community which partners with parents and guardians to develop each student's highest potential in body, spirit and mind, we've created a new eight period day featuring the BSM Hour. The administration and faculty have been working for two years on this initiative that will be launched with the first bell on August 30, the first day of the new school year. Read about this innovation, then give us your feedback in the coming months.

We're taking time out to recognize, congratulate and thank many people who live the Spirit of BSM. We are proud of our students, some of whom are featured in these pages. We offer our sincerest thanks to long-serving faculty members who are retiring from the classroom, but not from the Benilde-St. Margaret's community. Our alumni are busy with families, friends, faith and civic communities, as well as college, weddings, baptisms and vacations. We're glad you take time to attend BSM class reunions and other events. It means a lot to us that you stay in touch.

For now, find a shady spot and enjoy a moment of peace and reflection. Take care of your body, spirit and mind. Have a great summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bob Tift". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Dr. Bob Tift '71
President

African-American students inspired at BSM diversity forum

On March 10, BSM held its first Diversity Career Forum for all African-American students. Senior **Adrienne Vickers** coordinated the event, inviting three successful African-Americans to share their stories of achievement. The presenters included Kevin Warren, Vice-president of Legal Affairs and Chief Administrator for the Minnesota Vikings; Selwyn Vickers, Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Minnesota; and Deo Lubala, a missionary from Tanzania.

Adrienne says that the goal of the presentations was to allow African-American students “to see how those with high jobs get to that position.” One message that was reinforced for her was the idea that “there is always room at the top.”

BSM Diversity Coordinator Lidibette Rosado-Guzman hopes that BSM can offer more presentations like this in the future. She says that in addition to repeating an African-American session, presentations for Latinos, Pacific Islanders and females could be available.



Students travel to Rwanda

A group of students and chaperones are spending part of June in Rwanda. Students are witnessing firsthand the effects that the 1994 Genocide had on this beautiful country and will be

immersed as much as possible into Rwandan culture. Participants earn high school credit for taking the class and completing the necessary academic activities. Pre-trip classes focused on the history and culture of Rwanda, the 1994 Genocide and pre-trip planning.

While in Rwanda, students are visiting the town of Ruhengeri, where they are participated in five different cultural activities: making traditional Rwandan baskets, forming mud bricks, visiting Imbabazi Orphanage, helping build a house for a widow of the Genocide and her foster children, and seeing the mountain gorillas. The second week is being devoted to visiting the Kigali Genocide Memorial, the Nyamata Church massacre site, and the Murambi Technical School massacre site. Survivors from the 1994 Genocide are sharing their stories with the group.

This is BSM's second student trip to Rwanda. The first trip was in 2009, after junior high teachers James Cave and Dave Kuntz traveled to the country. They decided that experiencing Rwandan culture would be an important experience for BSM students and their development as global citizens.

BSM's library changing with the times

Due to the ever-increasing use of technology, the BSM Moore Library will soon look a bit different. Most of the books that have been housed in the library are being removed to allow more emphasis on using computers as resources. Faculty members were invited to select any of the library books to transplant as classroom resources. Other books were sold at the annual Treasure Hunt garage sale. Some, however, will remain in the library as part of department

resource centers that will be set up in the library. The familiar bookshelves will be rearranged to section off BSM's new English resource center and math resource center. Students can get help from department teachers on duty in the resource centers.

The majority of the books will be replaced by e-books and online databases. Since all students now have individual laptops, they are carrying around their own library. Librarian Lynn Bottge explained that many more reading and research options will be available to students, giving the library a much-needed upgrade. She also said, “The library won't be just a physical place anymore.” Students and faculty will be able to access resources from home or from the classroom.



International spring break trips

During the week of March 28, BSM sponsored two international trips, one to Guatemala and another to Italy.

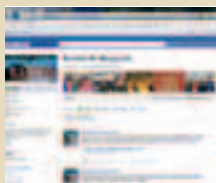
Travelers to Guatemala included 31 juniors and seniors, 10 of whom had already participated in a similar trip. During six of the past summers, BSM has taken a group of students to visit and volunteer at Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH), an orphanage in Guatemala. This was the first time the trip occurred during Spring Break. This summer, Red Knights will visit another NPH orphanage in the Dominican Republic.



In Guatemala, the students and chaperones played and read with the children, painted buildings, worked in the fields, hiked, hosted an ice cream social, toured a local coffee farm, and had an opportunity to discover the rich and colorful history and culture of the country.

Six boys took part in the Italy trip, led by Latin teacher Rob Epler. The itinerary included overnight stays in Venice, Florence, Sorrento, and Rome, with morning or afternoon jaunts to Orvieto, ancient Pompeii, and the island of Capri. Trip highlights included seeing the ancient core of Rome (including the Roman Forum – the geographical, political, and religious center of the ancient city), the Palatine Hill, and the Colosseum, attending Italian Mass in St. Mark's Cathedral, and preparing their own dinner at the Apicius Culinary School, under the guidance of its chef instructors.

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Senior Bennett Kenzie recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 346 (Minnetonka) of the Boy Scouts of America. For his Eagle project, Bennett and his fellow troop members worked with Audubon Minnesota to build a Chimney Swift tower for the endangered bird at the Westwood Nature Center in St. Louis Park.



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Relay For Life

An important part of the mission of Benilde-St. Margaret's School is our commitment to social responsibility, extracurricular activities, and faith formation. That includes offering ways for members of our community to help others in need. Our community again supported the American Cancer Society by participating in the Relay For Life this spring on the BSM campus.

The Relay For Life is an annual, international initiative that brings together millions of people to celebrate those who have battled cancer, honor those who have been lost to the disease, and raise needed funds for research. BSM is proud to be a part of the Relay For Life for a third time.

This year, 517 participants on 47 teams registered for the event. The walkers raised in excess of \$100,000. Thanks to all of them for supporting the Relay For Life at BSM. By participating in, giving to, and/or wishing the BSM teams well during the Relay For Life, you are sharing in the spirit of community and the generosity of giving.



Celebrating Service – Treasuring Friendship



With the end of the school year comes the retirement of three friends and valued members of the Benilde-St. Margaret's faculty – Jan Johnson, Alicia Laporta-Orange, and Michael (Mick) Hawkins.

Jan Johnson has been teaching art at St. Margaret's Academy and Benilde-St. Margaret's since September 1, 1968. As an important part of the SMA and BSM community for 43 years, Ms. Johnson served on strategic planning committees and the committee searching for a principal to replace Stacey Furness. "I also facilitated a human relations workshop that was required for certification at the time. It was similar to today's diversity initiatives."

Ms. Johnson was the only member of the SMA art department and acquired the first kiln, which led to the introduction of pottery classes into the curriculum. She has seen the BSM Fine Arts Department grow from a small faculty and facility to a nine-member team offering a variety of classes, including

pottery, painting, photography and music. She began teaching girls at SMA. Today, the gender balance in the various art classes at BSM is usually 50/50.

Ms. Johnson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art and art education from the College of St. Benedict. In 1996, she received a Master of Arts degree from the University of St. Thomas. For 14 years, Ms. Johnson attended National Art Education Association conferences held across the country. She is an active member of the Northern Clay Center, Walker Art Center, and Minneapolis Institute of Art. She was listed in the 2000 edition of Who's Who in American Education, and she received an award from Scholastic Art Competition for excellence in teaching art in 2008.

Alicia Laporta-Orange, a Spanish teacher in the World Language Department, has been a part of the BSM community since the fall of 1979. Along with verbs and vocabulary, she has been teaching students for 32 years to be global citizens who are committed to social justice.

Ms. Laporta-Orange earned a Bachelor of Science degree with distinction in history and social studies in 1978. She earned a second B.S. degree in Spanish from the University of Minnesota in 1984. Her studies continued from 1985 to 1994 when she did graduate coursework in Spanish literature at the U of M and completed the SEED program in 1995 at the College of St. Catherine. Ms. Laporta-Orange earned a Certificate of Recognition from the Council of the Teaching of Languages and Culture. She was a presenter at the Minnesota Council of the Teaching of Languages and Culture. She's a member of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese and the Minnesota Council on Teaching Foreign Languages. Ms. Laporta-Orange was the BSM Diversity Coordinator from 2001 to 2003 and a Minnesota Independent School Forum Honor Teacher Award Finalist in 2010.


"I have enjoyed working at BSM all these years," said Ms. Laporta-Orange. "I always felt a sense of community, especially in times of need. I am proud to have been a part of a great department, and of having had the opportunity to work with great colleagues. I also really enjoyed working with the youth; they keep me young. During my retirement I plan to travel to South America and volunteer as a translator."

Michael (Mick) Hawkins announced that he will be graduating with the Class of 2011. He prefers to call his retirement "a graduation" because, he says, that's what seniors do in June.

Mr. Hawkins has been on the English faculty since August 1996. He reflected on his classroom experiences here. "I have really enjoyed teaching English. I like the discussions and stretching of horizons through the literature that we read; I also like teaching writing very much. One of the frequent questions I have asked returning graduates is about their college writing experiences. To a person, they have said that they felt very prepared for their college writing. That's a great commentary on what is done at BSM."

Even those who have not had Mr. Hawkins as a teacher recognize him as the PA announcer for many of BSM's sporting events. Since 2000, he has been the Voice of the Red Knights for soccer, football, and hockey. In the past five years Mr. Hawkins has worked with more than 25 students and TV-16, St. Louis Park's cable channel, to do broadcast commentary for various BSM athletic activities.

Mr. Hawkins says he'll miss the daily interaction with the BSM community. "We have a great group of parents. Since the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, we also have a great group of kids at BSM. One of the things I will really miss is the banter, the energy, and the enthusiasm of our student body."



Where are they now?
Let us know which former faculty or
staff person you want to catch up with.

Send an e-mail to
marcomm@BSMschool.org
and share a name and your memories
of that person. We'll feature his/her
story in an upcoming issue of
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Body, Spirit and Mind: Introducing the Eight Period Day and the BSM Hour

Time: We watch it. We spend it. We take snapshots in it. We wish we could bottle it.
When we ring in the 2011-2012 academic year, the bell will signal our new use of it.

In the fall, Benilde-St. Margaret's is launching the eight period day in senior high. This exciting, new scheduling initiative, featuring the BSM Hour, will bring into sharper focus our commitment to meeting students' needs.

"Every day, we work to make BSM the school of choice for families who value a Catholic, college preparatory school for students in grades 7 through 12," said Dr. Bob Tift '71, BSM president. "We maintain an environment that develops engaged, intelligent servant leaders. And, we are embracing the needs of learners in the new millennium."

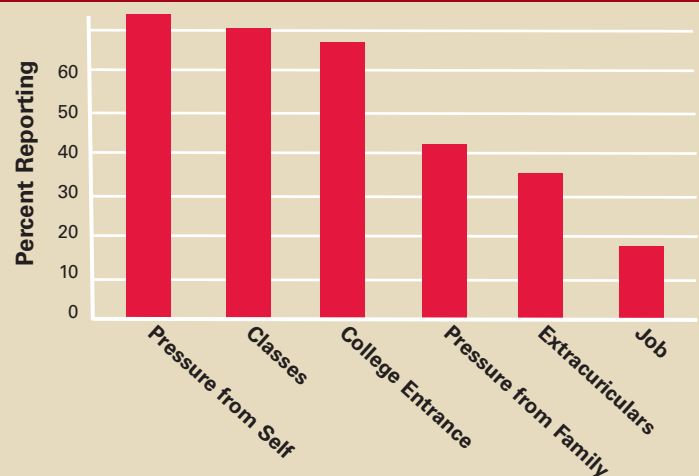
Our students need to be interactive and participatory during the school day in order to learn. Problem solving, creativity, collaboration and flexibility are essential skills that need to be taught and nurtured in high school. Giving students time during the regular school day to make choices regarding academic work, progress, and growth enhances the educational experience. Our new schedule, including the BSM Hour, supports this approach to education.

"Students told us they are increasingly being pulled in many directions," noted Dr. Sue Skinner, senior high principal.

"These days, more and more young people are out of balance and struggling to manage the daily routine of faith, school, family, work and extracurricular activities."

In fact, 65 percent of our senior high students report being stressed or under pressure at school. Freshmen are least stressed (42 percent) and seniors most stressed (70 percent). Our students report that the main causes of their stress are "classes and pressure I put on myself." Recent research and feedback from students and faculty also indicate that the schedule change will help with the pressure associated with the demanding academic and extracurricular program that BSM offers.

Student Stressors



While the creation of the BSM Hour is not entirely motivated by students' stress level, the new schedule will help students take care of themselves and maintain a better balance of school, family, friends and God.

The BSM school day will be 10 minutes longer and rearranged to give senior high students an extra 40-minute period we're calling the BSM Hour. Students will take advantage of additional resources for academics, wellness, fitness, spiritual growth as well as college counseling and guidance services. Once or twice a month, classes will be 65 minutes long, allowing students to receive certain course material in expanded units. The new schedule allows theology classes to meet five days a week while protecting the option for elective classes.

"The new schedule will allow students to make choices about how to manage their day," said **Steve Pohlen** '86, director of technology and learning. "Seniors will discover in a few months that they'll need to manage their time in ways they haven't done before. This will give them a little taste of the responsibility they'll experience in college."

The value of the eight period day and the BSM Hour is most evident through the convergence of three concepts that are central to our work: BSM's Catholic Identity; Academic Rigor; Body-Spirit-Mind.

Catholic Identity

Benilde-St. Margaret's is committed to promoting the teachings of the Catholic Church and nurturing our students' faith life. For some time, BSM has been phasing in the new program based on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's *Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age*. The new curriculum is a national initiative that has been supported by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

The new eight period day makes it possible to offer students a variety of opportunities for spiritual and intellectual growth, prayer and meaningful reflection, and service activities on and off campus. The days when students are not in PE/Wellness, they also may take advantage of retreat follow-up with either a campus minister or peer ministers.

By scheduling theology classes to meet five days a week rather than three, we can deliver the new curriculum without taking away students' elective options, including art, music, business, languages and Advanced Competitive Science.

Academic Rigor

The new schedule is the result of taking five minutes from each of the periods in the old schedule and combining them with an additional 10 minutes at the end of the day. Far from cutting the curriculum short to fit into the new schedule, the BSM standard of academic rigor and our college-preparatory program will be enhanced.

"We believe the best practice in curriculum and pedagogy is to design lessons that are based on learning outcomes and skills," said Dr. Skinner. "The addition of the 65-minute blocks will allow for the development of higher-order thinking skills. It will also provide time for more creative, inquiry-based, project-based, collaborative and in-depth engagement with each other (student to student and teacher to student) and the content. 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."

Each senior high student will be scheduled for a BSM Hour during the regular school day for both semesters. Students will earn their PE/Wellness credit through activities scheduled one day per week. On other days, students will have access to resource centers in various disciplines (e.g., math, writing, science, world language) as well as expanded opportunities for peer tutoring, music sectionals, college and career planning, fitness activities, technology assistance, meetings with counselors or the campus minister and time for individual and group work.

Emily Busch '11 followed the development of the eight period day. She says her first reaction was to "hate the idea." She questioned the way the new free hour would be used.



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"Why couldn't I use the time to take another AP class? I've taken four already. Another one would add more strength to my GPA," she noted.

The more she learned about the new schedule that students behind her will follow, the more she understood its benefits.

"Now, more than ever, I appreciate the free hour," she said. "It would have been nice to have the extra 40 minutes to fill in with college prep work." As a senior, Emily would "do homework until late at night. It would have been good to have more time

during the day so I could get better sleep.” She added that she needed “to stop for 40 minutes and say ‘I don’t have to do something.’ You don’t realize how much you need it until you have it. I’m pretty good at time management, but I could work on my skills.”

Emily encourages school leaders to reaffirm the value of the new schedule to students. “Administration needs to explain it to all senior high students at the beginning of every year. It’s like the backpack issue: The reason behind the policy needs to be explained; opportunities for value need to be presented. There will be issues. Administration needs to listen to student feedback. Culture change will happen; but they need to listen.”

Dr. Skinner and the administration agree with Emily and are taking every opportunity to explain the new schedule. They point out that additional benefits of the BSM Hour to students include:

- Communicating with teachers on an individual basis
- Working with other students
- Studying alone in library or other quiet study hall
- Receiving help with technology/laptop
- Receiving grade level specific guidance and counseling curriculum

Furthermore, observed Dr. Skinner, “The quality of the faculty is a key component when it comes to student achievement. A strong, engaged and dynamic faculty provides the environment students need to reach their highest potential. The eight period day provides expanded opportunities for faculty as well. The eighth period allows faculty to meet individually with students, to meet collaboratively with each other and to engage in professional growth opportunities.”

For senior and junior high faculty, the adjustment in the teacher load permits five classes, two professional hours, and one prep hour. While teachers will have expanded opportunities to work with students, the new schedule also includes an enhanced professional development requirement for faculty that will lead to a more engaged experience for students. Other benefits to faculty include:

- Professional learning community time
- Peer to peer coaching
- Classroom observations
- Professional development around curriculum and instruction
- Technology integration
- Data driven decision-making

Body-Spirit-Mind

The third motivator for implementing the eight period day is the need to strengthen the connection among mind, body and spirit, a field in which BSM is a pioneer. Wellness Director Connie Fourné is recognized as an author and national leader in educating students in service-learning and Catholic social teaching. The wellness model she has developed for BSM seeks to balance intellectual, spiritual, emotional, social, physical and environmental wellness. She is confident we will be sharing the results of this initiative with others beyond our doors.



The movement from balance to being out of sync can be slow, but not completely imperceptible. “We’ve been watching how a student’s pace – the effort to get higher grades and be a competitive athlete and participate in a variety of activities – has picked up,” said Ms. Fourné. “Our research shows students can name their stressors, but they are so busy they don’t have time to reflect. Students need time to take stock. Some are asking ‘What’s wrong with me?’”

Sleep deprivation is a big problem, as is poor nutrition. Ms. Fourné observed, “Students are absorbing pressure from the environment to achieve standards we haven’t fully examined. One teacher, after a faculty meeting, said she’s finally feeling permission to say ‘enough is enough.’”

Starting in 2011-2012, the Wellness credit will stand apart; sophomores, juniors and seniors will earn .25 PE/Wellness credits per semester. The curriculum addresses the many different components of wellness (with a focus on the balance of body, spirit and mind). Students will have choices regarding fitness and movement activities. There is considerable research that shows the importance of fitness and movement during the school day as it relates to academic performance.

Through the eight period day and the BSM Hour, students will be more immersed in our Catholic learning community and they’ll benefit from best practices in teaching. They’ll sharpen their time management skills and focus attention on what they need in terms of body, spirit and mind to be successful. Both college and career require a level of independence and responsibility that we feel students should start to learn and practice while they’re in high school.

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.



The BSM Red Knights are getting ready for another great fall sports season. Despite record snows last winter, our beautiful artificial-turf field was cleaned off and useable this spring, weeks before students and coaches normally expect to get outside to play. This fall we'll mark the completion of the fields and track renovation and the rejuvenation of our outdoor campus.

As we cheer for the Football and Boys' and Girls' Soccer Red Knights, next fall, we'll also celebrate Al and Mary Agnes McQuinn for their generosity. Their gift to the successful Raise the Red campaign made the dreams of many come true. And, let's give Mary and Jim Jetland a hearty "Thank you!" for their tireless leadership of the campaign.

We couldn't have reached the field-renovation goal line without the gifts and efforts of the whole BSM community. It's not too late to join those who have generously given to the Raise the Red campaign, or to give again. Use the envelope in these pages to send a check, or visit www.BSMschool.org, and click on Support BSM to make a contribution.

Raise the Red is a multi-purpose campaign that comes in varying shades of red and one spirited approach to our future. It's urgent and essential that today we Raise the Red high enough to see an enhanced and enlightened tomorrow.

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Spirit of BSM fuels FirstFund

Think of the moments that define your Benilde-St. Margaret's experience.

Whether your time at St. Margaret's Academy, Benilde or Benilde-St. Margaret's was defined by intellectual and spiritual growth, lasting friendships, or life-changing opportunities that propelled you down your chosen path, chances are that your high school experience inspired memories that remain strong and will stay with you forever.

Honor your memories and help today's students create their own by giving back to the FirstFund – the annual fund at BSM. Your gift signifies your continuing belief in Benilde-St. Margaret's.

Every gift of every size matters as we form current students to live as women and men for and with others. The Spirit of BSM is very much alive, and with your support, it will continue to flourish.

The FirstFund books will close on June 30. When they do, we hope the \$1-million goal will be met. We need your help. Please make a generous gift now. If you've given already this year, please consider an additional gift. Use the envelope in these pages to send in a check and share updated information about you and your family. Gifts can also be made online by visiting the BSM website at www.BSMschool.org. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ted Freese, director of development, 952-926-4176, ext. 2401, or tfreese@BSMschool.org.

Math curriculum gets personal

Calculators, protractors and compasses have long been known as common math classroom tools. Meet the latest: Sophia. Sophia is a social media website, specifically designed as an educational resource that we're using at Benilde-St. Margaret's.

The Minneapolis-based inventors of Sophia say the new technology "provides an academic community where everyone has access to learning that surrounds and supports the traditional classroom. [Sophia] encourages variety and creativity in teaching so that everyone can learn in a way that makes sense to them."

Similar to Facebook and Wikipedia, Sophia allows users to post material to be shared with other site users. The difference is that the posts don't relate to someone's slow commute that day, their vacation photos or their family member's latest antics. Sophia's posted items enhance classroom studies. Users can publish lessons, also known as learning packets, and/or review multi-media lessons that others explain on the site.

Last summer, the Sophia leadership team asked BSM junior high math teacher Fred Hennen to be part of a pilot program. Fred said "yes" and has since been featured on Minnesota Public Radio and WCCO TV News. Believing that "teaching is the best way to learn," Fred explains that Sophia "allows students an alternative way to show what they know."

Students have been along for the fun ride and enjoy being able to use Sophia as a resource. Certain school days are considered "Sophia publishing days" in Mr. Hennen's classes. Students even intentionally publish errors in some math problems, challenging classmates to locate the mistakes (or earning extra credit if they successfully trick other students).

Sophia is not just for math, and anyone can log on and review materials. The site is still in its early stages and has some limited access. However, since technology is not known for its slow pace, Sophia will likely explode onto the curriculum scene quickly.

Here's what some of Mr. Hennen's students are saying about Sophia:

I like Sophia because when using it we are the teachers. It expands our way of learning and helps others. If one person learns better visually by seeing people do the problems in a video, another might learn better by seeing it explained in text....Sophia provides all ways to learn.

—Mimi Burns '15

Sophia is another way for a teacher to see if you understand the material. It is a good tool to use in school.

—Lydia Vickers '15

Sophia is a creative and exciting way to practice what we have learned.

—Kate Sprenger '15

To me Sophia is an amazing advancement in education. It combines learning with a social network site so you can interact with the creator of the packet by asking them questions. If I ever need to understand the concept of what I'm doing in any class, I'll usually just log on Sophia and see if there's a packet about it.

—Gunnar Lundberg '16

I like Sophia because it has kids teaching to other kids and this usually helps students understand things better. Also this way you can get more than one interpretation on the subject and advance your knowledge.

—Marshall Frank '15

Sophia is a great learning tool for kids our age. It's as if we're writing our own textbook.

—Colin Sheeley '15



Left to right: Annika Wahlquist '14, Robert Lance '13, Jeremy Pastir '14, Afua Paintsil '12, Caitlin Sisk '13, Elizabeth Tyhacz '12, and Alyssa Hoffman '12.

Student/citizen lobbyists find voices at State Capitol

In a democracy, every citizen has a voice. On March 15, several BSM students, led by senior high faith formation faculty members Zach Zeckser and Alison Frank, spoke up in favor of the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, a bill under consideration by the Minnesota Legislature. The bill, as proposed, would outlaw abortion after the point when the unborn child begins to feel pain – largely accepted by the scientific community to be at 20 weeks of gestation. Exceptions to the ban include abortions that are necessary to save the life of the mother or to avert a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.

“From my perspective,” said Mr. Zeckser, “the goal was to empower BSM students who feel passionately about the abortion issue. We wanted them to better inform themselves on the issue and to learn first-hand how they can put their faith into action and make a difference.”

The students spent the morning learning about the bill and picking up tips on how to effectively present their arguments to lawmakers with varying positions on the bill. Here are some of the students’ impressions of their experience as citizen lobbyists:

We questioned, confronted, and stumped some of Minnesota’s greatest pro-choice legislators. As high schoolers of the next generation, we are more prepared than we think.

—Elizabeth Tyhacz '12

Meeting with the pro-choice senator and representative showed me why I am pro-life: 1. Because God created everything with a purpose and He wanted them to keep on living; 2. To share my views with others and try to change their minds; and, 3. To show the representatives who’s boss.

—Alyssa Hoffman '12

I didn’t think I had much of a voice on this issue. I’m a Republican and almost all of my friends are Democrats. This leads to most of

them being pro-choice and disagreeing with me. But, today, my voice could be heard along with fellow students. We want the preservation of human life, even at its earliest stages. Meeting with Representative Winkler and watching him struggle to argue with a few high schoolers really is the best feeling – knowing that your cause is just, not only logically, but morally; seeing that our voice could affect someone who might never agree with our side. We are all pleased that we could show him that we will not back down.

—Jeremy Pastir '14

After my experience on the Hill, I will make a new Lenten promise to pray for the passing of the Pain Capable bill we lobbied for. Being a junior, it can be very hard to find something to keep constant in prayer; however the amount of passion displayed from not only me but fellow peers was so surprising and inspiring. After being able to go to D.C. and learn about what abortion is and who our enemy is, I am glad to be pro-life, because I am willing to learn and know both sides of the story and spectrum. There is no doubt that next year I would love to go. Thank you Mr. Zeckser and Ms. Frank!

—Afua Paintsil '12

Going into this I wanted to get more involved with the pro-life movement. I wasn’t really sure exactly what we would be doing, but I am very glad that I went. I was amazed by how much I got out of it. I really felt like I had a voice, and I feel like I actually grew stronger in both my views and my faith. I also realized how much power I actually have and how much my opinions can be valued if I make an effort to assert them. Hearing opposing views helped me understand exactly what my reasoning was as well as helping me see the connection between my faith and my pro-life views. Overall, the experience was both powerful and empowering, and it is something that I would most definitely like to experience again.

—Caitlin Sisk '13

Al Reger Award winners respected by peers and adults alike

Near the beginning of the school year, BSM students selected seniors Vince Beacom and Maddy Moore to serve as homecoming king and queen. Near the end of the school year, BSM faculty and staff selected Vince and Maddy as the recipients of the Al Reger Award, a recognition of outstanding dedication and zeal to the service of God and school. Coincidence? Not to those who know how deserving each of these students is of such high honors.

Vince Beacom

Vince Beacom knows about school awards. He was honored by his elementary school and given the Red Knight Award at the end of eighth grade. Now, he has received the Al Reger Award. Despite all of the recognition, he said, "I'm just like everybody else."

He may be like every other three-sport athlete (soccer, hockey and golf) who was in Link Crew, National Honor Society, Peer Ministry and student council, featured as a KARE-11 Academic All-Star, and a regular on the honor roll. He stands out because of his integrity, consideration and compassion. "Treating people with respect is important to me."

As Vince moves on to Marquette University, he'll miss the BSM community, especially the teachers. "They challenge you, but they're there to help you." He especially relied on Mr. Jeremiah's guidance. Vince believes that the entire faith formation program has a lot to offer. "I took full advantage of all the department had to offer." Of the examples set by several faculty and staff members, he said, "I follow role models who give back and aspire to be like them."

Vince also aspires to serve. In college, he'll study bio-medical engineering as he prepares for law school. "I think that being in the courtroom helping somebody would be a cool way to be successful."

Vince is grateful for the Al Reger Award. "BSM made it really easy for me to be myself. This is pretty amazing."

Maddy Moore

"BSM presents you with many opportunities and you just have to take advantage of them," said Maddy Moore. She was involved in the fall and winter dance teams, student council, lacrosse, Red Knight Volunteer Corps, National Honor Society, tennis, National Language Honor Society, and soccer. "It's so worth it to get involved in anything that interests you."

Involvement in the community is a common denominator at BSM, she noted. "It's second nature. The student body is just so impressive." So is she. Maddy was a part of two state champion dance teams, as a sophomore and a senior, when she served as a captain. In tenth grade, she had a solo at the end of the routine, and remembers the thrill of the moment. "I couldn't get the smile off my face."

Maddy exudes happiness and friendliness. "Red Knights will always be there for you. Through every problem and experience, I've always had a friend that can either relate to that experience or is willing to support me."

Indiana University is up next. Maddy is considering majoring in pre-med, pre-law, or broadcast journalism. "My mom's (Anne Ford '81) a doctor and my dad's a lawyer. I like aspects of both of their jobs."

Maddy is more sure about her faith. "My high school experiences have definitely brought me closer to God and strengthened my relationship. I've learned to trust in Him."

She trusted her instinct to join our student body. "I really like the community." This award says Maddy Moore made the most of what the BSM community had to offer.



Faculty and staff honored



Apple Polisher Award

In eight years as a BSM English teacher, **Kari Koshiol '99** has also served as an adviser for the Knight Errant student newspaper, a coach of speech and of debate, and a junior class adviser.

Described by students as “dedicated and hard-working,” Ms. Koshiol is also “a lot of fun.” She replied, “I love my job, especially when the students are having fun.... They’re the life of the school.”

Students also said, “If I’m having a rough day, I can always count on her to listen and offer good advice.” “She cares about students and asks them about their families and their lives outside of school.”

What if she weren’t teaching here? Ms. Koshiol said she’d be doing “something not nearly as exciting. Nothing can compare with the energy and life of BSM.”

Faculty of the Year

Next fall, junior high math teacher Fred Hennen will be acknowledged for a decade of service. His colleagues chose to honor him now, in a different way.

Mr. Hennen is known to be “quiet and humble, yet admired both locally and nationally.” He has spoken at the National Catholic Educators Convention, given presentations to teachers in public school districts, and been interviewed on Minnesota Public Radio and WCCO radio. Don’t miss “Math Curriculum Gets Personal” in this issue of the *Crown & Shield*.

His peers recognize his innovation in the classroom. They said Mr. Hennen has “reinvented teaching to better serve the needs of students.” He engages students in the learning process and “encourages academic rigor.” He helps students before and after school and during his lunch period. Mr. Hennen “makes BSM students ready to take on the world with a whole new level of confidence.”

Staff of the Year

Steve Pohlen '86 graduated at the top of his class. He returned to BSM three years ago. As the director of technology and learning, Mr. Pohlen helps keep BSM on the cutting edge of using

Each year, the BSM community celebrates four exceptional faculty and staff members. The faculty and staff members salute their colleagues by awarding the Faculty of the Year and Staff of the Year. The Parent Association presents the Parents’ Choice Award, and the National Honor Society sponsors the Apple Polisher Award. This year’s winners are Kari Koshiol '99, Fred Hennen, Steve Pohlen '86, and Jon Hickman.

technology in the curriculum. Senior High Principal Sue Skinner said he has “provided leadership in professional development, the expansion of the laptop program into the senior high, and the move toward the eight period day.”

Mr. Pohlen received a bachelor’s degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Cornell University. Technically, he’s a rocket scientist. Mr. Pohlen also holds a K-12 principal’s license and a master’s degree in science and math education. He has 17 years of teaching experience in the West Indies and the Twin Cities.

Mr. Pohlen’s co-workers said, he “has encouraged my ideas and has inspired me to become a better teacher.” He is a “true servant leader” with great compassion, vision, commitment, and a strong sense of what is right and wrong.

Parents’ Choice Award

Four years ago, Jon Hickman arrived at BSM to teach Engineering I. He came to us with extensive industry experience. Since then, he has geared up students to take, and provided technical support for, higher-level Advanced Competitive Science (ACS) classes.

Mr. Hickman holds a bachelor’s degree in speech and communications from the University of Minnesota. He’s working on a master’s degree in theology from St. Paul Seminary. He and Renee (with whom he celebrated 26 years of marriage on the day he received this award) are the parents of 2011 Red Knight graduate **Theresa**.

Fellow parents said: “Mr. Hickman has inspired our son to recognize his talents and skills. He is a wonderful coach and mentor who always takes time from his busy schedule to listen and truly care.” “He connects with students on a personal level and, while teaching the subject matter, is aware of the person – the whole person – through teamwork and respect.” “He takes the time to know each student and find [his or her] strengths.” “He is a soulful good example of involvement and values.”

Mr. Hickman gave thanks and quoted St. Paul: “ ‘There are again three things that remain: faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is love.’ It is such a privilege to love your children and to love these students.”

Valedictorian, salutatorians reap rewards from risks

This year's valedictorian and salutatorian share a common philosophy: Embrace new opportunities that come your way. As valedictorian Lindsay Kaminski states, "BSM allows you to take risks."

They did just that, leading Lindsay and classmate/salutatorian Ellie Jaskowiak to excel in myriad ways as Red Knights.



Lindsay Kaminski

The title of Valedictorian is one in which anyone can take pride. Add to that State Champion and Presidential Service Award Winner, and it's clear that Lindsay Kaminski is a well-rounded and talented scholar, athlete and volunteer who makes the BSM community proud.

Academically speaking, Lindsay will especially remember BSM teachers' dedication. "The one-on-one assistance from teachers – how teachers are always available before and after school to help – tailors to the students' individual needs."

Her academic adventure will soon continue at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, (not too far from brother **Stephen** '09, a sophomore at DePauw), where she plans to major in either architecture or pre-med. Lindsay intends to play basketball next year, either at an intercollegiate or a club/intermural level. She may seek out art, literary or religious groups.

"Hard work now will pay off in the end," she says. We expect we've seen just the beginning of all of Lindsay Kaminski's successes.

"BSM opened a lot of doors for me," said Lindsay. She entered the worlds of basketball, Peer Ministry, National Honor Society, volleyball, softball and World Language Honor Society. With a 4.0 GPA, she earned academic awards throughout high school in social studies, English, science and Spanish. Lindsay also won the Dartmouth Book Award.

Her moments as a Red Knight athlete won't be easily forgotten. Lindsay was a part of the girls' basketball state championship team as a junior. "Winning state last year was amazing. That was the first time I'd played in Williams Arena and Target Center. I was a bundle of nerves." The team returned to state this year. She added, "It was really cool coming back to a familiar environment, so I was more acclimated and more confident on the court." Lindsay's basketball honors included serving as a captain this year, being named to the Class 3A All-Star Team, receiving All-State and All-Conference Academic awards and All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Time with friends will fill her high school memory bank, too. Disney movie marathons, bonfires and "date nights with Mr. Darcy" (based on shared admiration of the movie *Pride and Prejudice*) are just a few of her favorites.



Elizabeth (Ellie) Jaskowiak

"Upbeat," "friendly" and "driven" are words that Elizabeth (Ellie) Jaskowiak's friends use to describe her. Another word works well, too: Empowered.

Throughout her high school years, Ellie pushed herself as much as possible.

That included registering for classes like Advanced

Competitive Science (ACS) that weren't naturally easy for her, getting to know others in her grade and serving as a stage manager for the fall play this year.

Regarding the drama experience, Ellie said, "I felt really proud of myself for stepping out of my comfort zone and for trying something completely random and new." As a result, she has gained a new level of confidence during the past few years. "I feel much more independent. I know what I'm doing. I feel confident. I've learned how to speak in public. I can do calculus. I just feel like a much more well-rounded person with everything I've learned here, not only [academically], but also how to treat people."

Ellie has had plenty of opportunities for learning. Outside the classroom, she has been involved in golf (being named captain for her senior year), Link Crew, RKVC, Student Leadership Forum, Environmental Club, Peer Ministry, NHS, tennis, speech and National Language Honor Society. She earned a Presidential Service Award, was featured as a servant leader on the school website and received a Harvard Book Award. Mission trips have also been a priority for her, and her most recent one to Guatemala with BSM last summer will be a valuable high school memory for her.

Ellie's other high school highlights revolve around Ms. McDonald's good advice for any given topic and peer friendships. "It's really important to know and be comfortable with your class. The relationships you make in high school are what you're going to remember about that time," she states.

She'll be making friends with "Eagles" next year when she begins at Boston College. There she will prepare for a medical career, but admits that when considering a specialty, "That changes every day."

Luckily, change is not something from which Ellie shies away. As a developing Red Knight, she grew in ways that she might have never thought possible, and is more empowered now because of it.



President's Award winners—L-R: Patrick Daly, Adrienne Vickers, Erik Gunkel, Sarah Kopp, Kackie Dankbar

Dr. Bob Tift '71 honored five graduating seniors for sharing their special gifts and talents with the BSM community. **Patrick Daly, Kathleen (Kackie) Dankbar, Erik Gunkel, Sarah Kopp, and Adrienne Vickers** were cited for their outstanding dedication, enthusiasm, and Red Knight spirit.

These seniors have represented the BSM community on the courts, on the field, on the ice, on the diamond, in NHS, in peer ministry, Link Crew, RKVC, PRO and Knightlife. They are servant leaders, spirit leaders and agents working for change. Dr. Tift said the award winners are solid citizens whose friendly, welcoming, independent, and caring natures have "made BSM a better place for all of us. Their contributions and activities manifested themselves in quiet and not-so-quiet ways. They are very unique individuals, with a wide variety of talents, who are excellent representatives of their class and our school. It's students like these who give meaning to the words 'community' and 'school spirit.'"

Honor Graduates

Cum Laude

Kelsey Brown
Meredith Cannon
Emma Forschler
Rebecca Girmscheid
Christine Gunderson
Grace Helgager
Laura Jacobson
Patrick Krieger Jr.
Michael Kruse
Nathan Muckley
Alexander Patow
Alexandra Plouff

Emily Quinlivan
Morgan Rogers
Alexandra Rothstein
Alex Sherman
Zachary Silvestri
Samantha Thomas

Magna Cum Laude

Joshua Barnett
Vincent Beacom
Nicholas Best
Irena Cich
Kathryn Cullen
Brooke Dornbach
Samuel Flumerfelt
Erik Gunkel
Danielle Kincs
Christopher Monks
Daniel Morizio
Thomas Nelson Jr.

Sidney Pilarski
Andrew Poley
Addison Reine
Rob Shaver
Erik Swensen
Adrienne Vickers

Summa Cum Laude

Taylor Ahlborn
Rachel Bilski
Nicholas Brinza
Emily Busch
Michael Conry
Taylor Curtiss
Thomas Egger
Kaitlin Fan
Julie Flannery
Colin Gallaher
Emma Hafermann
Mary Hanten

Thi Hoang
Elizabeth Jaskowiak
Lindsay Kaminski
Katrina Karlen
Elisabeth Krane
Julie McShane
Natalie Perrine
Garrett Shaffer
Sean Simonson
Kelly Slater
Alexander Smith
Caitlin Steinman
Anna Viers

Red Knights honored

Every year, BSM salutes students who are real standouts. The coaches of the various BSM sports vote for the Athena Award and Al Blasing Award winners. Athletics/Activities Director Jerry Pettinger selects the winner of the Athletic Director's Award.



Myles Barnes wins Al Blasing Award

Aim high. That's the motto for the United States Air Force, and it's one that Myles Barnes, this year's Al Blasing Award winner, will soon know well, when he begins school at the academy in the fall. Already, it is a philosophy that he has proven to understand.



Myles came to BSM in ninth grade after attending a much larger public middle school. He explains, "When I first came here, I wondered why the teacher was talking to me so much and trying to build a relationship?" It was something he wasn't used to. But Myles quickly got his footing and became a star football and basketball player for the Red Knights. He was on the varsity roster for both sports since his freshman year. He mentions

a positive competitiveness among peers, saying that at BSM "you want to fit in, like go higher than them."

Myles did go high as a Red Knight (literally, growing to 6'4", as well as figuratively), earning two All-Conference awards, All-State Honorable Mention and setting three school

records as a wide receiver and safety in football. He's willing to admit that some of his success might be the psychological advantages of the new athletic complex and artificial turf field. "I feel like you can run faster, but I think it's all in your head basically." In basketball, he was named All-Conference as a senior, with two previous Honorable Mentions.

Myles was a captain for both sports, a leadership role he enjoyed. In turn, this laid-back student-athlete respected his own leaders and praised his coaches for their motivating encouragement. **Josh Hollie '03**, a coach, had Myles on his radar. Josh is an administrator at a Twin Cities school and is an assistant football coach. He's also Myles's older brother. As Myles noted, "I always felt he was harder on me than anybody else, but I knew it was for a good reason. He's always been there for me. He's the one who has my back when I'm down, to pick me up and push me to go higher."

That's likely the direction Josh will be headed at the Air Force Academy. He's undecided about his major, but he knows he'll serve as an officer for five years after graduation from the academy. But, as he enters in the fall, Myles will keep in mind one lesson that he learned from his Red Knight experiences: "Work toward your goals." In other words, "Aim high."

Athletic Director's Award

Since the 2006-2007 school year, Patrick Daly has participated in BSM baseball, football, and hockey. His list of accomplishments is impressive. In his freshman year, Patrick was given the Most Improved Award, the All-Conference Academic Award and a letter in boys' varsity hockey. As a sophomore, he earned another letter and the All-Conference Award in hockey. He also received a letter in boys' varsity baseball. Patrick was named Best Defenseman, received an All-Conference Honorable Mention, and got a letter in hockey during his junior year; and, he earned a letter in baseball. As a senior, Patrick was a captain/alternate of the baseball team. He was a captain/alternate, was named Best Defenseman and a Mr. Hockey Finalist, was awarded a letter, had the most assists, and was given the All-Conference Award and the All-Conference Academic Award for his effort as a Red Knight hockey team member.



Jordyn Burns wins Athena Award

Coming out of the locker room for every hockey game this year, Jordyn Burns was second to last. As a female Red Knight athlete, though, she was first in many people's minds. As the Athena Award winner, Jordyn leads the pack.

The Athena Award is just one of many accolades to come her way. As a hockey player, she was honored as an All-State, All-Conference and All-Metro Third Team player, an Athlete of the Week for the *Star Tribune* and KARE-11, the team MVP, a two-year captain, and more. Soccer brought her All-State, All-Conference, MVP, and *Star Tribune* Athlete of the Week recognition. As a senior, she also participated in lacrosse. She explained, "I always have to have something to do."

Jordyn enjoys hockey and soccer equally, and was on state tournament teams as a freshman for both. But, she favors hockey a bit more. She said, "I've always practiced hockey a lot more than soccer, so I never really thought about going to a college for soccer." Next year she will be on the ice for Syracuse, fulfilling a childhood dream of going out East. Even though she will not be joining older sister **Taylor Burns '08** for college at Creighton University, she will have one familiar teammate at Syracuse – a friend from Maple Grove High School, with whom she has played hockey over the years.

While undecided about her major, Jordyn knows that she will be a defender in college hockey, having played both forward and defense at BSM. "[This year], we were really young on the hockey team with only two seniors and two juniors. But it was really fun because [the team] had a lot of energy....a lot!!" she said, shaking her head. Add to that Coach Herbst. As Jordyn explained, "He got excited for every game. That was fun; he always brought that energy to the locker room...and the ice. He just loved to be there, so it made you love it too." She will miss her Red Knight team, but is looking forward to attending the BSM alumni events for her sports.

Although laid-back in nature, she has a definite stubborn streak when it comes to competing. "I would never give up on something just because I wasn't good at it." And Jordyn Burns has proved that she's one of the best.



Senior Awards

Valedictorian Salutatorian Art Cone 05 Award	Lindsay Kaminski Elizabeth (Ellie) Jaskowiak	National Choral Award Orchestra- Conductor's Award President's Awards Al Reger Award President's Award	Megan Collins Rob Shaver Elisabeth Krane Vincent (Vince) Beacom Madeline (Maddy) Moore Patrick Daly Kathleen (Kackie) Dankbar Erik Gunkel Sarah Kopp Adrienne Vickers
Mr. Doodler Award Shutterbug Award Da Vinci Award	Hyun-jin (Nick) Kim Kathryn (Katie) Michurski Rachael Givens-Copeland Samuel (Sam) Flumerfelt Sarah Champeau Erik Gunkel Thi Vu Quynh Hoang	Principal's/Counselor's Awards Army Scholar/Athlete Award Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award Kopp Scholarship	Thomas (Tommy) Nelson Jr. Sidney Pilarski Hayley Hamilton Irena Cich Samuel (Sam) Flumerfelt Patrick Krieger Jr. Addison (Addie) Reine Alexander (Alex) Smith Brooke Dornbach Colin Gallaher Katarina (Katie) Karlen Natalie Perrine Andrew Poley Kelly Slater
Athletic/Activities Al Blasing Award Athena Award Athletic Director's Award Academic-Arts-Athletics Award Nominees Spirit Award	Myles Barnes Jordyn Burns Patrick Daly Julie Flannery Erik (Nils) Swensen Haley Kellogg	Lettering for Excellence Award National Hispanic Recognition Program Honorable Mention National Honor Society Award National Merit Finalist National Merit Commended Scholars	Bernardo Vigil Emma Forschler Joshua (Josh) Barnett Julie Flannery Michael Kruse Daniel (Dan) Morizio Christopher (Chris) Oestreich Bernardo Vigil Kaitlin (Kasey) Fan Hayley Hamilton Matthew (Matt) Perpich
Business Award Leadership Achievement Award	Christine Gunderson Christian Pauly	Principal's Leadership Award Rita Busch Memorial Award Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award	Thomas Egger Emma Hafermann Mary Biglow Logan McMillen Rachel Bilski Irena Cich Emily Herrmann
Drama Senior Drama Award Best Lead Performance-Male Best Lead Performance-Female Best Supporting Actor Technician of the Year	Alexander (Alex) Patow Jack Tift Bernardo Vigil Megan Collins Nathan (Nate) Muckley Alexander (Alex) Patow	Science Department Awards Keith Leiseth Environmental Award Paul Seppelt Award Society of Women Engineers	Paige Erickson Mary Hanten Michael Conry Jeremy Poppe Nicholas Best
English Department Awards Four Years of Excellence Henry David Thoreau Award NCTE Award for Achievement in Writing	Michael Conry Thi Vu Quynh Hoang Kelly Slater Thomas Egger Sean Simonson Logan McMillen Danielle Kincs Bernardo Vigil	Social Studies Department Awards Haben History Award History Club Award Sundrum Social Studies Award	Taylor Ahlborn Meredith Cannon Madeline (Maddy) Moore
Faith Formation Department Awards Jerry Miller Faith in Action Award Philip Steffen Campus Ministry Award	Kelsey Brown Christopher (Chris) Nagel Margaret Miller Andrew Eagan Paige Erickson	Student Council Advisor's Award Lynch Leadership Award	
Journalism <i>Knight Errant</i> Photographer of the Year Writer of the Year Catherine Harris Award <i>Knight Errant</i> <i>Sangraal</i>	Catherine (Kate) Schumacher Shannon Cron Danielle Kincs Morgan Rogers Alexa Kubinski Caroline McMahon	World Language Department Award-French Advanced Placement Department Award-Latin Level 5 Department Award-Spanish Level 4 Advanced Placement Department Award-Pro Lingua	Elisabeth Krane Michael Conry Kelsey Brown Anne Kluis Margaret Miller
Mathematics Department Awards John Haider Career Achievement	Christopher (Chris) Monks Caitlin Steinman Emma Hafermann Garrett Shaffer		
Music Band Department Director's Award John Philip Sousa Award Choir Department Award-Seniors Arts Out in Front Director's Award	Theresa Hickman Caitlin Steinman Shannon Cron Nathan (Nate) Muckley Alexandra (Alex) Plouff Jack Tift Matthew (Matt) Carney Rebecca (Becky) Germscheid		

Senior Scholarships

* The listing of scholarships is based on information reported by graduates.

Taylor Ahlborn	Providence College	John Marinelli	United States Military Academy
Joseph Anderson	Augsburg College	Dillon Mavroulis	Michigan Technological University
Lauren Anderson	Drake University	Julia McShane	Creighton University
Myles Barnes	U. S. Air Force Academy	Elizabeth Miller	Loyola University-Chicago
	Preparatory School	Margaret Miller	University of Minnesota-Morris
Joshua Barnett	University of Central Florida	Ryan Minkoff	Corcoran Lions
Emily Beh	DePaul University	Katie Monahan	College of Saint Benedict
Taylor Best	University of Iowa	Anne Murphy	Creighton University
Nicholas Brinza	University of St. Thomas	Margaret Murphy	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
	Knights of Columbus	Tyler Nelson	St. Olaf College
Kelsey Brown	University of Colorado-Boulder	Thomas Nelson Jr	Villanova University
Jordyn Burns	Syracuse University	Zachary Obermiller	University of St. Thomas
Emily Busch	College of Saint Benedict	Christopher Oestreich	Colorado School of Mines
Ellen Carisch	Creighton University	Ryan Palach	Arizona State University
Matthew Carney	University of San Diego	Samuel Paquette	Princess House Scholarship
	Twin West Chamber of Commerce	Christian Pauly	Texas Christian University
Sarah Champeau	Parsons The New School for Design	Matthew Perpich	Lynn University
Irena Cich	Kopp Scholarship	Natalie Perrine	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Megan Collins	Loyola University-Chicago	Jeremy Poppe	Marquette University
Nathan Cowger	Iowa State University	Addison Reine	Smith College
	Kohl's		Kopp Scholarship
Shannon Cron	St. Olaf College	Christian Rekow	Quinnipiac University
Kathryn Cullen	Creighton University	Alexandra Rothstein	College of Saint Benedict
Taylor Curtiss	United States Air Force Academy	Alexandra Schissel	College of Saint Benedict
Alexander Dale	University of Missouri	Emily Schlueter	Iowa State University
Patrick Daly	University of Wisconsin-Madison	Peter Schubloom	University of St. Thomas
Kathleen Dankbar	St. Ambrose University	Garrett Shaffer	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Patrick Deeney	Clarke University	Francesca Sifferlin	The George Washington University
Brooke Dornbach	Miami University	Alexander Smith	Kopp Scholarship
Brett Draxler	Saint John's University		University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Brian Dunn	University of St. Thomas	Tanner Speltz	Marquette University
Thomas Egger	United States Naval Academy	Caitlin Steinman	Colorado State University
Julie Flannery	Loyola University-Chicago	Samantha Thomas	Marquette University
Samuel Flumerfelt	Kopp Scholarship	John Tift	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Colin Gallaher	Navy ROTC	Rebecca Tourville	College of Saint Benedict
Payton Goodrich	Iowa State University	Anna Viers	Creighton University
Kevin Greening	Saint John's University	Ryan Walker	Miami University
	The Toro Company	Gregory Zeman	University of St. Thomas
Erik Gunkel	Miami University	Sam Ziegler	University of St. Thomas
Emma Hafermann	Cargill		
Jessica Hafner	University of St. Thomas		
John Hansen	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota		
Ian Haughey	Iowa State University		
Martha Hogan	St. Olaf College		
Laura Jacobson	Marquette University		
Lindsay Kaminski	Washington University in St. Louis		
Hannah Koplin	Iowa State University		
Patrick Krieger Jr	Loras College		
	Kopp Scholarship		
Alexa Kubinski	College of Saint Benedict		
Michael Kruse	Washington University in St. Louis		
	VFW Post 5555, District 7, Minnesota Finalist		
	Best Buy		
	Tailhook Educational Foundation		

ALUMNINEWS

1959

Bob O'Hara was inducted into the Minnesota Explorers and Adventurers Hall of Fame on Sunday, April 17, at Cowles Auditorium at the bi-annual Outdoor Adventure Expo. Bob's photo and a memento from one of his trips will be framed and hung on the wall at Midwest Mountaineering.

1972

On April 9, 23 SMA grads met at the Scoreboard bar in Minnetonka. The event was hosted by **Renee Blewett Samuelson**. The group is now planning an official 40th reunion for next year. Gathering for the afternoon were: front row (left to right) **Renee Blewett Samuelson, Joanie Swartout McGinn, Julie Ruff Pink, Jeanne Ferrian, Deb Hessling Safyre, Janice Stitt Audette, Sally Eagan, Mary Ennen Fiala, and Kay Eicher**; middle row (left to right) **Julie Madden, Sally Burt Kraft, Pat Bailey Myhre, Ellen Dwyer Schnobrich, Lynn Choromanski, Marcie Malat, and Sue Saucier Case**; back row (left to right) **Lorraine Batteen, Diane Eagan Slayton, Stephanie Betlach Hokensen, Patty Jarl Larson, Lyn Arnold Berglund, Cindy Burke Rodahl, and Joan Hughes**. ▶

1976

Fellow classmates met up with **Maria Jette** after her performance at the Hopkins Center for the Arts in February: front row (left to right) **Jan Wegner Bros and Maria Jette**; back row (left to right) **Laurie McGowan Thulien, Patrice Reinhardt Neidenfuehr, Patty O'Connor Kelley, Karen Gruidl Bjorgan, Kathy Slavin Cook, and Kris Porter Schaitberger**. (The cigarette is a prop from Maria's performance.) ▼



1977

Mary DesJarlais was a recipient of the Minnesota State Arts Board Grant and recently published her first novel, **Dorie LaValle**. A graduate of the College of St. Catherine, she lives in St. Paul and works for the MN AFL-CIO promoting diversity in the construction trades. Mary has two daughters. She recently married fellow 1977 BSM graduate, **Kevin Schieffer**.



1985

Catherine Thimmesh launched her newest book, "FRIENDS: True Stories of Extraordinary Animal Friendships," at the Red Balloon Bookshop in St. Paul on May 21. The stories in this book are true and not only give readers insight into animals, but challenge preconceived notions about compatibility. This book expresses tolerance of differences and features wonderful photographs.

1987

Dr. Jennifer Reinhart Holm was recently promoted to chief medical officer for Angell-Boston. Angell Animal Medical Center has been providing world-class veterinary services in Boston since 1915. Dr. Holm joined the Angell veterinary staff in 2003 as an emergency and critical care clinician. In 2005, she became director of the Blood Bank. In 2006, she became the director of the Emergency and Critical Care Service. She assumed oversight responsibilities for the Nutrition Service and the Pain Medicine Service when they were developed in 2008. In 2009, she became the chief of staff for the hospital on Nantucket Island. She assumed leadership of the Avian/Exotic Service in 2010. Jennifer and her husband, Arik, have two sons, Eli (6) and Ethan (3). The Holm family lives in Westborough, Massachusetts.

1991

Joy Woog Garvey and her husband, Rich, are proud to announce the birth of R.J. Garvey on October 28, 2010. R.J. was welcomed home by his big sister Hope (2½). Joy is an attorney with The Cavanagh Law Firm in Phoenix, Arizona, and Rich recently completed his studies at the Scottsdale Culinary Institute.

1992

Jeff Kaster and his business partner, Matt Lokowich, recently opened a new restaurant in Downtown Minneapolis. The Bullfrog Cajun Bar, the Bulldog's Cajun cousin, is located at 1111 Hennepin Avenue, and one of the main managers is **Luke Kaster '99**.

1994

Paul Secord, Drake University director of development, was among the Des Moines young professionals tapped for the Business Record's annual "Forty under 40" awards. "The awards recognize 40 up-and-coming business and community leaders under the age of 40. Candidates are judged on a combination of success in their chosen field and community involvement."

1995

Jen Cibulka Atkinson and her husband, Cliff, are pleased to announce the birth of Elizabeth Ann on October 4, 2010. Elizabeth has a 3-year-old brother, Will. The Atkinsons live in San Francisco. Jen is the manager of consumer marketing for Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, and Cliff is the general manager for Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco.

1996

Kate Leahy, director of enrollment management at Benilde-St. Margaret's, recently traveled to Korea as a guest of the International Language Forum. In addition to experiencing the culture of Korea, Kate and other guests heard a presentation from an organization that represents Korean students who travel to the United States for study. Kate presented information about Benilde-St. Margaret's to better acquaint the Korean representatives with BSM.

Jim Lee and his wife, Heather, are pleased to announce the birth of James Duke Lee on January 6, 2011. The Lee family lives in Chanhassen.

John Rockwell and his wife, Julie, are happy to announce the birth of Lucia Grace on May 6. The Rockwells live in Bloomington, Minnesota.

1997

Brian Gilmore and his wife, Jill, announced the birth of their second daughter, Makenzie Reese, on August 30, 2010. She was welcomed home by 2-year-old sister Loralai Paige. Brian and his family live in Des Moines, Iowa, where Brian works Internet Security with Wells Fargo.

1998

Marie Liekhus Idelkope and her husband, Brian, are pleased to announce the birth of Samuel Ray on May 1, 2011. Big brother Nathan is one and a half. Marie is a physical therapist at The Marsh and Brian is an internist.

2000

Billy Rodgers and Lainey Jae Lundstrom were married on March 5, in Des Moines, Iowa. Billy is the Sales and Marketing Director for the 2012 BMW Championship, a PGA Tour event at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana. Lainey is the Business Development Manager at USA Football, the governing body of football. They currently live in Indianapolis, Indiana. ▼



2002

Northwestern University Law School's Bartlit Center Trial Team of **Clare Diegel** and Karim Basaria captured the national championship at a tournament in Houston. The event was hosted by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association. The National Trial Competition is the oldest and most prestigious law school trial tournament in the United States. Second year students Clare and Karim won all six

rounds at the national finals. They defeated teams from Yale, St. Johns, and Texas in the three preliminary rounds, and qualified for the playoff rounds as the number one seed. Northwestern then defeated Wake Forest in the quarter-finals and Salmon Chase in the semifinals, before facing Chicago-Kent in an all-Chicago final round. This year's tournament began with nearly 300 teams competing in fourteen regions, with the top 28 teams advancing to Texas. ▼



Jacob Lawler and Erin Watkins were married August 14, 2010, at The Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana. The best man was **Dr. James Nguyen** '02 and the maid of honor was Erin's sister Sarah. Jacob and Erin are currently living in Georgetown, Texas, outside of Austin. The photo was taken by **Rebecca Lawler** '00. ▼



Jessie Lindseth and Jason Becker were married on September 18, 2010, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver, Colorado. Jessie and Jason both graduated from Marquette University (Jessie – civil engineering 2006; Jason – electrical engineering 2003). They met in 2005 on a bridge building mission trip to

Guatemala through the Marquette Engineering Department. The Beckers live in Denver where Jessie is a project manager for Mortenson Construction and Jason is an assistant project manager for Encore Electric. ▼



2003

Meg Maney and Will Parker were married on September 18, 2010, at the 320 Guest Ranch in Big Sky, Montana, the Maney family's favorite vacation place. Meg and Will are both graduates of the University of Denver and they currently live in Denver. Will is employed with Cypress Partners, a real estate firm, and Meg is in web development with The Fuel Team. **Gena Dillon** was the maid of honor, **Shannon Quealy** was a bridesmaid, and **Matt Maney** was a groomsman. Other classmates in attendance were **Annie Tilton, Becca Burns, Katy Mulvehill, Becky Rauth, and Katie Jetland**. ▼



ALUMNINews

2006

Anna Hickey has been accepted into a one-year Classical Acting graduate program at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts beginning this September. She is one of 20 students accepted from around the world. Anna graduated in 2010 with a B.A. in Theater Arts-Performance from the University of Minnesota.

Margaret Skoglund is a production assistant for Aged in Wood Productions, New York City. The company recently opened "Bengal Tiger" with Robin Williams on Broadway. Margaret is a 2010 graduate of Duke University.

2007

Kachine Alexander finished her basketball career at the University of Iowa with many accolades. She now has more All-American awards than any other player in school history, including WBCA and Associated Press honorable mention All-American in both her junior and senior seasons, for a total of four All-American honors. She is the only Iowa Hawkeye player to ever receive All-America distinctions in multiple seasons. She was a three-time All-Big Ten selection, including first team honors as a

junior and senior, two-time member of the Big Ten All-Defensive team, and a two-time WBCA All-Region pick. Kachine is the fifth player in Big Ten history to record 1,000 career points, 800 career rebounds and 300 career assists. Kachine is pictured with BSM Girls' Basketball Coach Bob Lyons ▼



Erika Lantz graduated from Yale University with a B.S. in English. On April 8, the Yale Glee Club performed their 150th Anniversary Gala Concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City. As a part of that concert, Erika performed the soprano solo part of a piece called "Zephyr Rounds" by composer Robert Vuichard.

2008

Wisconsin Badger basketball player **Jordan Taylor** finished his outstanding junior year with numerous awards. He was first-team All-America (Fox Sports), second-team All-America (AP, Sporting News, Sports Illustrated, Yahoo!, CBSSports.com) and third-team All-America (NABC). He led the nation with a 3.83 assist-to-turnover in 2010-11, was first-team All-Big Ten, Big Ten All-Defensive Team, and one of five finalists for the 2011 Bob Cousy Award. He was also one of 20 selected for the 2011 Wooden Award Ballot.

2010

Abbi Christensen was a special guest at Dog Fest on April 11. Abbi just completed her freshman year at the University of Minnesota-Crookston. She is studying animal science/pre vet. Abbi is pictured with Graci (Yorkie) and Ardie (Bluetick/Lab). ▼



IN MEMORIAM

Rodger Bartlett
Father of Sharon Bartlett Holonitch '68
Kim '70 – deceased
Gary '72 – deceased
Elizabeth '78

Patricia Hanna Becker '52

Richard Deziel
Father of Richard Jr. '70
Dan '73
Gina Deziel Magnuson
Jerry '78

Patricia Leber Fabian '52

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

Ermalinde Santer Gillis '26

Maryann Gasper Goulet '50

Jim Hoban '65

Patricia Kelsey '61
Sister of Marcia Kelsey Hebert
Susanne Kelsey McHenry '63
Betty Kelsey Coleman

Martha Krawczak
Mother of John '62
Mary Jo Krawczak Mueholm
Daniel
Martha Krawczak Stein

Margery Kressel
Mother of Robert '65
Katie Kressel deKrey '69

James Madson
Father of Bob '77
Brad '79
Marnie Madson Olson '87

David McMahon
Father of Cammy McMahon Baer
David Jr.
Kevin
Danny
Mary Kate McMahon McFadden
Margo McMahon Fochler '85
Julie '88

Eugene McMonagle
Father of Michael '67
Douglas '68
Diane McMonagle Wright '71
Susan McMonagle Hargrave - deceased
Lynda McMonagle Rocheford '76
John '80

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

Philip Mulvehill
Father of Kathy Mulvehill Graczyk
Daniel
Molly Mulvehill Steinke '83

Karen Oman
Sister of Cynthia Boes '75
Sandra Boes O'Brien '78
Mother of Jennifer '98
Lindsay Oman Ring '03

Mary McNamara O'Rourke '40
Sister of Margaret McNamara
Pexa '43
Mother of Kevin
Mary Ellen O'Rourke Wickersham '71
Margaret Mary '72
Sheila O'Rourke Northrop '75
Joanna O'Rourke Plante '83

Douglas Phenow
Father of Dennis '67
Sheri Phenow Holles
Donald
Teresa Phenow Peltier
Judy '82

Bradley John (Rail) Punko '73
Brother of Nicholas '64 – deceased
Mike '70
Carter '78 – deceased

Henry Pyzdrowski Sr.
Father of Henry Jr. '66 – deceased
Jeanne Pyzdrowski Fraune '68
Michael '70
Patricia Pyzdrowski Seeler '70

Robert '71
Paul '73
John '74
Mary Ann Pyzdrowski Pickering '76
Kathryn '78
Margaret '80
Caroline Pyzdrowski Gossen '84

Rachelle Reese '81
Sister of Richard '75
Robert '77
Robin Reese Sowe '79
Ronald '83

MaryLynn Trieschmann Rondeau '55

Ralph Scherer
Husband of Norma – past faculty

Don Student
Husband of Joanne Fortin Student '54

Frank Toonen
Father of Michelle Toonen Janeczek
Lynette Toonen Kapel '67
Patrice Toonen Saltzman '69
Kathleen Toonen Moench '71

Karin Wendt
Wife of Dave '59

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Reunions

SMA 1951

60th Reunion—August 13
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SMA 1961

50th Reunion—Weekend of September 10
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Benilde 1961

50th Reunion—Weekend of August 5
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SMA 1971

40th Reunion—October 1
Loring Park Community Art Center
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Benilde 1971

40th Reunion—Weekend of July 15
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BSM 1976

35th Reunion—October 8
Nye's Polonaise Room in Northeast
Minneapolis
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BSM 1981

30th Reunion—July 30
Contact: Julie Ford, juliea.ford@comcast.net

BSM 1986

25th Reunion—July 29-30
Friday night cocktail hour at Bunny's
Saturday night reunion BBQ at BSM
Contacts: Steve Pohlen,
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sjanssenbarry@BSMschool.org

BSM 1991

20th Reunion—July 15-16
Friday night happy hour at Bayside Grille
Saturday night reunion at Britts Pub
Contacts: Bill Johnson, bigwgj@yahoo.com;
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BSM 1996

15th Reunion—August 27
Tour of BSM followed by reunion at
Bayside Event Center
Contacts: Corey Anderson,
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BSM 2001

10th Reunion—June 25
The 508 Bar in Minneapolis
Contacts: Steve Dunbar, steve@dunbarmn.com;
Amy DesLauriers, amy.deslauriers@gmail.com

BSM 2006

5th Reunion—June 17
Park Tavern in St. Louis Park
Contact: Dan Morin, daniel.morin@nmfn.com

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and keep all of us in the know
about each other. Thanks.

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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.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information about your class reunion, please contact Sandy Janssen Barry '86, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, at sjanssenbarry@BSMschool.org or 952-915-4341.

Alumni Album



Marathon—Joe Kopp '85, who suffered a traumatic brain injury in an accident, walked in the Believe, Inspire and Achieve Marathon at Rosedale Center in Roseville on March 19. He was helping to raise awareness and funds for the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota. Here he is pictured with his brother, Jim '80.

Strong Support—Many Red Knights were on hand to support Joe Kopp '85 on his marathon: back row (left to right) Ellie Hawkinson '07, Scott Hawkinson, Kathy Hawkinson, Jen Roushar, Dan Murphy '83, Dave Platt '85, Megan Kern '86, Maureen Weber Grazzini '86, Brian Barry, Kate Murphy Boland '87, John Vonhof '86 and Marina; middle row (left to right) Sandy Janssen Barry '86, Ben Barry, Claire Grazzini, Finn Murphy, Emily Platt, and Luca Platt; front row (left to right) Riley Murphy, Charlie Platt, Lisa Lenhart Murphy '86, Anastasia Winkelman, and Brigid Murphy '85.



Montana Wedding—Several 2003 classmates of Meg Maney were in Big Sky, Montana, for her wedding: (left to right) Katie Jetland, Annie Tilton, Meg, and Becky Rauth.



Enjoying the Treats—The Olson kids, Emily, Olivia and Morgan, enjoyed treats after the magic show on March 6. The youngsters are pictured with their mom, Rachel Kuzma Olson '93.



Denver Wedding—Jessie Lindseth '02 and Jason Becker were married on September 18, 2010, in Denver. Jessie's wedding party definitely had an alumnae flavor: (left to right) Julia Becker (sister of the groom), Krista Lindseth '09, maid of honor Emily Koch '02, Nicole Lindseth '05, Lindsay Lipps, and Katherine Justak Mangold '02.



Spring Break—Vince Beacom '11 had an opportunity to do a little golfing on his spring break. He is pictured with assistant golf pro Chris Glover '95 at the Calusa Pines Golf Club in Naples, Florida.



New Year's Luncheon—The SMA Class of 1969 gathered at Redstone to celebrate 2011 and turning 60. Shown from the left are: Colleen Layton, Mary Newcomb Hatcher, Sue Feltes Moore, Mary Ann Dwyer Callahan, Bobbie Boller-McMonagle, Alane Enger Cornelius, Peggy Kuffel Jondahl, Barb Barringer Boerboon, Amy Hyett, Janine Marceau Gramling and Sue Shallman Anderson.

Alumni Album



Catching Up—The Mass and brunch on April 10 provided an opportunity for friends to gather and visit: (left to right) Mary Beth Ferrian Liekhus '68, former SMA faculty member Marquita Barnard, CSJ, past parent Virginia Vonhof, and Pat Bailey Myhre '72.



Returning to Celebrate—Mike Allen '66 attended the Celebration of Giving on April 10 with his daughter, Angie Allen Wachholz '94, Angie's husband Art, and their daughter, Frannie Wachholz.



Celebration of Giving—SMA alumnae Geraldine Johnson Leonard '49 and Mary Jean Manke Martin '49 had a chance to visit with BSM faculty member Tom Backen at the Celebration of Giving Mass and brunch.



85th Birthday—Mary Lohmar Warner's '44 85th birthday was celebrated in Jacksonville, Florida. She is pictured with 11 children: (left to right) Frank Warner '60, Jeanne Warner Nelson '61, Mary Kay Warner Verkennes '65, Margaret Warner Hetman '69, Kathy Warner Hmielewski '71, Liz LaChance, Mary Lohmar Warner '44, Alice Rosado, John Warner, Lisa VanPelt, Carol Butler, and Jackie Macdonald. Frank Hetman '68 and Bob Verkennes '64 were also at the celebration in addition to 30 of her 50+ grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.



Bridesmaids in Boots—The wedding of Meg Maney '03 and Will Parker at Big Sky was a cause for celebration: bridesmaids from BSM were Shannon Queally '03, far left, and Gena Dillon '03, second from the right.



Walker Art Center Lecture Series—Kevin Queally '99 is a member of the New York Times graphics department, a 25-person team of visual journalists that explain, illustrate and contextualize the news for the newspaper and nytimes.com. The department has won many national and international awards, including the National Design Award for Communication Design. On March 1, Kevin was a presenter at the Insights 2011 Design Lecture Series, and a number of graduates were on hand to hear him speak: (left to right) Andy Haeg '91, Mike Davin '99, Kevin, Mary Brozic Boldischar '99, Pat Boldischar '99, Katie DesLauriers Sullivan '99, Shanon Queally '03, and Amy DesLauriers Crowther '01.



Back for Fun—John Beutz '89 came to the magic show with his children, Johnny, Monica, and Tommy.

Alumni Album



Twins Home Opener—A group of alums gathered at Target Field to watch the Twins defeat the Oakland Athletics 2-1 on April 8: back row (left to right) Adam Sellke '88, Tom Fournier '88, Dan Chevalier '85, Lee Lira '88, Mark Tabery '88, and Rob Franzen '88; front row (left to right) Adam Lenhart '91, Lynn Lira Chevalier '85, Anne Molina Lukas '93, and Lee-Jay Lira '90.



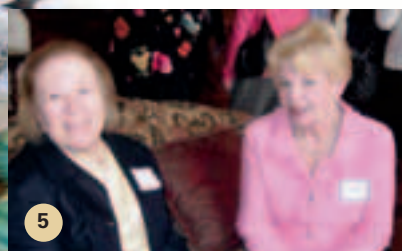
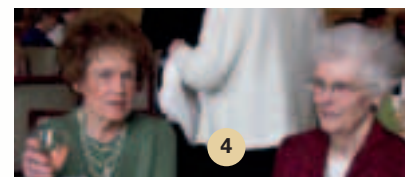
Junior High Play—Several alums brought their children to see Aladdin Jr. and the magic show which preceded the show. Enjoying the treats in the cafeteria are: Nancy Berge Morton '87 and her son, Brody, Anne McCarthy Grendahl '87 and her daughter Erinn, and Kate Murphy Boland '87 and her triplets, Emily, Maureen and Jack.

Magic Show—Magician Matt Dunn '01 performed for the children of alums before the Sunday performance of Aladdin Jr., the BSM Junior High musical.



St. Margaret's Academy's Tea

The annual St. Margaret's Academy Tea was held on Saturday, April 9, at The Woman's Club of Minneapolis.



- 1 — Andrea Anderson Sledz '59 and Sharon Fitzgerald '58
- 2 — Diane Ennen Liemandt-Reimann '61, Katie McKenna Smith '61, Jeanne Warner Nelson '61, Kathy Dolan Daly '61, Pat Healey Weber '61, and Barb Kapuster Riley '61
- 3 — Judith Canfield Shapiro '57 and Winnie Gorman Collins '57
- 4 — Fran Moore Shima '51 and Anne Gibbs '51
- 5 — Gloria Bester Ford '57 and Kathleen Gorman Grendahl '57
- 6 — Mary Kaye Anderson Gorrilla '74, Mary Ganley Strot '74, Debora Loftus Stahlecker '74, Mary Jagodzinski Leizinger '74, Sharon Miezwa Tschida '74, Janet Williams '74, Peggy Murphy Cerrito '74, and Mary Miezwa.

RED KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

Sophomore **Tom Schellhorn** and freshman **Nick Driessen** won the boys' sailing sectionals, hosted by the Lake Calhoun Sailing School on Saturday, May 14. Sailing in a steady rain and windy conditions, Tom and Nick topped the field of 17 teams with a convincing victory. Eight races were sailed, and Tom and Nick finished with 24 points for first place. The Minnesota State Sailing Championships were June 4-5 at Wayzata.

Five groups of Advanced Film students had films that were selected to be shown at the fourth Annual .EDU Film Festival on Friday, May 13, at the St. Anthony Main theaters in downtown Minneapolis. Over 100 films were submitted, and a jury selected about 50 to screen at the festival. The .EDU Film Festival showcases high school filmmakers from throughout Minnesota. The selected films are as follows:

- Seniors **Patrick Krieger** and **Rob Shaver** for "The Story So Far" – a documentary about up-and-coming musician Adam Clark.
- Seniors **Matt Carney**, **Sarah Champeau**, **Haley Kellogg**, and **Shreya Mehta** for "Women's Roller Derby" – a look inside the world of women's roller derby. This also won second place in the documentary category.
- **Matt Carney** for "Ladies Men" – two self-proclaimed ladies' men fight for the love of one very confused woman.
- **Sarah Champeau** and **Haley Kellogg** for "Put Down the Phone" – a PSA about texting and driving.
- Junior **Lauren Effertz** for "It Doesn't Define You" – a documentary about her aunt.

Two new school track and field records were set on May 6. Sophomore **Haley Jerabek** set a new BSM record for the mile, running it in 5:19.60. Senior **Trevor Yedoni** soared at the 7'0 mark in the high jump.

The BSM History Club has been selected as one of the 10 National History Club "Outstanding History Clubs" for the 2010-2011 school year. Also, senior **Jeremy Poppe** has met the requirements for graduating with National History Scholar Society honors.



Junior **Ashley Valentine** and sophomore **Christine Silikowski** were both awarded "superior" assessments as soprano soloists at the All-Conference Solo/Ensemble Contest. Ashley also attained a perfect score of 40 points.

Thirteen students received qualifying scores on the National Spanish Test. Senior **Anne Kluis** (AP Spanish) and freshman **Matt Wolf** (Spanish I) earned silver medals. Bronze medals were awarded to sophomores **Anne Arnason**, **John Bowman**, **Catherine Cole**, **Charles Houtz** and **Liza Magill** in (Spanish III); sophomore **Samantha Letscher** and freshmen **Maria Duque** and **Zach Hale** in Spanish 2; junior **Emily Hermann** in AP Spanish; and freshman **Jack Johnston** and eighth grader **Daisy Richmond** in (Spanish I). An additional 34 students received Honorable Mention. In all, 47 out of 110 students placed in this year's competition.

Senior **Myles Barnes** signed a letter of intent to play football for the Air Force Academy, and senior **Trevor Yedoni** signed with the University of Minnesota for track and field.

On March 17, 63 BSM Latin students (Latin I through Latin V) took the National Latin Exam. Fifteen won commendation for their scores. All of the commended students received a certificate; the two highest levels of commendation also received medals (this year, we had five silver medalists and one gold). The Summa Cum Laude (gold medal) recipient was junior **Nicole Sauer** (Latin III). Maxima Cum Laude honors (silver medal) went to freshman **Helen Lindsay**, eighth grader **Hugo Lindsay** and junior **Jack McGinn** (all for Latin II), sophomore **Jackie Scherer** (Latin III), senior **Dan Morizio** (Latin IV). Magnum Cum Laude honors went to freshman **Michelle Sauer** (Latin I), junior **Sam Mogensen** (Latin III) and senior **Mike Kruse** and junior **Chris Sather** (both for Latin IV Prose). Cum Laude honors went to junior **Sam Ingbar** (Latin III), senior **Nico Basil**, and juniors **Paul Kretsch** and **Ben Rosengren** (all for Latin IV Prose), and senior **Garrett Shaffer** (Latin V).

Senior **Paige Erickson** was crowned Prom Princess on April 26. Other princess candidates included **Andrea Boosalis**, **Kackie Dankbar**, **Sidney Pilarski**, **Sam Thomas** and **Jillian Tredwell**. Emcees for coronation were **Christine Gunderson** and **Hailey Hansen**.

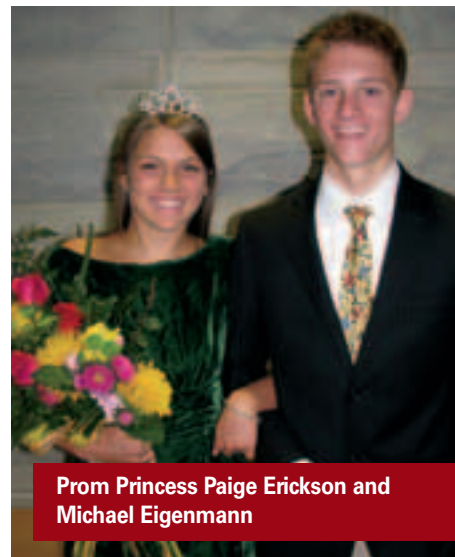
The National Scholastic Press Association has named the **Knight Errant** website a winner of the national Online Pacemaker Award, the organization's highest honor. This is the website's third consecutive year winning the award.

Several Spanish students participated in the Festival Quijote Competition at St. Olaf College. The festival is a state competition for Spanish students in grades 7-12. This year over 450 students participated from across the state in over 20 categories. Seniors **Nate Muckley** and **Morgan Rogers** earned a first place for their skit, senior **Lauren Muscala** took second in the video demo category, and sophomore **Eleanor Raether** placed third in the poster category.

Freshman **Katie Segner** represented the Knightettes Dance Team at the Miss Dance/Drill Team USA National Competition held in Los Angeles, California. Katie's jazz solo dance placed second overall in the ninth grade category. Katie was also chosen to be a part of Team Minnesota, a combined group of elite dancers selected from high schools across Minnesota. Team Minnesota's jazz dance placed first overall in the small group jazz category.

Sophomore **Shannon Kraemer** was named a winner of the 2011 Minnesota Music Teachers Association Piano Contest. She performed at the Honors Piano Concert on May 21 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Junior **Gabe MacDonald** was featured as a "Star Tribune" Athlete of the Week for baseball. The paper noted that this "third baseman went 4-for-4 with two doubles and two RBI in a 9-8 victory over Irondale. He added a hit and an RBI in a 13-10 victory over North Branch."



Prom Princess Paige Erickson and Michael Eigenmann

IN THE NEWS

Junior boys' lacrosse goaltender **Thomas Gilligan** was listed as one of the "Power of 10" Minnesota high school athletes in the Minnesota edition of ESPN's "Rise" magazine.

Junior **Mikayla Coulombe** and sophomore **Tara Fan** were featured on the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association website at www.mctaa.org in the March newsletter. In an article about Minnesota's state tournament, the two girls were highlighted for placing second in the first ever girls' division in the high school state championships.

Four boys' hockey players represented BSM on the North Suburban Conference All-Academic Team: seniors **Vince Beacom, Mike Blessing, Patrick Daly** and **Taylor Topousis**. Seniors Patrick Daly and **Patrick Steinhauser**, juniors **Christian Horn** and **Jake Horton**, and sophomores **Grant Besse** and **Dan Labosky** earned All-Conference honors. Four more were awarded Honorable Mention All-Conference: juniors **Anders Jecha** and **Jake O'Borsky**, and sophomores **T.J. Moore** and **Justin Quale**. Additionally, Daly was named first-team All-State by the "St. Paul Pioneer Press" and was a second-team selection on the "Star Tribune's" All-Metro team and the Associated Press' All-State team. Horton was also an Honorable Mention selection on both of the All-State teams, and Besse, Horn and Steinhauser earned Honorable Mention recognition on the "St. Paul Pioneer Press" team.

Girls' hockey players who received All-Conference honors were seniors **Jordyn Burns** and **Tiana Press**, sophomore **Sara Taffe** and freshmen **Kelly Pannek** and **Caitlin Reilly**. Juniors **Aly Hoffman** and **Catherine Kernan**, sophomores **Anne Amason** and **Maddie Carras**, and freshmen **Kaylee Druk** and **Alicia Praus** earned Honorable Mention. Jordyn Burns and Kelly Pannek also received All-State recognition. Tiana Press, Amy Johnson, Taylor Curtiss and Kathryn Martin were All-Conference Academic Award winners.

Senior **Lindsay Kaminski** and juniors **Olivia Antilla, Josie Dillon** and **Khadijah Shumpert** were named to the All-State Team for girls' basketball. Freshman Grace Coughlin and Shumpert were named to the All-Tournament team. All-Conference Awards went to senior **Sidney Pilarski** and juniors Olivia Antilla, Josie Dillon and Khadijah Shumpert. Honorable Mention went to Lindsay Kaminski and **Grace Coughlin**. Seniors who earned All-Conference Academic status were Lindsay Kaminski, **Sarah Kopp** and Sidney Pilarski.

Boys' basketball players who earned All-Conference Awards were senior **Myles Barnes** and juniors **Will Dunn, Sanjay Lumpkin** and **Isaiah Zierden**. Senior **Evan Battle** and juniors **Isaiah Gray** and **Kyle Washington** earned Honorable Mention. All-Conference Academic honors went to seniors **Colin Gallaher** and **Tommy Nelson**. Juniors **Sanjay Lumpkin** and **Isaiah Zierden** received St. Paul Pioneer Press All-State Team Honorable Mention.

Sophomore **Alex Rios-Diaz** was selected as a finalist for the "Artist of the Week" Award for the 10th-12th grade age group on the Artsonia website, www.artsonia.com.

In February, eighth grader **Daisy Richmond** took first place for her age group in the City of Lakes Loppet, a cross-country skiing festival.



Four BSM students received a St. Louis Park Caring Youth Award for their volunteer efforts. Junior **Kelly Dwyer** was honored for her service at Perspectives, Inc. Juniors **Jake Horton** and **Ned Nelson** faithfully shoveled snow for a neighbor and eighth grader **Charlie Jones** was recognized for the various volunteer experiences he has logged with RKVC.

Junior **Emily Hermann** and freshman **Katie Segner** were two of 31 youth receiving Caring Youth Awards from the City of Minnetonka for their volunteer service work. Emily was nominated for her volunteer work at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hopkins. Katie was honored for her volunteer work with a wide range of organizations, from Feed My Starving Children to food shelves to the Autism Society of America to student opportunities at school.

Sisters **Tiana** (a senior) and **Alexi** (a sophomore) **Press** were featured in the Star Tribune, February 10. Both girls have battled Type 1 Diabetes, and Tiana also struggles with dyslexia. Yet they have beaten the odds to become incredible scholars and athletes. Tiana was chosen as one of the 10 semifinalists for the 2011 Let's Play Hockey Senior Goalie of the Year Award, presented to the top senior girls' high school hockey goaltender in Minnesota.

Both the "Star Tribune" and the "St. Paul Pioneer Press" selected senior **Patrick Steinhauser** as an Athlete of the Week during the first week of February. The papers highlighted his four goals and two assists in a victory over Holy Angels and The Pioneer Press emphasized, "In 44 games over the past two seasons, [Patrick] has been held without a point just twice, a span that included a 25-game point streak."

Junior boys' swimming team member **Jack McGinn** earned fourth place and seventh place state finishes for the 500-yard and 200-yard freestyle events, respectively. Junior **Parker Johnson** claimed seventh place for the 100-yard backstroke, and junior **Scott Quinby** finished 20th in the 100-yard freestyle. Parker, Jack, Scott and sophomore **Alexander Roe** earned All-Conference awards.

This year, 104 Benilde-St. Margaret's students received a President's Volunteer Service Award. This award is sponsored by President Obama and is intended to acknowledge service work that is having a significant impact in local communities. Senior high students who receive this award have completed a minimum of 100 community service hours in the past 12 months and junior high students have completed a minimum of 50 hours in the past 12 months. Students may accumulate hours by working at churches, schools, or other community locations. These 94 senior high and 10 junior high students have served a combined total of 14,376 service hours in the last 12 months alone. See the BSM website for the list of recipients.

RED KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

The Senior High Math League qualified for the state tournament by coming in first place in the Metro Alliance Division for the year. Members of the varsity team were seniors **Thomas Egger, Thi Hoang, Michael Kruse, Daniel Morizio, Andrew Poley** and **Garrett Shaffer**; juniors **Stephen Bauer, Jack Lee** and **Brian Tobelmann**; sophomores **Stephen Jacobs, Liza Magill, Jack Munkeby, Kiley Peterson** and **Elizabeth Vertina**; and freshman **Erin Choi**.

Senior **Alex Smith** and sophomore **Liza Magill** qualified to compete at the National Forensic League National Tournament, held June 13-18, in Dallas, Texas. Alex competed in the Extemporaneous Speaking-International category, while Liza performed in the Extemporaneous Speaking-Domestic category. Eighteen speech team members advanced to the April 16 state tournament, where seniors Alex Smith and **Alex Plouff** both placed fourth in Extemporaneous Speaking and Storytelling, respectively. Senior **Megan Collins** finished fifth in Serious Prose. Senior **Nate Muckley** and junior **Leila Aboussir** took sixth in Dramatic Duo. Seniors **Bernardo Vigil** and **Sean Simonson** came in seventh in Creative Expression and ninth in Serious Drama, respectively. Others who competed (within their category) were seniors **Julie Flannery** (storytelling) and **Jack Tift** (dramatic duo); juniors **Frances Jimenez** (great speeches), **Anna Landis** (serious poetry), **Sian Last** (discussion), **Elizabeth Patton** (informative) and **Ben Zeman** (dramatic duo); sophomores **Rachel Hogen** (storytelling) and **Liza Magill** (extemporaneous speaking); and freshmen **Sage Fulco** (extemporaneous reading) and **Sierra Twesten** (serious poetry). The team also captured the section championship and was named the All-Conference Academic champion.

Sophomore **Liza McGill** was selected to participate in the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, February 26-March 4. Liza joined peers from around the world, taking part in practical and engaging workshops. Her selection was based on her academic record, community service and interest in science, technology and engineering.

Three wrestlers, senior **Payton Goodrich**, sophomore **Jarred Oftedahl** and freshman **Jake Deutschlander**, competed in state tournament action. Jarred was named state runner-up for Class AA in the 103-pound weight class. Payton wrestled at 160 and Jake at 130. During the Section 5AA Meet on February 26, Jarred and Jake claimed section championships, and Payton was a section runner-up. All-Conference wrestlers included Payton, junior **Dillon Smith**, Jarred, and eighth grader **Seoulec Gunvalson**. Jake received Honorable Mention.

Senior **Garrett Shaffer** placed 13th at the State Nordic Skiing Meet, earning All-State honors. Garrett was just 10 seconds shy of finishing in the top 10 at the competition. At sections, the boys' team placed fifth, while the girls finished 11th.

The girls' Alpine team finished in second place at the Section 5 meet and qualified for state. At state, they earned third place. Sophomore **Mary Grace Arndt** led the team with a 10th place finish. Junior **Jordan Dritz** was the next Red Knight in, at 19th. Both girls also received All-State honors. Other team members who participated at state included seniors **Paige Erickson** and **Kelly Slater**, junior **Hannah Cope** and seventh grader **Jaime Dritz**.



All-Conference Academic Champs in Speech

Back row (left to right): Jack Tift, Sage Fulco, Frances Jimenez, Julie Flannery; Middle Row: Head Coach Maura Brew, Alex Smith, Sean Simonson, Leila Aboussir, Megan Collins, Bernardo Vigil, Anna Landis, Sierra Twesten, Elizabeth Patton, Sian Last, Rachel Hogen, Liza Magill, Alex Plouff; Front Row: Ben Zeman; Not Pictured: Nate Muckley

The boys' Alpine team finished in sixth place at sections, with sophomore **Arthur (Archie) Boyle** finishing in third place to qualify as a state individual competitor. The Alpine State Meet was held on Wednesday, February 16, at Giant's Ridge in Biwabic.

The **Dance Team** claimed the State AA championship in jazz funk. Seniors Amanda Gales and Alexa Kubinski were named to the Class AA Jazz All-Tournament Team. Dance team members who earned All-Conference awards were seniors **Amanda Gales, Alexa Kubinski** and **Maddy Moore** and junior **Alex Bonvino**. Juniors **Taylor Kenyon** and **Natalie Walsh**, sophomore **Megan Johnson** and freshman **Katie Segner** received Honorable Mention. All-Conference Academic Honors were awarded to seniors **Laura Jacobson**, Alexa Kubinski and Maddy Moore.





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