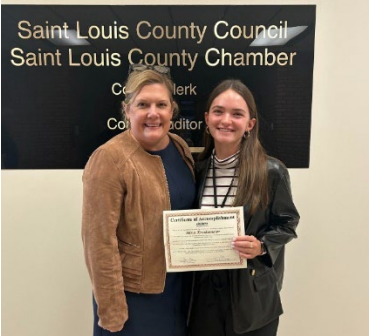




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ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

SJA’s St. Louis County Outstanding Student Leader



Congratulations to senior, **Nina K.**! On October 17, she was recognized as a **St. Louis County Outstanding Student Leader**. We are so proud of Nina and all that she does for SJA and the broader community!

The Outstanding Student Leadership Program provides training and recognition to youth in St. Louis County, assisting youth with development of the skills they need to be effective leaders and citizens. One senior from each county high school is nominated annually by his or her principal for participation in a leadership conference and was recognized at the October 17 ceremony.

Speech Team Brings Home Ribbons

The members of the St. Joe Speech Team participated in a Catholic Interscholastic Speech League Meet on October 8 at Duchesne High School in St. Charles.

- › **Sydney M. ‘26** placed first in both of her Poetry rounds, receiving a blue ribbon.
- › **Allison W. ‘26** placed third in her first round and second in her second round for Original Oratory, receiving a red ribbon.
- › The Duet Acting team, **Carrigan H. ‘27** and **Katelyn B. ‘27**, placed fourth in their first round and fifth in their second.

The next Speech Meet for the team will be December 3 at Nerinx Hall.



KU High School Design Competitors

Congratulations to our Engineering Club on their success at the **KU High School Design Competition** which took place on October 25, 2023. Ten members of the SJA Engineering Club, along with their moderator, Mr. John Gundy, and chaperone, Ms. Colleen Smith Yelton, traveled to University of Kansas in Lawrence to compete in the High School Design Competition held by the School of Engineering. Three St. Joe teams competed in two categories: Bioengineering and Chemical Engineering. They also toured the campus and connected with SJA Alumnae who were students at KU.

Two teams, **The Gundinators** and the **JAM Angels** competed in the Bioengineering Competition. They were asked to build a dialysis machine, demonstrate its use, and present their project to an expert in the field.

Congratulations to the **JAM Angels** for finishing First Place in the Bioengineering Competition. They impressed the evaluators with the device’s performance and their presentation to the resident expert blew him away.

The Compounds competed in the Chemical Engineering Competition. They were asked to develop a system to insulate a race car driver from the heated race car engine. Congratulations to this team for finishing in Fourth Place.

JAM Angels Bioengineering	The Gundinators Bioengineering	The Compounds Chemical Engineering
Melanie B. ‘24	Claire H. ‘26	Annabel G. ‘26
Ashley C. ‘25	Isabella H. ‘26	Kate H. ‘25
Josie D. ‘25	Lily H. ‘25	Emily R. ‘25
	Olivia T. ‘26	



Math Honors

Mu Alpha Theta, the Math Honors Society holds math competitions sponsored by the Missouri Math League throughout the year. Congratulations to **Annie R. '25** for having a perfect score on the October 17th competitive test.



Congratulations also to the runners-up **Annabel G. '26, Sydney M. '26, Brooke R. '24, Alli S. '24, and Madison S. '24.**

Thank You to our Amazing Alumnae!



Students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to hear from five SJA Alumnae at our annual Alumnae Speaker Panel on Friday, October 13. **Linda Holland Decker '83**, the Director of Institutional Advancement at SJA, moderated the Alumnae Panel comprised of **Liz Horner Foshage '79, Jan Jenkins Jennings '66, Niya Tandy '16, Annie O'Toole Harper '99, and Dr. Kerri Morgan '92.** The alumnae shared what they have accomplished since their graduation from SJA, and how they are making a profound impact in the world. They spoke about how their time at St. Joe made a difference in the path they chose in life. Several students took the opportunity to ask our panel questions at the end. This was a fantastic opportunity for our current Angels to hear about the amazing accomplishments of our Alumnae.

Continue reading to learn more about these amazing SJA Alum!



A graduate from the Class of 1966, **Jan Jenkins Jennings** has continued to stay involved with the Academy. Jan has been a loyal alumna over the years, regularly attending alumnae events and volunteering for activities. She never misses Angel Fest, the school's annual fall festival, with her grandchildren. Most importantly, Jan has served for many years in the volunteer leadership role as class representative (rep). The purpose of the class rep program is to provide consistent communication between the class and the Alumnae Office. This crucial volunteer role helps maintain a connection with the school, promotes the mission, and inspires greater levels of class participation. Jan has been very instrumental in keeping her class connected with The Academy and each other. In addition, Jan has led the 50th and 55th reunion planning efforts along with a planning committee.



Elizabeth (Liz) Horner Foshage '79 serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Ascension. In this role she leads all aspects of finance, including financial planning, financial reporting, financial oversight of tax and treasury functions, and shared services. She also has oversight for the Ascension Ministry Service Center. In addition to her professional responsibilities, Liz gives of her time and leadership in a number of ways. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Health Care Financial Management Association as well as being a member of the Loyola University Alumni Association where she was honored as the Alumni of the Year in 2013. Liz also serves on the Finance Committee and chairs the Audit Committee for the Archdiocese of St. Louis and serves on

the Finance Committee for the Daughters of Charity Province of St. Louis. Liz has been an adjunct professor for Healthcare Leadership at Aquinas Institute since 2016 and has served on various community boards over the years. She was recognized by the St. Louis Business Journal as one of the areas "Most Influential Business Women" in 2008. During the October event Liz was officially presented with the SJA 2023 Distinguished Alumnae Award for Professional Achievement, which she was awarded in the spring.



Kerri Morgan '92, Ph.D., OTR/L, ATP is an Assistant Professor for the Program in Occupational Therapy and Neurology at Washington University School of Medicine. An SJA graduate from the Class of 1992, she earned her undergraduate degree in psychology from Texas Christian University. She received a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from Washington University where she was awarded a Ph.D. in Movement Science. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Prior to working at Washington University, Kerri served as an intern at the White House in the Presidential Personnel Office and at the Devonshire Hospital in the Occupational Therapy Department in London, England. She is actively involved in conducting research and mentoring health professional students. The focus of her clinical and research career has been to generate empirical knowledge helpful for guiding rehabilitation to improve the participation of persons with a mobility disability once they have been discharged from rehabilitation and are living in the community. Kerri is deeply involved in the community through boards working with disability organizations to promote health and wellness for people with disabilities. She currently serves on the St. Louis City Office for the Disabled Advisory committee, the American Occupational Therapy Foundation Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors for Variety, the children's charity of St. Louis. Kerri is also an avid wheelchair athlete and distinguished Paralympian. In 2009, she was the first woman to be selected to represent the US National Wheelchair Rugby team. She has competed in three Paralympic Games on the US Track and Field team, which included Beijing in 2008, London in 2012, and Rio in 2016. She has won 4 Paralympic and 10 World Championship medals. Kerri was the SJA 2022 Distinguished Alumnae Award recipient for Professional Achievement. Click [here](#) to see a video about Kerri's Paralympic experiences.



Annie O'Toole Harper '99 currently serves as a Senior Regional Advocacy Expert within the Strategy and Advocacy department of Boeing Government Operations. In this role, Annie focused on building a network of internal and external grassroots advocates for the Boeing Company. Previously, Annie was the President and Founder of a boutique consulting firm specializing in non-profit and political fundraising for national, state, and local campaigns in Illinois, Kansas, and Missouri. Prior to starting her own firm, Annie served as Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins' Finance Director for her successful 2012 re-election campaign. Previously, Annie worked as a Fundraising Associate with Grote and Associates, a Missouri Government Relations firm, after working in U.S. Senator Kit Bond's office for seven years.



Niya Tandy '16 is a 2023 graduate of Howard University School of Law. She is working at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner in the St. Louis office as a 2023-2025 pro bono fellow. As part of the fellowship, she will be working with an organization called Concordance Academy whose mission is to reduce re-incarceration rates through a holistic, integrated, and evidence-informed re-entry model. Prior to law school, Niya graduated from Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and a minor in Spanish.

Thanks to these five outstanding alumnae for sharing their experiences with our school community!

Environmental Science Field trip

The **Environmental Science** students traveled to Dardenne Prairie in St. Charles county on October 11 to explore the [Dardenne Greenway](#), which is part of the Great Rivers Greenway. On their fieldtrip they learned how to carry out [quadrat sampling](#) for the types of vegetation and collected soil samples.



In the lab after the students returned from the fieldtrip, the collected soil samples were analyzed to determine soil texture and composition.



Foundations of Business Field Trip

The **Foundations of Business** class visited the offices of [Brinkmann Constructors](#) in Chesterfield on October 18. Mr. Ted Hoog, the Senior Vice President of Operations, and current Angel Dad, introduced the students to the following functional areas of business: HR, Operations, Marketing, Finance, and IT. Additionally, the company's CFO, vice president of human resources, director of marketing, and legal counsel, Mary Machon '94, gave an overview of each department. Students were able to see how the different areas of business take place in the real world.





Honors Chemistry students recently conducted a [flame test investigation](#) in the lab. Students excited the atoms in a metal salt solution with heat and viewed the characteristic color of light emitted by that metal ion. They were able to identify two unknown substances using their data.



Spanish 2 students are learning in Unit 2 about food, "La comida." As part of the learning process, the students cook tortillas. A tortilla is a thin flatbread, popular in Latin American cuisine. They are made by making dough with corn or wheat flour mixed with water and pressing with an iron press to make it thin. The tortillas are then cooked on a flat skillet. Tortillas can be filled with meat, cheese, or any other ingredients. In class the students tried tortillas with salsa.

During this activity, students practiced the vocabulary of the unit. They read and followed the recipe in Spanish and applied their oral skills as this cultural piece was incorporated into the class.



Student Opportunities

Notices about academic opportunities for students outside of school will be provided in the Academic Accolades as they become known. Several opportunities with approaching deadlines can be found on the running list of student opportunities available [here](#). These opportunities are listed by application deadline. The list is updated regularly.

