



FROM THE DESK OF DR. ROSE DAVIDSON, CURRICULUM DIRECTOR

ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Model of Justice Award

SJA senior **Olivia Bussman** was one of the twenty-eight teens from Catholic parishes and high schools in the archdiocese who were honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Model of Justice Award on Sunday, January 19, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis. The awards ceremony is a highlight of the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice, which commemorates Dr. King's birth and legacy. Students are nominated for their impact on their community through their commitment to serving others.



2024 AP[®] CSP Female Diversity Award



St. Joseph's Academy is one of only 847 schools to earn the College Board's [AP[®] Computer Science Female Diversity Award](#) for expanding young women's access to **AP Computer Science Principles (CSP)**. In May 2024, eight SJA students took the AP Computer Science exam, and two of those students took the AP Computer Science A exam.

According to the AP Placement Program:

"Providing female students with access to computer science courses is imperative to ensure gender equity in the field's high-paying, fast-paced jobs and to drive innovation, creativity, and competitiveness. Through your leadership in diversifying computer science education, you're preparing your female students for the in-demand jobs of the future and giving them the opportunity to help solve some of society's most challenging problems."

SJA JoeBotics Tournament Results

Congratulations to coach **John Gundy** and the SJA JoeBotics teams for hosting a great robotics tournament at SJA on January 16. This is a favorite event among the participating schools.

The SJA JoeBotics Green team had four wins and two losses during their matches during their latest tournament on Saturday, January 25. They are now Ranked 6th in their league of 30 teams and have advanced to the championship playoffs as a Super-Qualifier at the FTC Missouri-Kansas East Super Qualifier on February 15, 2025.



The JoeBotics White team also had four wins and two losses during the January 25 tournament which moved them from 19th to 14th in the rankings. This team was awarded the Second Place Motivate Award for their league. FIRST Robotics has teamwork in communicating their program to their school community as their criteria for this award.

Two members of the JoeBotics White team, **Chloe Gloriod** and **Lail Jankowski**, and two members from the Green team, **Jillian Buchek** and **Estelle Paletta**, have been named semi-finalists on the FIRST Dean's List. The FIRST Dean's List recognizes "student leaders who have led their teams and communities to increased awareness for FIRST and its mission." *(continued on the next page)*

2024-25 SJA FIRST ROBOTICS TEAMS

Green Team

Jillian Buchek '26	Carolyn Mueller '25
Natalie Conran '26	Estelle Paletta '27
Sophia George '28	Maddy Schlautman '25
Constanza Leon-Russel '28	Megan Schoemehl '25
Maddie Mills '27	Sarah Schoemehl '25

White Team

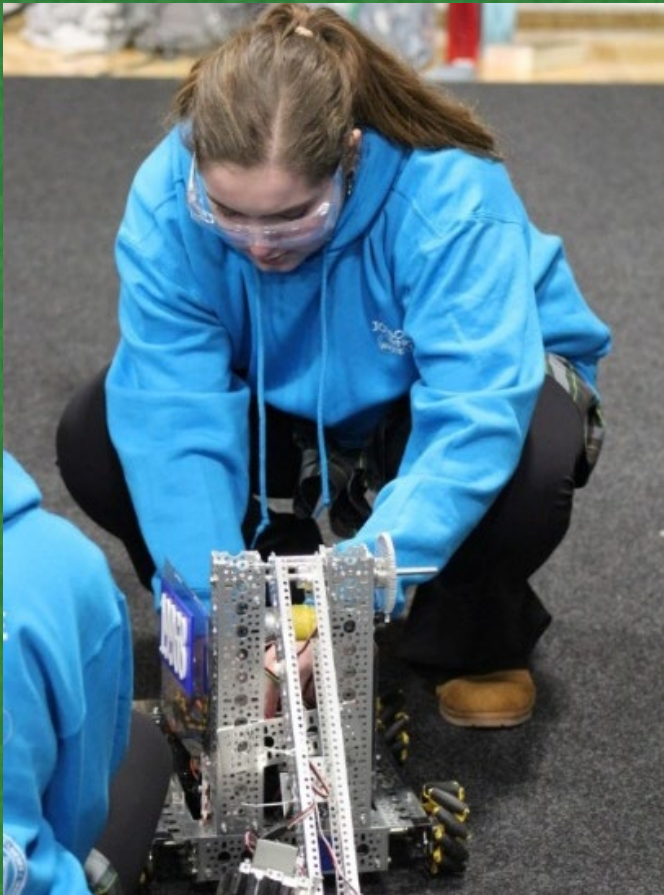
Brooke Butler '28	Chloe Gloriod '26
Josie Crabtree '26	Lail Jankowski '27
Emma Dickinson '25	Sophia Palatnick '26
Alexandra Faerber '25	Addie Simpson '28
Annabel Gainey '26	Lia Worland '28

Coach:

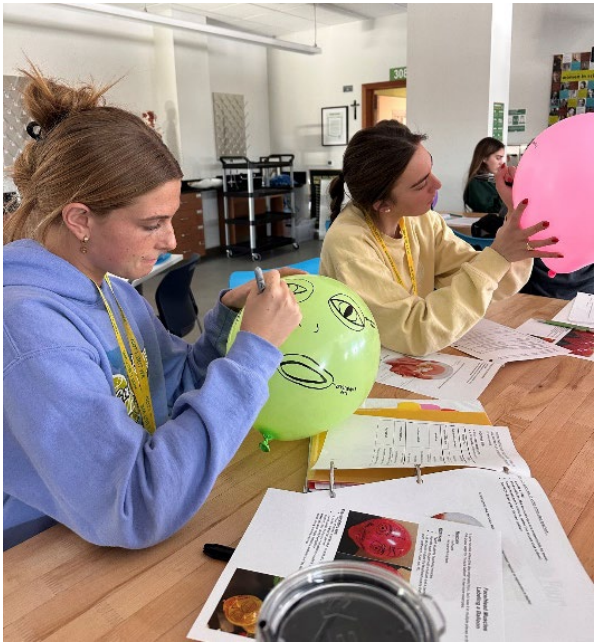
Mr. John Gundy, SJA CSE and Science teacher

Adult Moderator:

Mr. Mike Goodrow, Boeing Company



In **ACP Human Anatomy and Physiology**, once the students learned the facial muscles of the human body, they drew them on balloons as a review exercise.



Student Opportunities

The listing of opportunities for SJA students such as the one shown below can be found [here](#).

Below is one opportunity currently on the list.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY GLOBAL EDUCATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This is a highly selective program that all Freshmen, Sophomores, and on a case-by-case basis some Juniors may apply for in December. It signifies that students have a strong interest in Global Education opportunities and want to grow even more in becoming a true Global Changemaker. Once accepted, students will receive a designation on their transcript as a Global Scholars candidate. When the student completes the milestones below, they are marked as a Graduate of the Global Scholars Program, an honor recognized during our end-of-year celebrations during their senior year.

St. Joseph's Academy's Core Values & Global Education Competencies

Global Education at St. Joseph's Academy is tied to the mission and core values of our school. It is our goal that students involved in Global Education develop these competencies and carry them with them throughout their lives.

We believe in a balanced approach to developing the whole woman:

Students will identify and create opportunities for personal and collaborative growth by attempting and seeking new opportunities.

We call forth spiritual courage and confidence:

Students will grow in their faith by seeking and experiencing other cultures and people.

We cultivate intellectual distinction:

Students will explore global issues with inclusivity, empathy, and multiple perspectives.

We foster the desire to serve:

Students will grow in community relational learning.

We encourage leadership and influence action:

Students will develop their growth mindset and resiliency in order to effectively communicate their voice while navigating unfamiliar and difficult situations.

We expect excellence:

Students will gain the tools to be able to thrive in the future of a global workforce and world.

St. Joseph's Academy Global Education Milestones

Academic Milestones:

- Students will learn to communicate their voice by completing four years of a world language, a global studies course, and a globally focused curriculum that meets their needs and goals.

Language and Cultural Immersion Milestone:

- Students will navigate the unfamiliar and explore the world by participating in one of our transformative language and cultural immersion experiences.

Service-Learning Milestone:

- Students will grow in community relational learning by walking with "The Dear Neighbor" in service.
- Students will also lead at least one globally-minded club at SJA.

Engagement Milestones:

- Students will thrive in the world by hearing guest speakers and participating in field trips and other globally focused events that engage our community with the world.
- They will also serve as SJA Global Ambassadors.

[Global Education Scholars Program Application for 2025-26](#)

