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Pictured: (l-r) Maddy Karlen '15, Samantha Tarnowski '18, Dr. Gyolai, Jalen Anderson '19, Jay Weber '15, Ellie Bahr '17, and Michael Kelley '16.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"I am humbled and honored to be the new president of the premier Catholic, college preparatory school in the Twin Cities, Benilde-St. Margaret's."



I am humbled and honored to be the new president of the premier Catholic, college preparatory school in the Twin Cities, Benilde-St. Margaret's. It is my sincere hope to meet as many of you as possible; I want to hear your stories. One of the most commonly asked questions of a new president is, "what is your vision for the school?" As we get to know each other and we continue to engage in the future growth of BSM, having a shared vision is a wonderful point of germination.

My vision for BSM is that it will be an internationally recognized leader in Catholic, college preparatory education which provides relevant programming that allows students to mature into global leaders who leverage their Catholic faith to solve difficult problems.

This vision for the school is personal for me as my own children will attend BSM (two as early as this fall) and the vision is tightly woven into the fabric of BSM 2020, our new strategic plan.

As you may know, this spring BSM reaffirmed its affiliation with one of our founding orders, the Christian Brothers. It is the charisms and traditions of our three founding orders (the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Christian Brothers, and the Benedictines) that give BSM its uniquely caring and student-centered character.

The traditions and charisms of these founding orders call for our Catholic faith to be the focal point of teaching/learning at the school; in my mind, our Catholic faith must be woven thoroughly and comprehensively throughout the culture of BSM. Our Catholic faith is a pillar upon which BSM was built and I feel strongly that it must remain so. The president/CEO is responsible for nurturing the culture of any organization he/she leads, and I look forward to this wonderful responsibility. I plan to lead by example by building trusting relationships, by treating all people with respect and dignity, by being an example of Catholic values/responsibilities to all members of the BSM community, and by actively practicing my faith. Lastly, as the new president, I will draw upon my own secondary Catholic education as a guide when shaping organizational culture; I owe a great debt to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, without whom I would not be introducing myself as the new president of BSM.

My excitement for the upcoming school year is barely containable; the members of my cabinet and my family would say it is not contained. I can't wait to get started. Thank you for your continued support of our school. The future of BSM is very bright and it is a great time to be a Red Knight.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Gyolai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "G".

Kevin Gyolai, PhD

Strong leader called to BSM presidency

The story that BSM's newly appointed fifth president, Dr. Kevin Gyolai (pronounce Joe-Lye) likes to tell about the path that led him to this position reveals a great deal about the inspiration and humility he brings to his new role.

"The job found me. It was a calling for me—a vocation," said Dr. Gyolai.

"I really think it was a tap on my shoulder by the Holy Spirit."

A proven collaborative leader and team-builder, Dr. Kevin Gyolai possesses the professional qualifications, management skills, and personal attributes required of BSM's next president. His enthusiasm for Catholic education and passion for leadership are matched by his natural intelligence, articulate expression, and his warm and engaging demeanor.

Dr. Gyolai comes to BSM from the Minnesota Colleges and Universities system (MnSCU) where he most recently held the position of STEM division dean at Inver Hills Community College in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota. In that position, Dr. Gyolai served on the leadership team; was instrumental in creating curriculum as well as assembling and leading faculty; and had success both in fundraising and leading student recruitment efforts, including developing initiatives to engage students from underrepresented groups in STEM.

With a Phd in molecular biology from North Dakota State University, a Master of Science degree in biology from South Dakota State University, and Bachelor of Science degrees in

biology and athletic training from North Dakota State University, Dr. Gyolai may appear, at first glance, to be only about science or STEM. However, he is quick to point out that his science education was always in a liberal arts environment and, as he noted, "that fits very well into the organization at BSM and the Catholic intellectual system. In liberal arts, you learn to think critically; it's important that we teach students that it's okay to feel confused, to be comfortable with ambiguity." In other words, BSM's next president recognizes that his background in sciences will undoubtedly strengthen the STEM system already present at BSM, but will by no means obscure the liberal arts dynamic, another strength of BSM's curriculum.

In fact, during one round of his extensive interviews for the position, Dr. Gyolai was asked point blank what his response would be to those who perused his resume and saw only STEM or science; should they fear a STEM focus squashing successful arts programs at BSM? Dr. Gyolai's response was two-fold. "First," he said with a smile, "those people should know that



I'm married to an art history instructor [his wife Kristine teaches at Minneapolis Community and Technical College] so our dinner table conversations at home are often about the arts. Secondly, I want the community to know that my work as a scientist was based in the liberal arts framework. So, in my mind, the liberal arts and sciences weren't separate; they were together. And I know that's the culture here at BSM."

Dr. Gyolai was born and raised in western North Dakota in a family of seven boys. The outdoors and sports (football) were a part of his daily life and from an early age he believed he wanted to be a sports trainer. He goes on to say he spent "a lot of time out on the prairie along the rivers, just sort of wandering . . . so I think I developed this real sense of curiosity and that's probably why I went into science."

Having attended Catholic school through grade 12, Dr. Gyolai attributes his lifelong commitment to excellence and education to the formation provided by his teachers at St. Mary's High School in New England, North Dakota, particularly the nuns. "Attending a school run primarily by School Sisters of Notre Dame, I was positively influenced by the spirits of these women. I so admired them because they were all highly educated women; they all had master's degrees. They were tremendously disciplined as you can imagine nuns would be, but they loved to have fun, too. I remember so clearly they would play kickball with us, and we'd sing songs, and they had this streak of independence and free spirit about them."

It is that very foundation of Catholic education that drives Dr. Gyolai and gives him perspective on leading a Catholic high school. With the past 23 years of his career having been spent in higher education, Dr. Gyolai has learned a lot about what works for college preparation. As one of his current colleagues says, "He gets the power of the classroom because he's been there." In fact, Dr. Gyolai has been a college professor of biology, a college department head, and has won awards for his teaching at the college level such as the *Excellence in Teaching Award*, the highest award for faculty at North Dakota State College of Sciences, and several *Faculty Appreciation Awards*.

While being a president of a Catholic high school is a new challenge in his professional career, Dr. Gyolai readily admits that, "As a new leader, especially at the president level, you have to be careful about coming in and thinking you have all the solutions."

One thing that Dr. Gyolai is clearly committed to is maintaining BSM's tradition of academic excellence, strong sense of community, and vibrant faith traditions. "I have a great affinity for people and institutions that are mission-focused, innovative, and ambitious, and I welcome this opportunity to lead a



Dr. Gyolai had an opportunity to visit with faculty members Michelle Frstrom and Keith Jones

Catholic school that has a remarkable history of providing students with a solid foundation—body, spirit, and mind—on which to build their futures," shared Dr. Gyolai. "I am honored to have been chosen for this role."

His vision for BSM's future includes drawing families in through strategic enrollment, engaging in opportunities to raise external funds, and keeping Benilde-St. Margaret's tuition affordable so that all families have the opportunity to enroll.

Dr. Gyolai sees his transition to BSM as a natural progression for his career as well as for his family. He and his wife Kristine have four children; as parents, they are excited for them to be accepted into the BSM community as well. Ava will start as a 7th grader at BSM and Grace will be a sophomore. He hopes the strong Catholic values of BSM are imparted to them. "What I hope they get out of it is what I hope all BSM students get out of their education—a dedication to raising a young person in body, spirit, and mind."

As Dr. Gyolai stated, "A goal of mine for BSM is that we embrace the philosophy that teaching, learning, and leadership take place in all our interactions with students and each other, and that we are all teachers and leaders whether inside the classroom or not. For example, the discipline and commitment learned through participating in debate or being a member of an athletic team spill over into creating students who have grit, who are stubbornly persistent, who know how to manage their time, and who see things through to completion." Truly, eloquent words such as these must have been sparked with the wisdom inspired by the Holy Spirit.

We welcome Dr. Kevin Gyolai and his family to his new role as BSM President, which will commence with the 2014-2015 academic year, beginning July 1, 2014.

Valedictorians and Salutatorians



Top Scholars—The valedictorians and salutatorians shared their talents in many BSM programs: back row (l-r): Samantha Letscher, Michelle Sauer, Sage Fulco, and Carter Burn; middle row: Liz Nicholson; front row (l-r) Julia Krieger and Katie Segner.

Well rounded students rise to the top

Five young ladies were the academic leaders of the Class of 2014 and two young men followed very closely behind. The valedictorians and salutatorians were very involved Red Knights. They all managed a beautiful blend of academics, extracurriculars, and service and they shared some words of wisdom about that balancing act.

Julia Krieger

College/University: University of Minnesota
Carlson School of Management
Predicted Major: Finance

Activities: National Honor Society, National Latin Honor Society,
Red Carpet Club, Link Crew, Knightlife, Football Manager,
Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Students Against Cancer,
Courage Center Volunteer.

“Balance is the key to being successful in school and being happy while doing it. Academics, extracurricular activities, and service are all important, but it is crucial to pause and just enjoy what is going on around you. If you are able to find the right balance, you will have a positive high school experience.”

Samantha Letscher

College/University: Northwestern University
Predicted Major: Biomedical Engineering

Activities: National Honor Society, Red Knight Volunteer Corps,
Link Crew, Liturgical Ministry, Debate, Speech, Golf, Mary's
Place Tutor, Children's Hospital Inpatient Volunteer.

“Don't do anything for someone else. If you participate to please a parent, coach, friend, or college, you will not enjoy yourself. Serve your community, know that class is actually important, and join activities you are excited about. What you do should make you happy.”

Liz Nicholson

College/University: Taylor University
Predicted Major: Undecided,
likely pre-med or exercise science

Activities: National Honor Society, Red Carpet Club,
Knightlife, Yearbook, Basketball, Track, St. Therese
Nursing Home Volunteer.

“What you do should never define you. The moment whatever you're doing starts to consume you, and you no longer find joy in it, is the moment it is no longer worth it. The most important element is balance. But whatever you're doing, focus on it with 100% of your energy and do it to the best of your ability.”

Michelle Sauer

College/University: University of Maryland, College Park
Predicted Major: English and Secondary Education

Activities: National Honor Society, Red Knight Volunteer Corps,
Red Carpet Club, Link Crew, Knightlife, Knight Errant, Band, Class
Board, Drama, Football Manager, Project for Pride in Living.

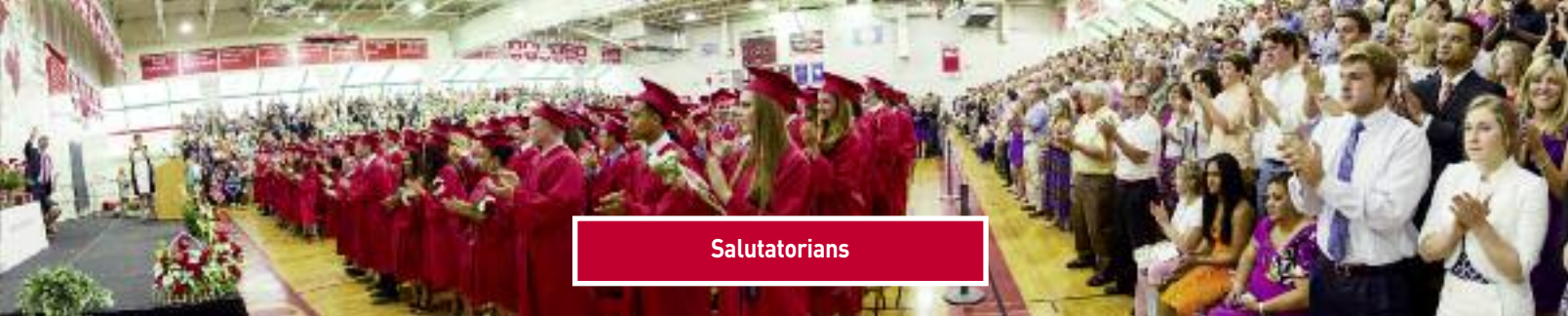
“I killed myself over academics junior year. This year I got involved in new things, made sure to set aside enough time for friends, and went a little easier on myself in some subjects and I absolutely loved this year. Don't let your ego get in the way of doing what you love. You may want to try to be perfect, but that's unattainable. Do your best, but do that while doing what makes you happy.”

Katie Segner

College/University: University of Wisconsin, Madison
Predicted Major: Undecided

Activities: National Honor Society, Red Knight Volunteer Corps,
Math League, Dance Team, St. Therese Nursing Home Volunteer,
Fun in the Sun Camp Counselor, Dominican Republic Mission Trip

“Balancing everything will definitely be tough at times, but that is okay! Keep pushing through! Try and never let one of these things completely overpower everything else. As important as academics are, there is more to life than school. Extracurriculars and service help you discover more about yourself and realize your passions. Never let an opportunity to try something new pass you by! And also, don't be afraid to be busy! In the end, as stressful as it might be, being busy is the way to go!”



Salutatorians

Carter Burn

College/University: United States Naval Academy
 Predicted Major: Electrical Engineering

High School Activities: National Honor Society, Link Crew, Student Council, Football, Wrestling, Lacrosse Manager, Fountains of Hope Engineering Project, Mission Trip to Guatemala and Honduras, Courage Center Physical Therapist Aide

“Be sure to try things that interest you! I tried football my senior year and wish I had played all four years of high school. I advise you to try as many things as you can because you never know what your niche will be. The busier I am, the more I know I need to turn on the afterburners and drive through my homework, so stay busy, have fun, and work hard!”

Sage Fulco

College/University: St. Olaf College
 Predicted Major: Physics

High School Activities: National Honor Society, Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Speech, One Act Play, Knowledge Bowl, Spring Musical, Pop Choir, IOCP Tutor, Red Knights for HOPE, Sailing.

“Be in love with every moment and everything you do. When you love what you do, it’s easy to do it all. Get involved. Say ‘yes.’ Have a ball.”

Senior Awards

- Academic-Arts-Athletics Awards – **Andrew Renier, Annika Wahlquist**
- Al Blasing Memorial Award – **Samuel Lynch**
- Al Reger Award – **Carter Burn, Megan Katopodis**
- Army Scholar/Athlete Award – **Grace Coughlin, Colin Polarek**
- Athena Award – **Kelly Pannek**
- Athletic Director’s Award – **Keaton Studsrud**
- Best Male Lead Performance – **Matthew Brinza**
- Best Female Lead Performance – **Alexandra Johnson**
- Best Male Supporting Actor – **Daniel Faber**
- Business Leadership Achievement Award – **Julia Krieger, Samuel Smogard**
- Catherine Harris Award –
Knight Errant – **Will Jarvis, Laura Shannon**
Sangraal – **Zoë Cave, Elizabeth Nicholson, Kaitlin Segner**
- Ceramics Award – **Sarah Hoesley, Leah Nightingale**
- Choir Award – **Alexandra Johnson, Christian Pederson**
- Choir Award – Arts Out in Front – **Annika Wahlquist**
- Choral Director’s Award – **Andrew Renier, Sierra Twesten**
- DaVinci Award – **Jeremy Pastir, Ariana Radosevich**
- Drawing Award – **Dunham DeRemer**
- English Award – **Jack Youngblut, Julia Vogl**
- Faith Formation Award – **Austin Dale, Samantha Rude**
- Four Years of Excellence in English – **Avery Bather, Kathryn Burns, Sage Fulco, Samantha Letscher**
- Good Citizen Award – **Kasandra Petersen**
- Haben History Award – **Davis Melin**
- Henry David Thoreau Award – **Jack Johnston**
- Herff Jones Believe in You Principal’s Award – **Sage Fulco**
- Instrumental Director’s Award – **Lars Oslund**
- John Haider Career Achievement Award – **Erin Choi, Nick Pan**

- Knight Errant Writer of the Year – **Jack Youngblut**
- Kopp Scholars – **Zoe Aanestad, Kenneth Egelkrout, Samuel Lynch, Michelle Sauer, Rachel Zierden**
- Latin Awards – **Anna McGinn, Jack Youngblut**
- Lettering for Excellence – **John Austin, Jacklyn Cooney, Jack Goldstein, Zachary Harrison, Michael Lamb, Helen Lindsay, Michael Patton, Gibson Reine, Jazmyn Snelson**
- Lynch Leadership Award – **Megan Katopodis**
- Mathematics Award – **Sarah Bianchi, Carter Burn, Michael Kaminski**
- National Choral Award – **Avery Bather, Jonathan Monroe**
- National Honor Society Award – **Elizabeth Nicholson**
- National Merit Commended Scholar – **Sage Fulco**
- National Merit Finalist – **Samantha Letscher**
- Orchestra Conductor’s Award – **Sage Fulco**
- Painting Award – **Meredith Iten**
- Paul Seppelt Award – **Michael Kaminski**
- Philip Steffen Campus Ministry Award – **Samantha Hackathorn, Andrew Renier**
- Photography Award – **Jonathan Paquette**
- President’s Award – **Andrew Birkeland, Grace Coughlin, Zachary Hale, Jack Jablonski, Caroline Kupchella, Kathryn Oppenheimer**
- Pro Lingua Award – **Kathryn Burns**
- Science Award – **Carter Burn, Samantha Letscher**
- Senior Drama Awards – **Megan Coffel, Annika Wahlquist**
- Social Studies Award – **Matthew Brinza, Shannon Forsythe**
- Society of Women Engineers – **Julia Vogl**
- Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award – **Daniel Liberko**
- Spanish Award – **Christopher Perpich, Julia Whalen**
- Student Council Adviser’s Award – **Kathleen Marinelli**
- Sundrum Social Studies Award – **Julia Krieger**

President's Award to a special six



All in This Together—The Class of 2014 was a very cohesive unit and these six classmates were excellent representatives of their class. Pictured clockwise are Grace Coughlin, Zack Hale, Jack Jablonski, Caroline Kupchella, Andrew Birkeland, and Katie Oppenheimer.

Dr. Bob Tift '71 presented his President's Award to six members of the Class of 2014: **Andrew Birkeland, Grace Coughlin, Zack Hale, Jack Jablonski, Caroline Kupchella, and Katie Oppenheimer.** They are excellent representatives of their classmates in so many ways. They were academic leaders, class leaders, athletic leaders, servant leaders, and spirit leaders. At the awards ceremony Dr. Tift told the audience that, "They have inspired us, challenged us, and touched our hearts. They served the BSM community on the courts, on the field, on the ice, on the track, in the media, in print, in NHS, in peer ministry, Link Crew, Student Council, and Red Knight Volunteer Corps. Their contributions and activities manifested themselves in private and public ways. These unique individuals made BSM a better place for everyone."

Honor Graduates



Cum Laude

Alex Barnett
Avery Bather
Jacqueline Bieter
Andrew Birkeland
Angela Charley
Grace Coughlin
Austin Dale
Kaylee Druk
Bridgit Flom
Shannon Forsythe
Nick Guggemos
Zack Hale
Davis Melin
Emily Pirkel
Taras Tataryn
Brittany Wheeler
Madeline Whitmore

Magna Cum Laude

Yemi Benyame
Nick Birney
Matt Brinza
Katie Burns
Erin Choi
Callaghan Commers
Danny Faber
Will Jarvis
Megan Katopodis
Allison Kohler
Michael Lamb
Anna McCloskey
Anna McGinn
Laurie McKenna
Madeline Moore
Grace Moran
Yanjun Pan
Kelly Pannek
Jeremy Pastir
Mackenzie Pavlik
Michael Patton
Christopher Perpich
Kassandra Petersen
Colin Polarek
Jason Sylvestre
Sierra Twesten
Julia Vogl
Emma Zamec

Summa Cum Laude

Zoe Aanestad
Sarah Bianchi
Carter Burn
Jacklyn Cooney
Sage Fulco
Jack Goldstein
Zach Harrison
Sarah Hoesley
Michael Kaminski
Julia Krieger
Samantha Letscher
Helen Lindsay
Shannon McElroy
Liz Nicholson
Michelle Sauer
Katie Segner
Julia Whelan
Rachel Zierden



Al Reger Award



Servant leaders make a difference

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

by Caren Hansen

Megan Katopodis

When responding to some answers for this article via email, Megan Katopodis included an abundance of exclamation points. A high honor roll student, Megan by no means uses punctuation incorrectly. She’s just an especially enthusiastic person...in writing and in life.

When Megan was being introduced for the Al Reger Award, noted attributes of a “welcoming personality” and a “can-do attitude” were highlighted. She is said to “inspire others to do their best,” and it’s clear that in her own endeavors, she practices what she preaches.

A varsity soccer captain, she earned All-Conference, All-State Honorable Mention, and All-Tournament Team awards during her senior year alone, not to mention several others along the way. Megan also spent all four years on the basketball court and went out for lacrosse as a senior. Additionally, she managed the boys’ tennis team, and was active in Student Council throughout high school, serving as executive president this past year. Link Crew, National Honor Society, Math League, Peer Ministry, Red Knight Volunteer Corps, Knightlife, National Spanish Honor Society, Red Carpet Club, the yearbook, and band also filled her calendar.

Megan received the Lynch Leadership (Student Council) Award and a Presidential Service Award, and says of her commitment to service, “I just try to keep in mind how my actions...make a difference or can help anyone in any way.” Last summer, she went to Guatemala and Honduras for BSM’s mission trip and wants to continue to “travel a lot and learn about the different cultures” even after she becomes a University of Wisconsin-Madison Badger, like sister **Erin** (’10).

When asked about high school memories, Megan looks back fondly at her time as a Red Knight, crediting her friends. “I have the world’s best friends! Even if we’re just watching a movie, it’s the best movie ever because I’m with the people that I love to be with most!” She also praises the school community for “giving me opportunities and chances to be the best person, student, and athlete I could be!”

Megan Katopodis took those opportunities and enthusiastically gave ’em all she’s got!!!

Carter Burn

Al Reger Award winner, salutatorian, state wrestler, Student Council vice president, ExCEL nominee, and Link Crew ambassador Carter Burn shares that he will be “attending the United States Naval Academy next year and majoring in electrical engineering. My goal when I get there,” he specifies, “is to become a Bowman Scholar, where I will do mostly research my last year there and be guaranteed to be a part of the Navy’s Nuclear Program. I want to become the Commanding Officer one day of an SSBN, or a nuclear-powered submarine with ballistic missile capabilities.” He explains that becoming a Bowman Scholar “with extra hard work” should assure that.

It’s no wonder that BSM staff members have described Carter as “dedicated” and “committed.” This young man clearly knows how to succeed. Yet, his humility and willingness to think beyond himself is inspiring. “I constantly have a lot of energy [but] deep down I am a bit of a softy,” he concedes.

Carter takes the greatest commandments of loving God and others seriously, saying that BSM “taught me about faith and service.” His favorite class was Morality, which he believes challenges you to “look deep into your soul and learn about what your life was, is, and will be.”

That lesson took on a deeper meaning when Carter went on the BSM mission trip to Guatemala and Honduras last summer. “I learned even more about the need that people have in this world.” While the importance of service was instilled in him by his parents at an early age, Carter credits Mr. McMerty-Brummer, one of the leaders of the trip, “for teaching me what it means to serve this world...He taught me what service really is all about and how one needs to give back to the community for the gifts they were given.” Referencing another valuable trip leader, Carter adds, “I also have to thank Ms. Guzman, because if I don’t give her a shoutout, I will most likely get the silent treatment at my graduation party.”

The only silent treatment that Carter Burn deserves is one filled with respect and awe for all he has done and will continue to do.

Top athletes master six sports

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



Twenty-two seconds. That's all it took for **Kelly Pannek** to score a hat trick (three goals) during a hockey game, making the feat a state record. That was also probably the maximum amount of time needed for BSM coaches to decide on Kelly as the 2014 Athena Award recipient.

A star hockey and soccer player for the Red Knights during her four years at BSM, she was named Class A Ms. Soccer for the state of Minnesota and was a Class AA Ms. Hockey finalist. For soccer, Kelly also captured six All-Conference awards, three All-State honors, four All-Tournament spots, an All-Metro award, and an All-American title. As a center midfielder, she joined the 100-Point Club and became BSM's second all-time leading soccer scorer. On the rink, she has five All-Conference awards, three All-State titles, two All-Metro honors, and an All-Tournament post to her credit.

Her activities weren't limited to these two sports, however. This spring she picked up a lacrosse stick and finished the season with a number of honors: All-Conference, All-State, and Conference MVP. Kelly was a National Honor Society member for two years and a National Language Honor Society member for three. She was also involved in Link Crew.

K-Pan, as nicknamed by James Cave during her freshman year in varsity soccer, says that "winning back-to-back state titles for soccer my junior and senior years," under coach Scott Helling-Christy, was a high-school highlight." Similarly, she notes that making it to the state championship in hockey this year, with coach Dave Herbst's leadership, avenged previous setbacks.

The third of four children, landing between sisters **Allie** and **Amy** ('12) and brother **Billy** ('18), Kelly began playing both soccer and hockey when she was 4. As a young soccer player, she played for Minnesota Thunder Academy, also securing a place on the Elite Clubs National League. She grew up playing hockey in the Armstrong Youth Hockey Association on the boys' side until eighth grade, when she switched to girls' high school hockey. She explains, "I have had the opportunity to play in the Midwest Girls' High School Elite League as well as be involved with USA Hockey, traveling to Finland for the Junior World Championships last year and to England this past summer for an international camp."

She'll soon be packing her suitcase for the University of Minnesota, where she will play hockey and attend the Carlson School of Management. Along with earning her degree, Kelly hopes to win a national championship and make the Olympic team sometime in the future. Already, she has plenty for which she is grateful. "I am most proud of being on teams that became families to me and we had every success together. I [can] look at each of my teammates after every season and know that I will never forget what happened that season and who it happened with."

Although her fond memories likely took longer than 22 seconds to create, they will undoubtedly last a lifetime.

Sam Lynch knows sports. He should...he spent 18 seasons playing them as a Red Knight, during grades 7-12.

Almost any coach will tell you that three-sport athletes are becoming more and more rare. While this type of competitor is not quite as unique at BSM as other high schools, Sam's consistent dedication to athletics, combined with his impressive accomplishments, earned him this year's Al Blasing Award.

Athletes who participate in multiple sports are often found choosing compatible types. Runners, for instance, may be in cross country and track. Soccer players sometimes continue to shoot at the net in hockey. Football players might later run down the field in lacrosse.

Not Sam. Football, basketball, and baseball were his preferred pastimes. In earlier years, he led his football team as quarterback, and then switched to receiver and safety positions. Winning the conference championship at Spring Lake Park last fall was particularly memorable for Sam, as well as "battling DeLaSalle on the Island." On the basketball court, he battled as a guard, and when taking the field for baseball, ran to centerfield.

Sam recalls that before claiming their spots inside the fence, the baseball team would meet in centerfield to stretch "while John O'Connor entertained the team with some antics." Pre-game rituals for other sports included Sam and teammate Keaton Studsrud taping each other's cleats before football games, and getting hyped up in the locker room before basketball games to the classic track *It's Raining Men*.

Sam proved to be one of the reigning leaders in the conference. As a senior, he clinched All-Conference and All-Conference Academic honors for football and basketball and was named MVP and Defensive Player of the Year for basketball. In baseball Sam earned All-Conference Academic and All-Conference Honorable Mention honors. In addition, he received a Kopp Scholarship and a Student Recognition Award during high school, and was involved in Red Knight Volunteer Corps.

"I think my coaches would describe me as a player who loves to play the game and compete," says Sam. He has a similar perception about his own varsity football coach, Jon Hanks, whom Sam would have relished seeing play football as a teenager, "because I feel like he would play like a psycho."

Sam will continue his own football-playing style at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, where older brother **Jon** ('08) also played football. Sister **Sarah** ('05) earned her nursing degree at Winona State University.

Leaving his Red Knight days behind, Sam shares, "I am most proud of sticking with all three sports, and not giving one of them up to focus on one of the others." He should be; these days it's a notable feat all its own.

The **Knight Errant website** received the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) Online Pacemaker Award on April 12 at the Spring 2014 National High School Journalism Convention in San Diego, California. The Pacemaker Award is the NSPA's highest honor. This is the fifth time in six years that the Knight Errant has won this prestigious award.

Mary Pat Ross '15 was chosen to represent Minnesota at the Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference that was held June 21-26 at the Newseum Institute in Washington, D.C. The conference promotes the vital role of the First Amendment as a cornerstone of democracy and inspires students to pursue journalism careers.

Benilde-St. Margaret's was well represented at the State Speech Meet. **Izze Rossiter '18**, **Brandon Banks '16**, **Parker Breza '15**, **Molly Eldevik '15**, **Zeph Kaffey '15**, **Jackie Lawyer '15**, **Mary Pat Ross '15**, **Jacqui Theisen '15**, **Matt Brinza '14**, **Katie Burns '14**, **Emily Dorn '14**, and **Jack Youngblut '14**, all advanced to state.

Parker Breza also will be competing at the National Forensic League National Tournament in Kansas City. This will be Parker's second trip to the tournament that is the pinnacle of competition in speech.



Several students received Hennepin Theatre Trust Spotlight Awards for their work in the spring musical, the *Wizard of Oz*. Seniors **Lexi Johnson** and **Danny Faber** and junior **Luke Guidinger** received Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role. **Annie Dillon '15** received Honorable Mention in a Lead Role, **Julia Vogl '14** received Honorable Mention in a Supporting Role, and **Maddie Turk '17** and **Leo Driessen '17** received Honorable Mention in a Featured Role. **Elyse Vandersteen '17** received the Outstanding Creative and Technical Achievement Award.

Jason Sylvestre '14 and his robot, VoltX2.0, earned a third place award at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Los Angeles, California, May 10-16. ISEF is the premier science competition in the world and provides a forum for more than 1,700 high school students from over 70 countries, regions, and territories to annually showcase their independent research.

The **Red Knight RoboRescue Squad (RKRS)** departed to Magdeburg, Germany, Thursday, March 27, to compete for "survival" in the RoboCup 2014 German Open. The team of seniors competed with other teams from Austria, England, Germany, and India in the RoboCup Major Competition. BSM was the only high school that competed. Other teams consisted of university students.

Jacob Creutzmann '18 has invented a fire starter kit titled "Litz." Litz is a kit that contains two wooden teepees, twine, newspaper, and a patented technology for igniting. Jacob has filed a provisional patent for this invention with the United States Patent Trademark Office and next year he will be able to file for a full utility patent. The provisional patent acts as a placeholder, and helps ensure his invention is not stolen or replicated.

BSM junior **Ben Kohler** took home two awards for his films at the EDU Film Festival on Friday, May 16. Ben was awarded Best Cinematography for his Honduras/Guatemala Mission Trip film. He also won the Best Documentary Award for his Crist Ballas - Master of Makeup film, along with fellow filmmakers **Matt Brinza '14** and **Jeremy Pastir '14**. Both award-winning films have been submitted to the Duluth Superior Film Festival for consideration for its short film program.

Senior **Mackenzie (Mack) Nevells** received the Crystal Pillar Award for Student Director as part of the Upper Midwest Regional Student Awards sponsored by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS). Mack has taken every film-related course he can at BSM.

Senior **Lea Ale** is one of 78 musicians in the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies (GTCYS) who toured in Spain June 14 - 23 and performed as part of the prestigious International Festival of Music and Dance at the Manuel de Falla Concert Hall in Granada on June 21.



Red Knight RoboRescue Squad (RKRS): back row (l-r) Julia Vogl, Alex Laughlin, Michael McClurg, Carter Burn, Grant Anderson, and Rob McKoskey; front row (l-r) Emma Zeman, Peter Watkins, Bennett Torrance, Joey Pupel and Sage Fulco.

Three BSM students won the Caring Youth Award through St. Louis Park: **John Lager '14**, **Felisha Fox '18**, and **Jack Johnston '14**. The Caring Youth Recognition was started in 1989 by Roland and Doris Larson.

The National Honor Society Officers for the 2014-2015 school year are President **Maureen Desmond '15**, Vice President **Jackie Lawyer '15** and Secretary **Aidan O'Driscoll '15**.

During the Section 5AA Individual Wrestling Meet on Saturday, February 22, eight BSM wrestlers qualified for the state tournament. This is a school record for the number of BSM wrestlers at a state tournament! Individual state qualifiers were: **Jake Allar '17** (113 lbs.), **Zach Bigelbach '17** (120 lbs.), **Hunter Rust '15** (132 lbs.), **Logan Kass '15** (138 lbs.), **Seoulec Gunvalson '15** (145 lbs.), **Carter Burn '14** (170 lbs.), **Jameer Anderson '16** (195 lbs.), and **Christian DuLaney '14** (220 lbs.). At the state meet Christian DuLaney placed second and Jake Allar and Logan Kass earned third place finishes. The Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association awarded BSM a Silver Plaque for having a team GPA between 3.0 and 3.49.

Taylor Rogers '14 was crowned Prom Princess at a ceremony on Tuesday, April 22. The prom court included: (l-r) **Carlin Gordon** and **Michael Patton**, **Julia Krieger** and **Jimmy Cron**, **Megan Katopodis** and **Jay Biwer**, **Taylor Rogers** and **Jack Hathaway**, **Avery Bather** and **Alex Moroz**, and **Elizabeth Emmer** and **Mark Ahern**. Emcees for coronation were **Andrea Luse**, **Anna McGinn**, and **Kelly Pannek**.



2014 Prom Court

BSM BUZZ

The **Benilde-St. Margaret's boys' swim team** performed exceptionally well at the 2A Section Meet. Six Red Knight swimmers qualified for the Class A State Meet at the University of Minnesota Aquatics Center. **Kyle Johnson '15** advanced with a school-record 55.58 in the 100 backstroke. Johnson also qualified in the 200-yard freestyle and as a member of the 400-yard freestyle relay. Joining him on the relay were **Tyler Metz '17**, **Tommy McGinn '17**, and **Carson Knoer '17**. Knoer also qualified in the 100 backstroke and McGinn qualified in the 500 freestyle. The 200-freestyle relay team of **Matt Bonvino '15**, **Peter McCague '16**, McGinn, and Metz also swam at state.

Student leaders for the 2014-2015 school year have been elected. Those serving on the student council executive board are President **Maddy Karlen '15**, Vice President **Will Duda '15**, Secretary **Sofie Scott '15**, Commissioner of Publicity **Mimi Burns '15**, and Commissioner of Student Activities **Blake Castaneda '15**. Leading the senior class will be **Jay Weber** (president), **Sophie Madden** (vice president), **Mark Falls** (secretary) and **Margaux Brink** (treasurer). Junior officers include **Auggie Moore** (president), **Peter McCague** and **Brooke Stanley** (vice presidents), **Maddie Etienne** (secretary), and **Matt Lynch** (treasurer). The sophomores chosen to serve are **Joe Blake** (president), **Carrie Bather** (vice president), **Cora Wyvell** (secretary) and **Michael Wexler** (treasurer).



Kyle Johnson '15



Tyler Metz '17



Tommy McGinn '17



Carson Knoer '17



Matt Bonvino '15



Peter McCague '16



Two Alpine skiers, **Jaime Dritz '16** and **Alex Setchell '15**, represented BSM at the state meet.



Jaime Dritz



Alex Setchell

Amanda Kautzer '16 and **Andrew Egger '14** came home with medals from the Nordic Junior Nationals in Stowe, Vermont, March 1-8. Amanda won National Champion in the classic sprint race, and placed All-American in the 5k classic, classic sprint, and 3/3 relay. Andrew placed All-American in the classic sprint race. Benilde-St. Margaret's is one of the few schools in the nation that sent multiple athletes to Nationals this year.

The **boys' basketball team** earned the North Suburban Conference Academic Award for having the highest cumulative GPA among conference schools.

The **girls' basketball team** won the North Suburban Conference title and **Grace Coughlin '14** received All-State honors.

The **boys' hockey team** earned the Section 6AA Academic Award with a nearly 3.6 cumulative GPA. **Spencer Naas '14** was a Mr. Hockey finalist and a member of the All-Metro Second Team.

The **boys' tennis team** finished as North Suburban Conference Champions.

Four members of the Class of 2014 signed letters of intent this spring: **Christian DuLaney** (wrestling, University of Northern Iowa), **Johnny Austin** (hockey, University of Connecticut), **Spencer Naas** (hockey, University of Connecticut), and **Liz Nicholson** (basketball, Taylor University).

The **Knightettes** were crowned State AA jazz champions and were state AA high kick participants. All-State honors went to seniors **Jacqueline Bieter**, **Hollie Christensen**, **Grace Moran** and **Katie Segner**. Moran and Segner were also All-State Academic and Bieter and Segner were named to the All-Tournament Jazz team.



Maddy Karlen
Student Council
President



Jay Weber
Senior Class
President



Auggie Moore
Junior Class
President



Joe Blake
Sophomore Class
President

Riley Gannon '14 returned to the state tournament for boys' golf. The girls' golf team had two individual representatives: **Jacklyn Cooney '14** and **McKenzie Swenson '14**.



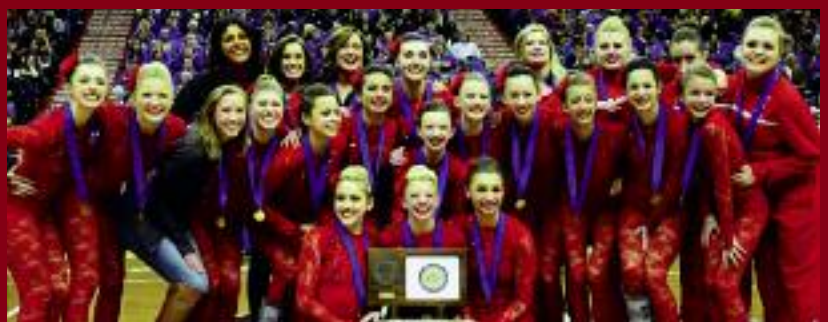
Riley Gannon



Jacklyn Cooney



McKenzie Swenson



The Knightettes pictured with their trophy are: back (l-r) Coach Sarah Schultz, Coach Sam Cameranesi, Coach Sarah Johnson, Christine Lager '15, Manager Maddie Whitmore '14, Hollie Christensen '14, Maddy Guidinger '14, and Madeline Wertz '14; middle (l-r) Bailey Adams '16, Kendel Malcolm '15, Manager Meredith Iten '14, Margaux Brink '15, Taylor Everett '15, Natalie Chevalier '15, Molly Segner '19, Megan Benson '17, Ashley Zagaros '16, Cici Fortney '17, Hannah Witterschein '16, and Alexa Field '19; front (l-r) Jacqueline Bieter '14, Katie Segner '14, and Grace Moran '14.

BSM BUZZ

The **boys' lacrosse team** finished as North Suburban conference champions and Section 6 runners-up. **Mikey Lamb '14**, the state's top lacrosse scorer with 84 points (45 goals, 39 assists), was a Mr. Lacrosse finalist, the EPOCH Lacrosse Men's Player of the Year, and he earned All-State, All-Metro and All-American honors. **Jake Donlin '14** also received All-State and All-American recognition.



Mikey Lamb



Jake Donlin

Keaton Studsrud '14 was the winner of the 2014 Athletic Director's Award. The starting quarterback for the Red Knights was All-Conference, All-Metro 2nd Team, and The North Suburban Conference MVP. On June 28 he played for the North in the MFCA Tackle Cancer All-Star Football Game at St. John's University. Earlier in the month Keaton played for the Metro West in the Minnesota High School Baseball All-Star Series. A shortstop for the Red Knights, Keaton was All-Conference, All-Section, and the team MVP. Keaton will continue his football career at the University of North Dakota.



In his first year in a Red Knight track uniform, **Jalen Floyd '15** qualified as an individual state participant in the 100-meter dash.



Congratulations to the **Red Knight girls' hockey team** for their silver medal finish at the state tournament! The girls defeated Minnetonka and Wayzata on their way to the Section 6AA title and a berth at state. Red Knights **Kelly Pannek '14** and **Caitlin Reilly '14** both made the All-Tournament team. BSM goalie **Abbey Miller '14** set the state record with 29 career shutouts in her Red Knight career. The team also won the conference title and had several individual honors. Kelly Pannek was a Ms. Hockey finalist and an All-Metro selection. Caitlin Reilly was a Ms. Hockey semifinalist and a member of the All-Metro Second Team.

For the second year, softball veteran **Maddie Houlihan '15** was an All-Metro selection. The five-year varsity veteran and a future Gophers infielder is a slick fielder at first base and an uncanny hitter. She hit .657 – her third consecutive season hitting .600 or higher – with 37 RBI, 26 runs scored and 20 extra-base hits. Houlihan has struck out only twice in the past two seasons.



Adam Grazzini '15 was honored with an appointment to the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) 2014 Minnesota All-State Team in the Concurrent Classification of Sub Junior. The NSCA annually selects an All-State Team for each state, consisting of 18 shooters each: five shooters from the Open category, one from each class, and one from each concurrent.



The **girls' lacrosse team** finished as North Suburban conference champions and Section 6 runners-up. **Ali Praus '14** was an All-Metro and All-State selection leading the Red Knights with 52 goals. **Kelly Pannek '14** and **Aleksa Tataryn '16** were also All-State selections and Pannek was named the conference MVP.



Team pictured with their trophy: back (l-r) Kippin Keller '16, Grace Peluso '17, Brittany Wheeler '14, Manager Madi Mayer '15, Julia Stelljes '16, Xandi Swedberg '15, Sydney Simone '16, Kelly Pannek '14, Kaylee Druk '14, and Megan Cornell '17; middle (l-r) McKenzie Swenson '14, Heather Mostrom '16, and Manager Katie Oppenheimer '14; front (l-r) Abbey Miller '14, Kasi Petersen '14, Caitlin Reilly '14, Maggie Conry '15, Anna DeGiulio '16, and Ali Praus '14.

The **girls' table tennis team** made it to the championship round at the state meet and placed fourth with 12 teams competing. The tournament director told the BSM girls that they were "pioneers for the sport." This tournament was the first of its kind because this was the first year Minnesota had a separate girls' table tennis state meet: (l-r) **Taylor McLeod '16**, **Jackie Lawyer '15**, **Morgan Matson '15** and **Paige McLeod '16**: not pictured; **Emma Sather '16**.



The **boys' table tennis team** made it to the championship round at the state meet and placed fourth out of 20 teams. The team has taken fourth place the last three years at the state meet. Team members are **Griffen Hueler '14**, **Jack Pupel '15**, **Peyton Melin '17**, **Danny Hogan '14**, **Drew Coulombe '14**, **Taras Tataryn '14**, **Connor McTigue '14**, **Macartan Commers '16**, **Connor Day '15**, **Christian Pederson '14**, and **Julian Ng '16**.



Ali Praus

Advancement

Dear Friends and Alumni,

While composing this thank you letter to each of you, the image of Dr. Tift talking at this year's Baccalaureate comes to mind. For those of you who were not there, Dr. Tift remembered his 47 years of being associated with Benilde-St. Margaret's. It was first as a freshman in 1967, then a graduate in 1971, and then coming back to BSM as the senior high principal in 1991 and being named president in 2001. But then he began to talk about what the seniors had to look forward to during their next four years and the various careers they will have after their college years are over. It was a wonderful speech – one part looking back and the other part ahead. With this letter, I recall the many blessings you have made possible over the 2013-2014 fiscal year, and celebrate the many opportunities that you have provided for our students in the coming school year.



Your gifting is not an intangible dollar that disappears within an annual fund. Your generosity targets specific needs within our school community. Let me share a few examples of what your gifts have allowed us to accomplish: Two hundred students are receiving a Catholic education, grounded in our three founding religious orders and their charisms – Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet; Christian Brothers; and the Benedictines, and formed by academic excellence as a result of our tuition assistance program. Your gifts create opportunities for economically challenged families to have their children attend one of the best Catholic schools in the Midwest. This could not happen without you. Your support has enabled the school to invest over a million dollars in technology infrastructure improvements that enable our students to benefit from the continued implementation of our one-to-one laptop program. Over 400 students have participated in our Red Knight Volunteer Corps program to assist the needy, elderly and the forgotten because you made a donation. Dozens of volunteers produce a memorable and successful fundraiser, *A Knight for All Seasons*, that provides financial support for our students and allows us to fund other needed academic programs.

Looking ahead, your gifts this past year enabled us to offer competitive salaries and benefits to our excellent faculty. Your gifts to the Haben Center floor renovation ensures that our community will have the latest technology in gym floors for our athletic games and physical education classes. Your support means that we are able to financially welcome 125 new seventh graders and 230 new ninth graders in the fall of 2014.

Please know that as contributors and partners, you are remembered in our daily prayers. Your donations are never expected – they are respectfully received. The community of Benilde-St. Margaret's extends their heartfelt gratitude to each of you for every way that you support us – as donors, benefactors, alumni, and as recipients of your prayers. We hope to see you around the campus so that you can see firsthand that while the past is always remembered by our faculty and students and in the accomplishments of our alums, the future holds great promise for the young people you support. Should you like to arrange a visit, please give me a call at 952-915-4351 to arrange a time. If you are unable to stop in, please follow the successes of our students and school community at www.bsmschool.org.

Fondly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Richard J. Olson
Vice President of Advancement



The honored faculty and staff are: standing (l-r) Jim Wander, Anne Moen, Al Liekhus, and Matt McMerty-Brummer; seated Evonne Zahedi.

Dedication and excellence rewarded

The 2014 end-of-the-year awards ceremony took place on May 20. Each year BSM honors outstanding faculty and staff by presenting several awards: Staff of the Year, Faculty of the Year, Apple Polisher Award, and Parents' Choice Award.

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The dedicated duo of Anne Moen and Al Liekhus are the well-deserving recipients of **Staff of the Year**. Each of them has worked tirelessly for more than twenty years to ensure our school shines inside and out. Working maintenance is by nature a behind-the-scenes job yet it is essential for the day-to-day operation of the school. BSM requires all the upkeep one expects of an aging structure, but because of Al and Anne, the students, faculty and staff arrive each day to a place that is not just four walls to keep the weather out, but rather the Red Knight community's home.

Anne and Al take pride in their school. They care about how the little things like broken chairs and clogged drains are fixed. They also have the experience and knowledge to ensure that the big things like the heat, roof and water systems are functioning as they should. Lucky for BSM, no job is too big or too small for Al and Anne.

In addition to the day-to-day operations of the school, Anne and Al are also two of the people critical to special events. Ever wonder who sets up and tears down for all-school Masses? Who makes sure the tables are set perfectly for the *Knight for All Seasons* and the Hall of Honor? You guessed it. Al's hard work and problem solving abilities coupled with Anne's flexibility and attention to detail ensure all community events are executed without a hitch.

Mother Teresa said we can do no great things, only small things with great love. How blessed BSM is to have two staff members whose lives and work exemplify this ideal.

The National Honor Society sponsors the **Apple Polisher Award** that is voted upon by the student body. Past award winners share many similar qualities. They have been described as willing to go the extra mile, caring and thoughtful. This year's Apple Polisher Award winner shares those qualities, as well as one that is uniquely his own, a stellar sense of humor.

This is Matt McMerty-Brummer's third year as a Spanish teacher at BSM. Prior to teaching the Red Knights, Matt and his wife were missionaries in Honduras at Farm of the Child. He began there as

an elementary school teacher but then became the founding principal and teacher in the junior high. During this time he was also the house-father to the adolescent boys at the orphanage.

Matt and Andrea moved to Minnesota in 2011 and he joined the BSM faculty. Whether Matt's beloved sense of humor stems from his experiences as a missionary, or from the daily chaos of being a father of six, his ability to put his students at ease while encouraging them to succeed is a combination that makes his students smile – and learn.

The **Parents' Choice Award** winner is the talk of the town, or at least the talk of her students. One parent reports that, "Every day on the drive home I get the short version of what happened in science class." Another notes that "Not a day goes by without my child enthusiastically providing tidbits of information she learned in science."

Evonne Zahedi's ability to share her passion and excitement for learning with her junior high students is extraordinary. She has a special talent for igniting students with a desire to do well in all of their classes, not just science. A member of the junior high faculty since 2000, Evonne is not only appreciated by parents, but also admired by students and co-workers.

Wander leaves lab with faculty honors

This year's **Faculty of the Year** award winner has the bittersweet honor of being recognized in his final year of teaching. For 38 years Jim Wander has taught science and coached countless athletes. Although Jim is leaving his lab coat behind, his bandana and sweat suit will still be seen at cross country and track practices and meets.

How do you sum up 38 years? Past students do it best.

- "Your demeanor was generally quiet but your actions, teaching and coaching, were strong and always filled with purpose."*
- "I can only hope that my children have a teacher/coach who cares about and believes in them the way you have cared for and believed in countless students and athletes at BSM."*
- "I remember that when I first joined the track team, I was the slowest, but you ran in the back with me the whole time, encouraging me as I pressed on. Thank you for teaching me life skills about never giving up and the joy of discovery in life."*
- "My heart rejoices for the impact that you've made as a teacher and a coach."*
- "It is because of your lessons both in the classroom and on the track that I will always strive to push past my comfort zone in life. Thank you a million times over for being an inspiration to me and so many others."*
- "You earned our respect, kept our interest, and helped prepare us for life ahead."*
- "I have a B.S. in physics. I have told many that my life might have been different if Mr. Wander had been my art history teacher."*
- "You are that person who touches the life of every person you meet in one way or another. Thank you for being so selfless for so many years."*

Veterans move on to new adventures

Linda Garvert



Linda Garvert is the essential right hand of the athletic and activities department. No shrinking violet, she has the perfect personality for the constant banter that goes along with the collection of coaches walking in and out of

the AD's office. Managing a myriad of school athletic teams and activities is no small feat. Over the last twenty years, Linda skillfully juggled the needs of coaches, administration and athletes. Linda's efficiency, organizational skills and attention to detail have supported coaches behind the scenes as BSM won 157 Conference Championships and 27 State Titles during her tenure. Her wealth of knowledge and understanding of all the nuances within all the BSM extracurricular activities will be sorely missed. Linda will now switch from organizing activities for junior and senior high students to enjoying the activities of a grandchild.

Connie Fourné



Wellness director Connie Fourné began her career at BSM in 1991 as a religion teacher. It didn't take long for her talents to be recognized as she was both Faculty of the Year and Apple Polisher Award winner in 1995. A lifelong learner,

Connie continued her education by earning two Master's Degrees, the first in 1996, and the second in 2010. She is a published author and national leader in Catholic service learning and social teaching. Identifying a need to help students manage the many demands on their time, Connie developed and implemented BSM's wellness program. This initiative works to balance intellectual, spiritual, emotional, social, physical and environmental wellness to help our students reach their full potential. As she leaves BSM in search of peace and balance in her own life, we know her legacy of caring for the whole student, spirit, mind and body will benefit BSM students for years to come.

Dianne Numelin



Parlez-vous francais? If you took French at BSM, odds are you had Madame Numelin. Dianne has spent the better part of the last 30 years sharing her love of languages with BSM students. With degrees in both French and

Spanish, Dianne has taught both in the classroom and out of the country. A member of the Minnesota Council of Teaching of Languages and Cultures and the American Association of Teachers of French, Dianne has also participated in a American Teacher Exchange, spending a summer in Argentina. Leading many student trips to France, Spain, Costa Rica and Peru, she alternated each year between French and Spanish students. Dianne also served as the coordinator for international students at BSM and the Amity scholars program. Dianne retired from teaching in 2008 but stayed on at BSM as the substitute coordinator. We wish her a colorful, full and satisfying retirement. Merci Beaucoup, Madame!

ALUMNI NEWS



1948

The ladies of the Class of 1948 got together at Elsie's Restaurant on May 15 for a celebration of 66 years of SMA memories and friendships: back row (l-r) **Sheila McNeive Anderson, Gerry McMullin Grazzini, Phyllis Cotten Fahey, Rosemary Kleve Madde, Joyce Nelson Saucier, and Nan Fraser**; front row (l-r) **Monica Smigleski Navratil, Merriam Savelkoul Gorman, Bobbi Wilson Kenney, Joan Gormley Belanger, and Janet Dziewior Christopherson.** ▲

1949

SMA classmates gathered at Doolittles Woodfire Grill in Golden Valley to celebrate their 65th reunion: back row **Susan Colford Perrier, Carolyn Motzko Gabor, Margaret Misjuk Gromek, Patricia Mahoney Dee, Alice Kelly Brown, Mary Jean Manke Martin, Geraldine Johnson Leonard, Maureen O'Neill Enger, and Joan Hasselo Knoke**; front row (l-r) **Yvonne Hentges Peterson, Helen Goblirsch Foy, Frances Handzel and LaVerne Bendsten Kintop.** ▼



1959

Rosemary Hausotter Heille was recognized for her volunteer work at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School at the school's 2014 Spring Volunteer Luncheon. She was given the school's *Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam Award* ("For the greater glory of God" award). Rosemary, a retired school librarian, has been, and continues to be, one of the school's volunteer librarians for the past three years. She received the award for her work as a member of Cristo Rey's volunteer corps.



1962

Mary Ann Delmonico Kuharski has written a book, *Prayers for Life*, a moving, 40-day devotional that offers readers the spiritual sustenance for the road ahead. Mary Ann is a founding member and president of ProLife Across

America, a non-profit, non-political organization recognized for its positive, educational, prolife media messages on billboards across the nation. Mary Ann is the author of four books, including *Raising Catholic Children* and *Parenting with Prayer*.

Steve Upton has published his first book, *The Second Coming: America's Second 9/11 Attack*. Steve graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in journalism. After graduation he worked in the advertising industry for more than 15 years as a creative director and award-winning copywriter before changing careers and starting a business. Now retired, Steve has returned to writing and lives in Sarasota, Florida, with wife Pam.

1966

Fr. Tim Wozniak celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination on June 1 at his current parish, St. Thomas Becket, in Eagan.

1969

Tom Kretsch continues to recover from a traumatic brain injury sustained after a car accident left him paralyzed many years ago. Tom has made significant improvements in speech, strength and balance over the years thanks to his fighting spirit and support from mother Josephine and brother **John Kretsch '62.** ▼

1970

Rick Johns and the University School of Milwaukee were awarded the 2013 Interscholastic Sports Program of Excellence Award by *Coach and Athletic Director Magazine*. Rick Johns is currently the athletic director there.

1971

Dr. Bob Tift is leaving BSM after 22 years of service to his alma mater. Bob has served as principal and president of Benilde-St. Margaret's and has had three sons join him in the alumni ranks. Dr. Tift will be consulting for Partners in Mission and will be working with Children's Lighthouse of Minnesota. ▶



1984

Pauline Knaeble Williams has published an exciting historical fiction novel set in Minneapolis during the 1940s called *Finding Hollis*. The book was published by a group of her BSM classmates at Forty Press, a publishing firm out of Minneapolis. Forty Press founders and fellow '84 classmates include, **Joe Riley**, publisher, **Nick Dimassis**, editorial director, and **Kelly Keady**, CMO and legal counsel. Look for *Finding Hollis* at bookstores in the Minneapolis area. ◀



1985

Mary Aubart and husband Steve Schaefer welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Emma Kathryn, into the world on October 17, 2013. The Schaefers live in South Minneapolis.

Mike Nemanich and his wife, Carol, are thrilled to announce that Andrew David Nemanich was born on April 23, and joined the family through adoption.

1986

John Vohnhof finished his MBA at Carlson School of Management - University of Minnesota on May 19, after 5.5 years of night school. John is pictured with his wife, Laura and daughter Marina. ▼



1991

John Duda and **Steve Byrnes** '88 completed the 56-mile Comrades Marathon, the world's largest and oldest ultra marathon in Durban, South Africa, on June 1.

Joy Woog Garvey made the 2013 U.S. National Women's Inline Hockey Team and scored the goal that tied Canada, sparking her teammates toward a come-from-behind victory to take home the gold medal at the first Women's Inline Hockey Championship in Southern California. Joy was also elected by the inline hockey community as their representative to the Federation of International Roller Sports. Joy lives in Phoenix with her husband, Rich, and her children, Hope (5) and RJ (3).

Danielle Grant was married to Bryce Miller on July 20, 2013, at St. Cecelia's Catholic Church in St. Paul. Alumni in attendance included Danielle's siblings **Gabby Grant '90**, **Johnny Grant '95** and **Jimmy Grant '96** as well as fellow Class of '91 alums **Tanya Hoffman**

Blankenship, **Jennifer Murphy**, **Becky Kellen**, **Trujillo**, **Angie Burroughs**, **Nicole Burroughs Carter**, **Anne Byron**, **Megan Anderson**, **Megan Philippi**, **Kedren Tracey Leedy**, **Jason Lundstrom**, and **Chris Hill**.

The couple resides in St. Louis Park, MN. ▶



Natalie Tritz Fowler has accepted representation by literary agent, Terrie Wolf of AKA Literary, for her mystery novel, *A Sinner Among Us*.

Peaches Nelson Schultz, **Lisa Farris Thuringer** and **Tina Jansen White** had a mini Benilde-St. Margaret's reunion in Kansas City at Bar Louie Zona Rosa in late May. ▼



1992

Nate Tennesen and his wife, Erika, are pleased to announce the birth of Isaac Nathan on May 18. Isaac's older siblings, Natalie (10), Molly (7), and Luke (5), are excited to have a new baby brother.

David Yunger, owner of GreenBridge Computing, signed a global agreement with Microsoft to showcase the world's first enterprise-class \$100 computing device in 33 Microsoft Technology Centers around the world. GreenBridge Computing is a global leader in the desktop virtualization arena, specializing in Windows MultiPoint Server solutions. The company's devices and services deliver a rich PC experience, with all the economic benefits of the cloud, at a fraction of the cost. David is pictured here with Mr. Tom Backen at the company's launch at ISTE, 2011, in Philadelphia. ▲



1993

Elyse and **Kelly Gallagher** welcomed Rory Quinn into their family on January 4. Kelly is a creative director at The Steinhuser Group. The Gallaghers live in Minneapolis.

Greta Jane Nicoli was born on February 14 to proud parents Gina and **Andy Nicoli**. Greta was welcomed home by big brother Luca (7) and big sister Stella (4). Andy is an anesthesiologist with Aurora Medical Group. The Nicoli family lives in Grafton, Wisconsin.

1996

Tom Emmel and **Kate Leahy** were married on September 27, 2013, at the Basilica of St. Mary. **Fr. Tim Wozniak '66** was the celebrant. The reception was held at the Calhoun Beach Club and many BSM friends were in attendance, including bridesmaids, **Jenny Peters '96** and **Lisa Lenhart-Murphy '86**. ▼



Jane Sovina was born October 22, 2013, to Chad and **Kathleen Martinson Stutzman**. Big sister Lily (2) welcomed Jane home. Kathleen is employed at Weber Shandwick and Chad is employed at Best Buy. The Stutzmans live in south Minneapolis.

1997

Amy Mohr Rondeau is a professional portrait and wedding photographer and has opened a photography studio in Apple Valley.

1998

Alice Jean Harmeyer was born December 2, 2013, to **Carolyn Murry Harmeyer** and Christian Harmeyer of Le Center, Minnesota. Big sister Grace welcomed Alice home. Carolyn teaches for the Tri-City United School District and Christian teaches for Nicollet public schools.

Sarah Wilm Hunter graduated with honors on May 13 from Alexandria Technical and Community College's Associate Degree in Nursing Program. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She works as an RN for Alternative Senior Care in Sauk Centre. Sarah recently returned to BSM to share her musical talents with the community at the 40th Birthday Mass celebration.

1999

James and **Catie Scherer Brackin** welcomed Cooper Edmunn Brackin into the world on February 10. Big brother JJ (4) and big sister Ella (2) love him to pieces. James works for DePuy Synthes Spine as a senior sales consultant. The Brackin family resides in Minnetonka.

Katie DesLauriers Sullivan and her husband, Tom, are pleased to announce the birth of Maria Francis on February 14. Maria was welcomed home by her big brothers Michael (6) and James (4).

2001

Sarah Shinder Bakkum is opening the *Play and Learn Café*, an educational indoor playground and café for kids under the age of six. Sarah has launched a kickstarter campaign to help raise funds for this organization. For more information or to help contribute to the kickstarter go to www.playandlearncafe.com The Bakkum family lives in Golden Valley.

Amy DesLauriers Crowther and her husband, John, are the proud parents of Beckett John who was born on April 27. Howie (2) is excited to have a new baby brother.

ALUMNI NEWS

2002

Michael Fabiano has been given the Beverly Sills Artist Award by the Metropolitan Opera. Michael was featured in Susan Froemke's film "The Audition" as one of the winners of the 2007 Met National Council Auditions. Since then he has appeared at the Met in Verdi's "Stiffelio," as Cassio in Verdi's "Othello," and, this year, as Alfred in Johann Strauss's "Die Fledermaus." Next season he will sing Rodolfo in a new production of Puccini's "La Boheme" at the San Francisco Opera House.

Jessie Lindseth Becker and her husband, Jason, had a baby girl, Braelyn Karlene, on October 14, 2013. Jessie is an assistant project manager at M. A. Mortenson Company. The Beckers live in Denver.

2003

Danielle Palkert Hermann and her husband, Alex, welcomed Elizabeth "Ellie" Rose on February 14. Danielle and Alex both work as administrators at the University of Portland in Portland, Oregon.

2007

Angela Plooster married Brooks Lambert on February 22 at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Wayzata. The couple lives in Saint Paul where Angela works as an executive pharmacist for Target and Brooks works as an executive team leader for Target. ◀



Erik Thue combines his love of fly fishing with photography in nature photos that have been featured in outdoor sporting magazines across the country. Erik also enjoys working with youth at Northwest Passage, an organization dedicated to restoring hope through innovative mental health services for children and families. Erik and his wife, Meg, live in Hayward, Wisconsin.

Alexandra Sifferlin is a reporter at TIME covering all things health-related. She is a graduate from the Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism. Look for her articles in select magazines and on-line at healthland.time.com/author/asifferlin/.

Scott Twelves visited **Pat Quealy** at Pearl Harbor in Oahu, Hawaii. Pat is stationed at Pearl Harbor and is currently deployed and serving on the USS Columbus Nuclear Submarine as a Naval Officer. ▶



2010

Pete Crawford graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth with a BA in Communication and ended a 4-year basketball career for the Bulldogs which included playing in 104 consecutive games, leading the Bulldogs as a team captain, averaging 15.3 points per game, and leading the team in assists. Pete will be a graduate assistant for the Augustana College men's basketball program in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, next fall where he will begin his master's degree program in sports administration and leadership.

Mira Friedlander was selected to introduce President Obama on April 2 before he gave a speech at the University of Michigan about his proposal to raise the national minimum wage. Mira also joined President Obama at Zingerman's Deli in Ann Arbor for lunch that day. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Mira has returned to Minnesota and will be working on a senatorial campaign. ▼

Photo: Carolyn Kaster, AP



Seth Marx was named to the All-MIAC first team for the second consecutive season after leading St. John's University in scoring with an average of 11.6 points in 18 games after missing the first half of the season due to a knee injury. He led the team with 39 three-pointers and an average of five rebounds per game. Marx (783 points) ended his career third in school history with 165 three-pointers and 10th in three-point shooting percentage (.389) in 81 career games.

2011

While studying abroad, friends from the Class of 2011 reunited in Barcelona, Spain: (l-r) **Paige Erickson** (Sweden), **John T. Hansen** (Italy), **Madeline Moore** (Italy) and **Sam Scherer** (Rome). ▶

Brett Draxler shot one over par for a score of 73 and helped nationally-ranked Saint John's golf team defeat St. Thomas 6-3 in a dual match in the annual Johnnie-Tommie Cup, on Friday, May 2, at the Links at Northfork (par 72) in Ramsey. Brett was also named Golf Coaches' Association of America (GCAA) All-American Scholar in Greensboro, North Carolina, on May 13.

2012

After two seasons with the Aberdeen Wings of the North American Hockey League (NAHL) **Jake Horton** has joined the University of Massachusetts hockey Class of 2018. Jake appeared in 117 games for Aberdeen from 2012-2014 and totaled 76 points on 32 goals and 44 assists. He also served as team captain and was awarded All-NAHL First Team and All-NAHL Central First Team honors this season.

Anna Landis returned to the BSM orchestra to share her musical talent with the community during the 40th Birthday Mass and celebration.

Dan Lundberg is running marathons across the U.S. in an attempt to raise over \$10,000 to increase awareness in America about the inequalities disabled people in Ghana face and to supplement efforts to destigmatize cultural beliefs in Africa that persons with disabilities are evil or cursed. Dan will spend the fall semester in Ghana with several Boston College professors working to develop a pilot transportation network for people with disabilities to gain access to healthcare and employment opportunities that are currently unavailable.

Dan Riley was selected for membership in the Marquette University Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society for collegiate schools of business. Dan is majoring in finance and economics with a minor in Spanish.

2013

Madison Winston returned to BSM to play the violin with the BSM orchestra during the 40th Birthday Mass celebration.



IN MEMORIAM

Imelda Ennen Babcock '36
Mother of Mary Jo Babcock Hollinger '69
Jerry '64 - deceased
Therese Babcock Corfits '72
Frankie '75

Dorothy Boria
Mother of Daniel
Peter '75
Carla Boria Weiss '78
Patrick

Marilyn Burgeson
Mother of Jim Urbanek '73
Jean Urbanek Kramer
Mary Urbanek Tschimperle
Kathy Urbanek Heinzl
John

Brenda Coleman
Wife of John '74
Mother of Sara Skok
Andrew '09
Catherine '11
Anne '12

Sean Danforth '87
Son of Elaine Hall Danforth '67
Brother of Monica Danforth Mosch '89
Dennis

Paul Delmore '70
Son of Margaret - past staff
Brother of Kathy Delmore Iverson '67
Dan '72
Sheila Delmore Thelemann '76

Pat Dingels
Mother of Paul
Laura
Peter '91
Zea '93

Joyce Cosgrove Dolak '54

Kathleen Kilian Dooley '59
Sister of Marge Kilian Perry '60
Bernadette

Julie Ellis
Daughter of Dolores Vosika Jackson '61

Elizabeth Fossum
Mother of Erik '91
Kirk '93

Patricia Froemming
Mother of Randee '99

Carol Geib '79
Daughter of Lois MacMillan Geib '43
Sister of Bob '67
Tom '69
Jim '70
Mary Geib Shackle '73

Dorothy Grabowski
Mother of Paul '65

Frances Rogers Graves '45

Marianne (Williams) Halliday '38

Jerome Henk
Father of Mary Jo Henk Buckley '66
Kathleen Henk Berryhill '68
Peggy Henk Prose '69
Jerry '71

Gloria Johnson - past faculty

Bernice Knaeble
Mother of Alan
Stephan
Bernadette
Joseph
Catherine
John
Jeanne
Elizabeth
Andrew '80
Martin '82
Pauline '84
Jennifer '87

Thomas Lawson
Husband of Rose Scheinost Lawson '61
Father of Rebecca '91
Sarah

Haven Lucas
Father of Eric '91
Katie Lucas Goodwin '93
Jodi Lucas Voelker '96

Anne Molina Lukas '93
Wife of Peter Lukas '93

Myrna Maloney
Mother of Barb Maloney Spece
Bridget
Cathy Maloney Weikert
Myrna Maloney Flynn '93
Vince
Joe
Kevin

Richard Dreux Mavison and Gary Mavison
Brothers of John '75
Paula Mavison Rylander '78
Robbie '79
Danny '81

Gail McLellan
Mother of Mark '85

Kevin McNamara '73
Husband of Mary Warren McNamara '73

Lorraine Schoenecker Murphy '38

Mary Jane Knaeble Peters '38
Mother of Michele Peters Copperud '60
Colleen '63
Karen Peters Shull '65
Michael
Jacquelyn '70
D.D. Peters Hollander '75
Josine '77
Theresa

Jeanne Pyzdrowski
Mother 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

Ray Quinn
Father of Michelle Quinn Vodovnik
Dan '82

Richard Rusch
Father of Michelle Rusch Ross '92
Kellie
Erin
Husband of Patricia Steffens Rusch '62 -
deceased

Kathleen Schuller Reiser '50
Mother of John '73
Mark '74 - deceased
Anne Reiser Woodhull
Rose Reiser Pingel '78
Rita Reiser Nordness '80
Sara '84

Marilyn Roach
Mother of Patty
Barbara
Steve '71

Mark Rocheford '65
Brother of John '63

Patricia McConnell Saari '57

Vic St. Martin - past staff

Michael Seifert '70
Brother of Thomas '67
Judith Seifert Madson
Colleen Seifert Montalvo

Gary Snyder
Husband of Johnelle Foley Snyder '67

James Wahl
Father of Patrick
Kathryn Wahl Sheehan
Mark '77
Elizabeth Wahl Hogan
David

James Andrew Ward
Husband of Jean Maas Ward '48
Father of Mary Jean '68
Joseph '71
Sheila '73

Virgil Weber
Father of Pat '75
Ron '76
Paul '81
John '82
Kevin '83
Maureen Weber Grazzini '86

Donna Winters
Mother of Paul '72
Mary Winters West '73
John '74
Steve
David '78
Michael '81
Ann '88

Alumni Album



65th Reunion—Geraldine Johnson Leonard '49 and LaVerne Bendtsen Kintop '49 celebrated with their classmates from SMA at Doolittles Woodfire Grill. Photo below: Maureen O'Neill Enger '49 and Joan Hasello Knoke '49



Tift Graduation—Danny Tift was a member of the Class of '14 and his brothers were all present for his graduation and their dad's last official BSM event: (l-r) Luke '18, Jack '11, Anna, Danny, Bob '71, and Sam '08.



A Family Affair—Jim and Mary Kay Morin Kopp celebrated as they witnessed the last BSM graduation for their family: (l-r) Katy '06, Sarah '11, Molly '14, Jim '80, Mary Kay Morin Kopp '80, and Jimmy '08.



Mystic Lake—Classmates gathered at Mystic Lake on February 27 for a night of fun: back row (l-r) Terry Hughes and Rob Lawton; (l-r) Michael Hoffman, Pat Backen, Jane Coughlin Omodt, Bryan Olson, Mary Igel Trudell, Darrin Holland and Michael Nemanich.



Atum Fans—BSM graduates were at Parade Stadium to watch the Red Knight baseball team in their 7-3 section victory over St. Louis Park: Maggie McGill '13, Dan Labosky '13, Grant Besse '13, Jimmy Heck '12 and Robby Sutherland '12. Maggie's brother, Mikey '14, was a first baseman and pitcher for the Red Knights.



Brazil Bound—Aly Hoffman '12 and Peggy Renier '12 were invited to play soccer in Brazil by the USA Division III women's soccer team which is comprised of Division III players who have been recognized as All-Americans, All-Region and All-Conference.

Alumni Album



Just Married—Kate Leahy '96 and Tom Emmel enjoyed a beautiful wedding day surrounded by family and friends. Their wedding party included two BSM alumnae, Lisa Lenhart-Murphy '86 and Jenny Peters '96.

Joranger Golf Event—139 golfers came out for the annual Joranger Open on June 9. Foursomes were comprised of friends, classmates and families: Photo 1 Rudy Luther '06, Eric Bigham '05, Justin Green '03 and Grant Wenkstern '03
Photo 2 Tom Beltrand '77, Mark Beltrand '74, Chris Lappen '05 and Chad Beltrand '05.
Photo 3 Tim Cooley '98, Kerry Cooley Bruggemann '02, Dan Cooley '96 and Doug Cooley '69



Track & Field Reunion—Several alums joined the track team on May 22 for the end-of-the-season cookout at BSM: back row (l-r) Trevor Yedoni '11, Jonathan Sutton '13, Gavin McLain '13, Nolan Ahlm '13, Breion Creer '12, and Joe Sutton '12; front row (l-r) Coach Marie Muscala '08, Precious Walker '13, Haley Jerabek '13, Nicole Sauer '12, Matt Racchini '13, Sam Ingbar '12, Anne Arrnason '13, Eleanor Scott '13, and Conor Froseth '13; not pictured Coach Natalie Perrine '11.



Red Knight Legacy—Carter Burn '14 and his grandfather, Frank Spinner '59, were all smiles after Carter's graduation on May 30. They compared class rings spanning the 55 years since Benilde's first graduation class.



(l-r) Corinn Tennesen Cella '95, David Haeg '96, and Dan Cooley '96.



Past Presidents—Former student council presidents and senior class presidents gathered at a reception celebrating 40 years of leadership at BSM: (l-r) Ryan Quinlivan '10 and Evan Carpenter '02;

Follow the Yellow Brick Road—Sisters reunited at BSM for the Wizard of Oz production: (l-r) Chris Kozachok '80, Kim Kozachok '82, and Karen Kozachok Gutierrez '81.

Bulletin Board

Reunion Information



SMA 1959 • September 6 • Luncheon at the Woman's Club 11-3 p.m.
• Reunion contact: Jeanne Grun Corbett, Jeannegcorbett@gmail.com

SMA 1964 • September 25 • Social hour and dinner at Jax Café • More information on Friday and Saturday gatherings coming soon. • Reunion contacts: Kay Hersman Burnett, Kay@kayburnett.com; Diana Schwab, cooking.fool@hotmail.com; Cheryl Barbaris Haugan, gingercookie1@gmail.com; Judie Kukielka Collodora, jrjcoll@juno.com; Ann Markusen, markusen@umn.edu; Rita Renner Rowe, ritarowe1@gmail.com; Sue Leonard Mercier, merciers1946@yahoo.com

SMA 1969 • TBA

SMA 1974 • September 27 • 4:30 p.m. Tour of old school followed by social hour and dinner at the Woman's Club • Reunion Contacts: Paula Ryan, jnrehr@aol.com; Mary Jagodzinski Leizinger, Mary.Leizinger@results.net; Mary Kaye Gorilla, marykaye56@aol.com

Benilde 1959 • Friday, September 12 • BSM homecoming football game followed by a class gathering at Bunny's • Reunion contacts: Frank Spinner, fbspin@hotmail.com; Dave Wendt, wendtflying@aol.com

Benilde 1964 • August 1-2 • Friday night casual dinner at BSM, Saturday morning golf with Mass and dinner at BSM that evening • Reunion contact: Doug Barber, barberd@divtechusa.com. More information and online registration at www.BSMSchool.org/BEN1964

Benilde 1969 • October 11 at BSM • Reunion contacts: Doug Cooley, dcooley@michaudcooley.com; Dick Lewis, lewis0622@aol.com

Benilde 1974 • August 1-2 • Friday afternoon golf, Saturday Mass and dinner at BSM • Reunion Contacts: Dave Paquette, djpaquette@comcast.net; Bob Kruse, bobkruse1@comcast.net
• More information and online registration at www.BSMSchool.org/BEN1974

BSM 1979 • Friday and Saturday, September 12-13 • Friday night BSM homecoming football game, Saturday reunion at Excelsior Brewery • Reunion contacts: Bob Cron, bcron10790@gmail.com; Mike Ott, jmott7@comcast.net; Tony Mailhot, (651) 437-4286; Peggy Fitzgerald Duda, peggyduda@gmail.com; Sheila Burns Zats, sheilaburnszats@gmail.com

BSM 1984 • August 16 at Bayside Event Center • Reunion contacts: Shannon Lennes Holleran, shannon4chocolat@bellsouth.net; Pete Gordon, petermgordon@live.com; Kathleen Burns Daniels, k.burnsdaniels@gmail.com; Mike Foley, mfoley@applevalleymc.com; Susan Moselle Thrun, suemothrun@hotmail.com; Paula Huttner, phuttner@hclib.org; Jane Sommers, j.sommers@hotmail.com

BSM 1989 • July 18-19 • Friday night casual happy hour at Bayside Grille, 6 p.m.
• Saturday reunion at Cosmos at the Graves Hotel, 7:30 p.m. • Reunion contact: Amy Jo Reinhart Hyde, ajhyde@bsmschool.org • More information and online registration at www.BSMSchool.org/BSM1989

BSM 1994 • July 19 at Nye's at 7 p.m. • Reunion contacts: Angie Allen Wachholz, angie.wachholz@gmail.com; Ashley Borne Newberry, amnewberry7@gmail.com
• More information and online registration at www.BSMSchool.org/BSM1994

BSM 1999 • September 12-13 • Friday night BSM homecoming football game 7 p.m.
• Saturday Happy Hour at Figlio's in West End from 4-6:30 p.m. • Reunion contacts: Andrea Scanlon Leet, andrealeet@hotmail.com; Sarah Carufal Hauer, sarahcarufel@yahoo.com; Anna Seitz Gerken, annamgerken@gmail.com

BSM 2004 • November 29 at Ray J's • Reunion contacts: Michelle Melsen, mlmelsen@gmail.com; Catherine Kedzuf, ckedzuf@gmail.com

BSM 2009 • TBA

For additional information or to help with reunion plans, contact Sandy Janssen Barry '86, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, at sjanssenbarry@BSMSchool.org or 952-915-4358, ext. 2402.

Reunions
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To find out what your class is planning go to www.BSMSchool.org/reunions or call Sandy Janssen Barry at 952-915-4358, ext. 2402.

Other Dates

Soccer alums, lace up your cleats and join your old teammates on the turf for **Alumni Soccer on August 7**. The game starts at 6 p.m. Family and friends are invited to join the players for a BBQ on the plaza after the game.

Stretch your legs at **Alumni Cross Country on Saturday, August 16**. Bring the family for a mile fun run starting at 10 a.m. at Bassett Creek Park.

Hall of Honor: Do you have an outstanding classmate that you would like to nominate for this year's Distinguished Alumni Award? Contact Sandy Janssen Barry, sjanssenbarry@bsmschool.org, 952-915-4358, ext. 2402 for a nomination form.

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