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From the President



Dear Alumni and Friends,

A new school year is a natural time to pause and reflect on the many special moments that made the past year so memorable. From traditions launched to new programs embraced, these highlights remind us of the strength and spirit of St. X:

- We launched a new tradition by providing freshmen with a custom class tie, numbered and embroidered with their graduation year. This tie symbolizes the unique brotherhood shared by each class.
- Mike Glaser '70 took on a new role focused on examining the student experience, energizing school spirit, strengthening standards, and expanding recognition of student achievement.
- Our new podcast, TigerTalk, hosted by retired teacher and coach Joe Kroh '61, offers engaging conversations with educators, counselors, coaches, and alumni.
- Collaborating with alumnus Chip Dumstorf '81 and past parent Brad Howard, we unveiled a bold, custom-designed evolution of our Tiger mascot, inspired by the iconic campus statue.
- A Tuesday morning Bible Study, launched by Nate Stemle '13, Tony Kemper, and Ben Cottrell, grew into a welcoming space for students to explore Scripture and community.
- Through our partnership with the Down Syndrome Society of Louisville, every person on campus became a trained Kindness Warrior. We proudly hired our first employee through this initiative and look forward to expanding the program.

While school was out for summer, our campus embraced a hectic schedule hosting 1,200 campers and renovating nearly two dozen labs and classrooms to better serve our students.

As we prepare for the year ahead, may we remember that God is present not just in milestones, but in the quiet, ordinary moments that shape our shared journey.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Colistra

Investing in the Future



Tiger grads at Baird: Thorp Harrison '91, Steve Smith '80, Mac Thomas '02, Clark King '04, Darryl Metzger '82, Matt Liston '16, Michael Liston '19, and Ryan Pamplin '17.

Darryl Metzger '82 has a youthful exuberance when he talks about St. X. As Senior Vice President and Financial Advisor with Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated in Louisville, he's had a successful career in the financial industry, spending 22 years at J.J.B. Hilliard W.L. Lyons, and then Baird, after its acquisition in 2019. While his professional achievements are impressive, Darryl is most proud of his family, his St. X ties, and the impact Baird has on his alma mater, and vice versa.

Darryl's connection to St. X is a family affair. His brother, Kevin, graduated in 1990. Darryl's sons—Barrett '10 and Mitchell '12—followed suit, and both were leaders on their Tiger soccer teams. It was during their formative years at St. X that Darryl began investing his time, talent, and treasure.

During St. X's Project X campaign (2006–2010), Darryl led the fundraising charge to add the practice field adjacent to the stadium. He and his wife, Teresa, were one of 30 families to fund the $500,000 investment. In 2009, the couple chaired the school's major social and fundraising event, then known as Xtravaganza. Soon thereafter, Darryl began serving on the school's Board of Directors. During his three terms, 2011–2020, St. X experienced significant growth in fundraising, and Darryl's fingerprints can be traced to that. In fact, when St. X restructured Xtravaganza and created Legacy … A Gala of Giving, Darryl is credited for the vision of funding full-tuition scholarships at that event. Additionally, he guaranteed the support of Hilliard Lyons (now Baird) for that leadership gift back then.

Darryl's gold standard of service to St. X continued as the COVID pandemic brought new challenges. He shared his belief that athletics

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provides the foundation for learning discipline and perseverance. So, when St. X teams began their seasons in the fall of 2021, Darryl sponsored the streaming service fees so that Tiger fans could watch games from home without incurring a charge. Baird's corporate support that year was the breakthrough for the beginning of athletic sponsorships. One of its more recent sponsorships was tied to the soccer program. Green and gold soccer scarves were game giveaways. Now, St. X benefits from a robust athletic sponsorship program that supports digital ticketing and the streaming of home games.

If there is a need, Darryl has been there to lead the way with an answer. While he has been prolific in giving his time and resources, Darryl also mentions Baird's impact on the St. X community through employment. The goal is simple: find the top young men at St. X and give them the chance to succeed at Baird, all while giving them the platform to impact their communities, especially St. X.

"Of all the causes that I have contributed to at St. X, the number one is the hiring of great young men from the school. I still try to find the right fit for these exceptional young men. The Baird value of "client first" allows [them] to feel at home as they strive to do the right thing! St. X grads learn this during their time in school and later matriculate right to Baird."

Offering proof of his goal to continue the Tiger legacy at Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Darryl noted that during his tenure at Hilliard Lyons and Baird, the companies collectively hired more than 25 St. X alumni that he has endorsed.

Service first – this is the mantra for Darryl Metzger and Baird, and it is evident through generous and consistent support.

Written by Clark Burckle '06



Inspirational Path to Medicine

There may be no better example of the Xaverian Brothers' mission than the journey created by **Dr. Carlos Munoz '14**.

Having admired the impact that St. X had on a family friend from church, Carlos had a strong desire as a teenage boy to follow in those footsteps. Knowing that paying for tuition would be a challenge for his mother, Carlos worked extra hard to prepare for the Placement Test with hopes of earning a scholarship. When his score fell two points short of the merit award guidelines, Carlos was devastated.

Still determined to attend St. X, Carlos sought other ways to pay tuition. Citing the efforts of Mr. Larry Bergamini '79 in the school's business office, he recalls finding "a good fit with the work study program" and "that set me up for a lot of good things that would not have been possible."

Once Carlos and his family tackled the affordability, there was no turning back. He was a strong student academically and was hungry for the rigorous curriculum that St. X was known for. Carlos, whose native language was Spanish, remembers getting a B in his Honors Spanish class from Ms. Mary Ann Naser because he "couldn't get by just on talent." She pushed him harder to maximize his potential.

It was another teacher who lit the spark in Carlos that would ultimately lead him to medical school. Like many students before and after him, Mr. Dan Amlung '72 gave Carlos the confidence that he had what it takes to get into medical school and have a long career in that profession. Carlos adds that Mr. Amlung was a "huge inspiration" and encouraged him to "work at it."

Teachers in the classroom were not the only motivators that Carlos encountered. He names the St. X wrestling staff—Coach Jim Kraeszig '85, Coach Isaac Knable '02, and Coach Efren Quirino—as "inspiring people who didn't let me make excuses." Although Carlos is a proud member of the 2013 state championship wrestling team, he stood out more distinctly as a power lifter, finishing as a state runner-up under the tutelage of Coach Chris Gold who was "one of my main mentors."

Building on his high school years, Carlos earned degrees in Chemistry and Spanish at Xavier University which he called "a natural progression." He would then take a "detour" to earn his MBA at the University of Notre Dame before spending a year working as a medical device salesman for Medtronic. Following that one year on the periphery of the medical world, Carlos knew that his next step was medical school. After earning a spot in a class of just 32 students at the Cleveland Clinic's Medical School, Carlos is now in his first year of residency in the Urology program and working long days at the Cleveland Clinic.

Recently engaged to a fellow medical school grad, Carlos and his fiancée hope to one day return to Louisville to raise a family. Acknowledging the mission set forth by the Xaverian Brothers more than 160 years ago, Carlos is forever grateful. "It is amazing how much of a difference St. X made in my life."

Written by Matt Kuerzi '98

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Class of 2025 Graduates





Cortez Carver received the Xaverian Award.



Alan Donhoff '72 (far right) was presented the Outstanding Alumnus Award by St. X Senior Vice President for Special Initiatives Mike Littell, Hon. '07 (left) and Rick Tobe '89 the 2024–25 Alumni Association President.

St. X held its commencement exercises in a new venue on May 16 due to severe weather. The Brother John Wills Sports Activities Center replaced the Brother Thomas More Page Stadium to ensure the safety of the St. X community. The Class of 2025 featured 271 young men, including 134 alumni legacies with either a father, grandfather, great-grandfather, or great-great-grandfather graduating from St. X.

Noteworthy class accomplishments included 25,377 service hours in the Louisville community throughout the previous four years, scholarships valued at more than $38 million from 110 colleges, universities, and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, and team championships in Ice Hockey, Indoor Track & Field, Swimming & Diving, and Volleyball. Individual honors included three ROTC scholarship winners, 22 members recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, one appointment each to the United States Air Force Academy and United States Naval Academy, 16 participants in Kentucky Governor's Scholars for Entrepreneurs, and three participants in Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts.

William Norris '25 delivered the senior farewell. Following tradition, several prestigious awards were announced at graduation. **Cortez Carver '25** received the Xaverian Award, the highest honor bestowed on a graduating senior. Math teacher **Chuck Medley** was presented the Thomas Borders Excellence in Teaching Award, and retired St. X teacher and athletic director **Alan Donhoff '72** was named the 2025 Outstanding Alumnus. Also significant, **Will Hanke '25** was presented the Spirit of Saint Xavier Alumni Award at the senior awards ceremony on May 14.



Custom St. X Shady Rays Now in the Campus Store

Shady Rays has partnered with St. X to bring its custom Rival collection to campus. The single lens sports frame is now available while supplies last. Campus Store hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday when school is in session or buy online at **https://shadyrays.com/products/rival-saint-x-smoke-gold-polarized**

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Podcast News

Check out our podcast series, *TigerTalk*, hosted by **Joe Kroh '61**, featuring conversations with school administrators, educators, and coaches. New episodes are available at **saintx.com/tigertalk** or search your favorite podcast platform.

Lab and Classroom Renovations



The summer hustle and bustle on campus offered proof that St. X remains committed to providing our young men state-of-the-art academic facilities to enhance their learning. An investment of $2.5 million funded the complete renovation of the Science and Social Studies departments, located in the school's original building, which was constructed in 1961. Several key gifts from generous donors served as the catalyst for initiating the work. In all, 20 classroom spaces were transformed in just under three months with the bulk of the overhaul focusing on labs that support chemistry, biology, and physics. The summer project was in line with the school's strategic plan calling for the modernization of all 68 teaching classrooms.

Retirement News

The end of the school year marks a season of change. Amy Sample, our principal from 2021 to 2025, has moved on to new opportunities. We're grateful for her leadership and wish her well in her next chapter. St. X congratulates several faculty and staff who recently announced their retirements. These dedicated professionals combined for 166 years of service to St. X. Happy trails to these beloved members of our community.

Bill Bornschein '74 devoted 40 years to shaping minds and hearts in Social Studies and Theology. **Chuck Medley** contributed 35 years teaching Math students, and more than 20 years coaching Cross Country and Track and Field teams. **Rebecca Reisert** served 33 years inspiring young men, primarily through the Theatre Program. **Linda Oliver** contributed 13 years to the Campus Store outfitting Tigers in green and gold. Lastly, two valued members of our Maintenance and Housekeeping team retired. **Roxanna Kessler** devoted 33 years of service, while **Johnny Barger** contributed 12 years to enhancing our campus.



Bill Bornschein



Chuck Medley



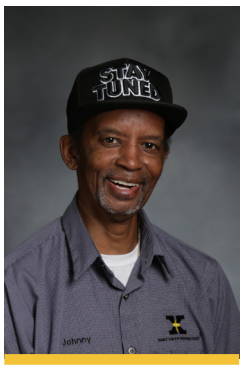
Rebecca Reisert



Linda Oliver



Roxanna Kessler



Johnny Barger

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Following His Calling



"My faith teaches me that when we are provided with gifts and success, we need to use those gifts to help others." This phrase is most meaningful to **Paul Robinson '89**, who serves as President and CEO of Home of the Innocents. His words demonstrate his passion for people and the community. Home of the Innocents serves children with medical complexities and those in need of residential treatment or community-based services.

Reflecting on his time at St. X, Paul shared in our interview that he was "grateful for the incredible teachers who touched his life." His English teachers taught him the "power of speaking and writing with simplicity, clarity, and purpose," which are key elements in his leadership style. Additionally, Paul mentioned that many other "faculty helped him to see that he needs to treat others as he wishes to be treated … you can't expect to be treated with compassion and respect if you aren't willing to provide those same gifts to others." Lessons from his time at St. X have played critical roles throughout his life, both professionally and personally.

After high school, Paul earned his undergraduate degree from Indiana University and his MBA from the University of Louisville. Next, he began working with his father and helped grow their franchise business from five Papa John's locations to nineteen across two states. Paul remarked that he loved working alongside his dad and how they strived to make "people feel like part of the family and respected" in their organization. They sold their stores in 2016, and Paul began planning for his family's return to Louisville. He discovered the leadership position at Home of the Innocents and decided to apply, leaving it up to God and His will.

Paul was named President and CEO of Home of the Innocents in 2016, and he is still leading with as much passion as the day he was hired. Home of the Innocents recently celebrated its 145th anniversary and is undergoing a $75 million expansion. When Paul took charge, the Kosair for Kids Complex Care Center had 76 beds. At the estimated completion date of construction in February of 2027, the center will accommodate 126 residents. Providing more context, Paul explained, "For decades the families of our residents and our team members have painfully watched as our residents turn 21 and discharge from our care to a geriatric long-term facility. Knowing that 40 percent of our residents will pass away within 18 months of their discharge is unacceptable. Now that we have changed the state health plan and regulations, our residents get to remain with us for the entirety of their lives."

Overseeing this expansion is Paul's proudest career accomplishment. He also stated that Home of the Innocents is the first provider to bring Multi-Systemic Therapy to Kentucky. Paul explained this is significant for many reasons: "This well-supported evidence-based practice provides intensive intervention and therapy services to children and their families across our community. These efforts help prevent children from being disrupted from their homes and helps to strengthen families."

Paul recalled a moving testimonial during graduation at The Home last year when a young woman from its Residential Treatment & Emergency Shelter program—which serves adolescents from the state's child welfare system—shared her experiences. "She spoke to our team attending her graduation, sharing that she was grateful to all of us for believing in her, when her own family did not" and how it "was emotional to see the dark circumstances that the adolescents we serve come to us from, but it was deeply rewarding knowing we were there for her when she needed us and that our collective efforts helped to get her to college and stability."

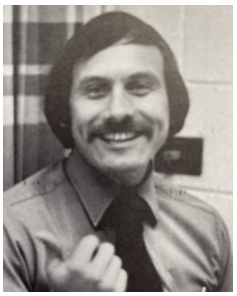
With Paul at the helm, the good work occurring at Home of the Innocents has not gone unnoticed. The organization was named "Non-Profit Organization of the Year" in 2018 by *Louisville Business First*. In 2023, the Center for Nonprofit Excellence recognized them with the Art of Inclusion award. And for his leadership, Paul was named a "Most Admired CEO" honoree by *Louisville Business First* in 2020.

Paul is proud that two sons graduated from St. X—Will '18 and Matthew '23—and that his wife, Michelle, is a recurring volunteer at St. X. Paul's oldest son, Christopher, completed high school before the family moved back to Louisville. His recommendation for current and future Tigers is to participate in Christian Awakening Retreat because it was a "life-changing experience" for him. Paul looks forward to eventually seeing grandsons attend St. X, which would represent the fourth generation of his family.

Written by Mason Sullivan '16

Coach Joe Heitzman '58

1940–2025



Longtime St. X teacher and coach **Joe Heitzman '58** passed away May 11. Countless former students and runners visited him at the hospital in the week leading up to his death. The Bellarmine and Notre Dame graduate spent nearly 30 years at St. X teaching history and coaching Cross Country and Track. As a head coach and assistant coach, his teams claimed five Cross Country state titles (1963, 1964, 1971, 1973, and 1974) and two Track and Field state championships in 1963 and 1974.

Alumni Travel Program



Alumni enjoy the Christmas on the Rhine cruise. Pictured are Pat Conkling '66, John Bates '70, Roy Potts '71, Lou Conkling '72, Dominic Grisanti '79, and Mike Miller '79.

The St. X Alumni Association continues its exclusive partnership with **Lou Conkling '72** at Knights Travel. As an independent travel consultant, Lou specializes in cruises and tours to every corner of the earth. His 40 years of experience make him uniquely qualified to plan opportunities for you to see the world alongside fellow alumni. Upcoming Viking Ocean cruises include **Antarctica Explorer** (February 13–25, 2026); **Empires of the Mediterranean** (August 13–22, 2026), which sails from Venice to Athens and features stops in Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, and Greece; **Passage to Eastern Europe from Budapest to Bucharest** (April 12–22, 2027); and **Into the Northwest Passage** (July 23–August 4, 2027), which features a roundtrip cruise from Nuuk, Greenland. For trip details and pricing, contact Lou at (502) 292-4750 or lou@knightstravel.com.

Honorary Alumnus Named



St. X President Paul Colistra presents Brother Kenney with an honorary diploma.

Brother Kenney Gorman, C.F.X. was named an Honorary alumnus of St. X at the school's Feast Day Mass in December. Brother Kenney's first mission as a Xaverian Brother brought him to St. X in 1968, where he taught underclassmen until 1979. From there, he moved into parish ministry, serving at Our Lady of Lourdes in St. Matthews and Holy Trinity Parish as Director of Faith Formation and Religious Education. Later, Brother Kenney's journey took him to St. Catherine's in Orange Park (Jacksonville, Florida), where he spent 12 years creating a Formation Center for Faith Development. During this time, he took a sabbatical to complete a Clinical Pastoral Education Program at the University Medical Center in Florida, an experience that changed his course for the next 20 years. This led Brother Kenney to serve in Catholic healthcare, where his dedication and compassion have touched countless lives. He returned to Louisville in 2018 and resides at Treyton Oak Towers with his fellow Xaverian Brothers. He has enjoyed reconnecting with many of his former students.

Fulbright Scholars



Ethan Harned '21 is headed to India as a Fulbright-Nehru Fellow and will spend the 2025–2026 academic year conducting public health research. The University of Notre Dame graduate will partner with pediatric hospice and palliative care programs to explore how to design and sustain programs for vulnerable adolescents and young adults. His research will support the implementation of innovative care models for youth across the globe.



Greyson Wintergerst '21 will spend the 2025–26 academic year as a Fulbright U.S. Student Researcher at the Spanish National Cancer Research Center (CNIO) in Madrid. In addition to completing his undergraduate studies at Vanderbilt University in both computer science and math, Greyson also minored in Spanish. He will use long-read DNA sequencing and computational methods to study chromosomal instability in cancer. His research could help unlock future precision therapies.

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Grads Selected to KHSAA Hall of Fame





The Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame inducted St. X standouts **Clark Burckle '06** and **Bobby Curtis '03** as part of its Class of 2025 this past May in Lexington. Bobby and Clark were among the 12-member class that featured only three Louisville high schools. Both Bobby and Clark were inducted into the St. X Alumni Hall of Honors in 2010 and 2015, respectively.

Crum Ascends to the Top of Pro Pickleball



Alex Crum '10, also known as "AC Baby," picked up a pickleball paddle fewer than two years ago and hasn't looked back. Rising to Association of Pickleball Players ("APP") World #2 and defeating PPA World #1 Federico Staksrud en route to the Professional Pickleball Association $100k Atlanta Slam Quarterfinals. Five days later Alex competed in an event in New York City and beat the APP's World #1 Chris Haworth. Beating the world number one player on both professional tours is unprecedented, but doing so in the span of five days put Alex in unchartered territory in the pickleball universe. He is not yet a household name, but the success on-court did result in picking up more than 15,000 followers on social media in less than a month earlier this summer.

As a tennis junior, Alex was a four-star, top-100 nationally ranked recruit at St. X, where he played on three state championship teams and achieved All-State recognition. He played collegiate tennis at University of Dayton and moved to Germany to coach tennis. Alex continued his coaching career at elite country clubs throughout the USA, including Jupiter, Florida, where he worked full time until recently signing a multi-year contract with the Professional Pickleball Association to go full-time as professional pickleballer.

Alex is also an accomplished musician reaching one million streams on his latest album "Just For Fun" on Apple Music under his artist name, AC Baby. He also is the lead play-by-play commentator for Cracked Media Ventures on their pickleball broadcasts and co-hosts the Cracked Paddles Podcast with social media maven and fellow pro pickleballer Kevin Dong.

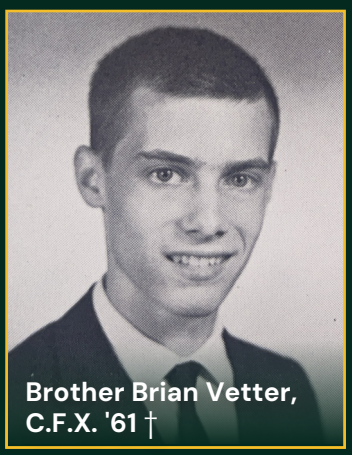
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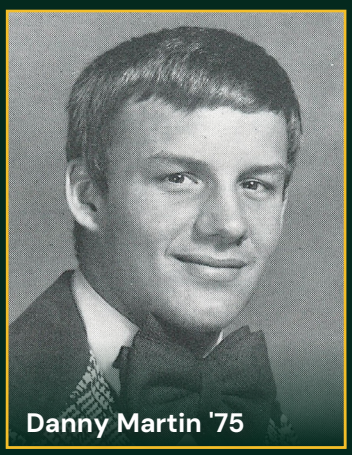
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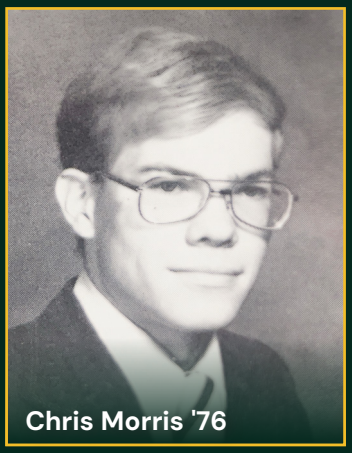
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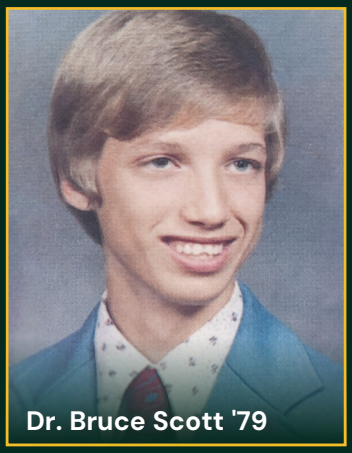
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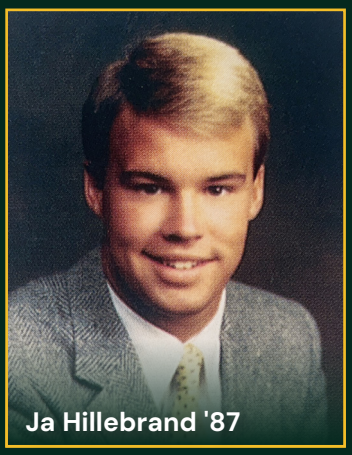
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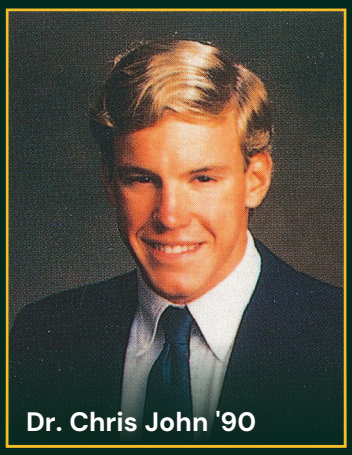

Brother Brian Vetter, C.F.X. '61 †


Danny Martin '75


Chris Morris '76


Dr. Bruce Scott '79


Ja Hillebrand '87


Dr. Chris John '90


Joe Tronzo '05


Coach Chuck Medley

Congratulations Class of 2025

Celebrate *with us!*

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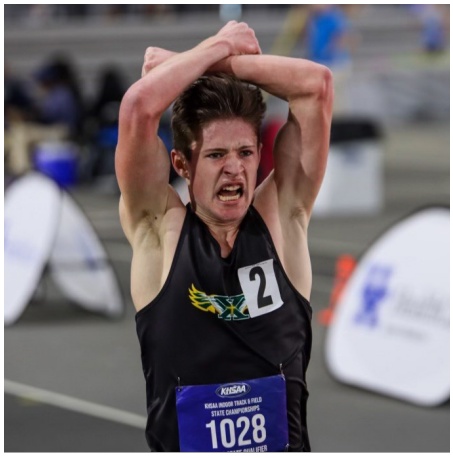
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2025 Winter Sports Recap



At the KHSAA Indoor Meet, **James Burnett '25** placed second in the 55m dash and won the long jump. He earned the Wah Wah Jones Award as the best multi-sport athlete in the state. (Photo by Mike Garcia)



Nick Sanders captured the state title in the 3200m run. (Photo by Kelly Crume)



Jamari Carroll handed the baton to **Kyle Stepteau '25** in the 4x200m relay. St. X won this event, and the program claimed its second straight overall indoor championship. (Photo by Mike Garcia)



The Swimming & Diving team won the program's 37th straight state title and 61st overall. (Photo by Chip Dumstorf '81)



Alex Thiesing '25 set a new state record in the 200yd freestyle. He will swim at the University of Michigan. (Photo by Chip Dumstorf '81)



Nick Beam '25 was the Hockey team's leading scorer. The Tigers won the program's first state title since 2004.



Thomas Mercer '25 was the state championship MVP. The University of Virginia signee set a new state record in the 200yd individual medley. (Photo by Chip Dumstorf '81)

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Semaj King '25 was the lone senior on the Bowling team. **



Peyton Holtzmann, the only one-handed bowler on the team, played the outside part of the lane.**



Braden Woolridge placed sixth at the state tournament in the 132-pound weight class. **



Danny Jaso '25 and Coach Efren Quirino acknowledged the crowd at the state tournament. Jaso finished fifth in the 190-pound weight class. **



Chance Dillingham '25 finished his career as the program's all-time leader in three-point field goals and second on the all-time scoring list.



Coaches **Kevin Klein '95** and **Bryan Just '10** strategize on the sideline. Klein was the state's Coach of the Year after St. X's 30-win season and the program's first trip to the state tournament in 30 years. **



Will Hanke '25 finished his season with one of the highest field goal percentages in the state at 77.1%. He also led the team in rebounds per game.

**Photos by Jack Bates '25

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2025 Spring Sports Recap



Riley Elvage and Max Bockelman represented the Tigers at the Kentucky NASP State Championships.



Miles Allen '25 and **Ethan Roths '25** finished eighth at the Major League Fishing Nationals at Grand Lake in Oklahoma.



Claude Spillman, pictured at the Cooper-Borgia Meet, won both the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the Region Meet.

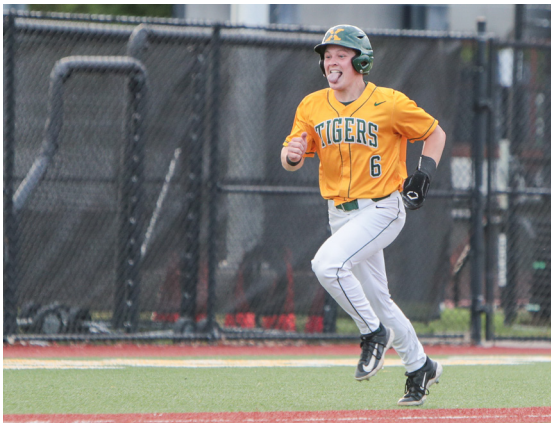


Brodie Benefield was a First Team All-State selection. His season highlights included a no-hitter against North Oldham and a walk-off home run against Male in the District title game."





Walker Bush '25 (left) and Aditya Shaw formed a formidable duo, finishing as runners-up at the state doubles championship.



Kaden Ford '25 approached home plate ready to celebrate. The outfielder led the Tigers in doubles and stolen bases and will continue his baseball career at Transylvania University.

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Briley Codey was honored as Kentucky's Mr. Volleyball.



The Volleyball team captured the program's first-ever KHSAA-sanctioned state championship and 22nd title overall.



Colton Hoerter '25 captured his second Kentucky Push-Pull championship.



James Roth '25 won his fourth Kentucky Push-Pull Championship, becoming only the second Iron Tiger to achieve that feat. He also broke three St. X deadlift records during his high school career.



Miles Dobson '25 was named a USA Lacrosse All-American. He also earned KHSAA First Team All-State honors and was selected to the MSLA Second Team.



Thomas Andriole '25 earned MSLA First Team honors, was named KHSAA Second Team All-State, and was selected to the inaugural KHSAA All-Tournament Team.

Class Notes

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Class of 1942
Class Agent:

Longtime class agent, **Dick Pontrich**†, passed away in May. St. X thanks him for 18 years of service in this role.

Class of 1945
Class Agent:

Longtime class agent, **John Fritsch**†, passed away in April. St. X thanks him for nearly 13 years of service in this role.

Class of 1951
Class Agent:

Longtime class agent, **Walt Schnurr**†, passed away in January. St. X thanks him for 18 years of service in this role.

Class of 1955
Class Agents: Howard Meyer (502) 544-5766, Bob Weihe (502) 459-6397, and Jim Rademaker (502) 939-5943

Jim Rademaker has a new email address. Contact him at jimrade@gmail.com. **Howard Meyer**'s email is HMeyerX55@gmail.com.

"Find a job you love, and you'll never work a day in your life." It worked for **Howard Meyer**. After 59 years in the insurance industry, he retired February 1. Howard expects to stay busy with many interests, including his large and extended family. His two sons, three grandson, and two sons-in-law are St. X grads, with more to come.

Jerry "Dutch" Bishop moved to Kentucky after living several years in Florida. Welcome home, Dutch. Contact him at bishop.jerry83@gmail.com.

Ed Kaltenbacher, retired and living in Humble, Texas, keeps up with what's going on in Texas, the country, and around the world. He shares his opinions and news with family and friends in an email newsletter mixed with a generous helping of humor. Contact Ed at ejkaltenbacher@gmail.com.

Bob Weihe attended his 79th Kentucky Derby in May. He's still trying to pick a winner.

Class of 1956
Class Agent: Bill Habich (502) 594-0709



The class lunches are temporarily pausing. Stay tuned for lunch news or contact Ramsey Kraft at (502) 291-0776 or r38kraft@nanzkraft.com.

The class gathered at Molly Malone's in the Highlands for some Christmas cheer. Pictured (left to right) are **Bob Moody**†, **Bill Rogers**, **Paul Van Vactor**, **Charles Beckmann**, **Ramsey Kraft**, George Feger (Flaget), Don Ransdell (Flaget), **Irv Rueff**, **Thad Watkins**, **Frank Meiners**, and **John Chilko**.

Class of 1957
Class Agent: Dick Mueller (502) 552-6075

Join your classmates and significant others on the third Thursday of each month at Jason's Deli, 410 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy. Contact **Al Huber** at (502) 235-6871 with questions.

Class of 1958
Class Agent:

The class meets for lunch on the second Friday of even-numbered months (February, April, June, August, October, and December). Join us at 11:30 a.m. at Check's Café. Contact **Russell Quick** at rq@rqco.net or (502) 639-8317.

Class of 1959
Class Agent: Jim Miller (502) 262-2195

Join the class for lunch on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. To receive lunch notices with monthly location, contact **Dave Keller** at (502) 558-0867 or kellerlouky@aol.com.

Ed Schuhmann reports that his two sons are St. X grads. One is the Sales Manager for Raymond Storage Concepts, while the other is the Assistant Director on the State Budget for Tennessee. His grandson, Joseph, graduated from St. X in May.

Fr. Jim Wiseman reports that St. Anselm's Abbey in northeast Washington, where he serves as Abbot, celebrated its 100th anniversary in September 2024. Jim has been teaching there since the fall of 1969.

Jerry Hubbs reports that more than 25 members of his family have graduated from St. X. Jerry had a 35-year career at Brown-Forman following his graduation from UofL's Speed School of Engineering.

Dave Keller has been a docent for 13 seasons at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens in Crestwood. He would be happy to share the Yew Dell experience with his classmates. Let him know if you're planning a visit.

Class of 1960
Class Agent: Bob Benson (502) 314-6765

Join the class for lunch on the second Tuesday of the month. We meet at 11:30 a.m. at Check's Cafe.

Class of 1961
Class Agent: Ed Weis (502) 751-5863

Join the class for lunch on the second Friday of each month at Corner Café at 11:30 a.m. Contact **Ed Weis** at edwincjr@bellsouth.net.

Listen to St. X podcasts hosted by **Joe Kroh** at www.saintx.com/tigertalk.

Class of 1962
Class Agents: Bob Meyer (502) 500-5368 and David Huber (502) 593-7677

Join the class for lunch on the second Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at Woodhaven Country Club.

Class of 1963
Class Agents: Jerry Barnes (502) 338-9710 and Bob Coomes (502) 550-2123

Join the class for lunch on the first Tuesday of the month. We meet at Check's Cafe at 11:30 a.m. To receive lunch notifications, email **Bill Green** at bgreen@greenhalliburton.com.

If you are not receiving classmate news via email, please contact **Bob Coomes** at bosemooc@gmail.com.

Class of 1964
Class Agent: Don Meyer (502) 491-2704



Join classmates on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet at 11:30 a.m. at The Café. If you have questions, contact **Charlie Westenhofer** at (502) 216-6637 or Charlie8july@gmail.com. Pictured are members of the class gathered on March 11 at The Café.

Class of 1966
Class Agents: Pat Conkling (502) 836-7419 and John Hess (502) 419-5647

The Class meets for dinner on the first Monday of each month at Hillcrest Tavern at 5:30 p.m. Contact Pat or John with questions.

Class of 1969
Class Agents: Steve Liebert (502) 905-3593 and Steve Lannert (502) 689-8286

After 55 years, **Larry Nalley** retired from the Kentucky Truck Plant owned by Ford Motor Co. He started after graduation when the plant opened in 1969.

Renee and **Alan Minsterketter** have lived in Venice, Florida, since 2013. They enjoy boating and spending time with four grandchildren. Alan is a retired Louisville executive and business owner. Contact him at (941) 294-9140.

Steve Liebert is still working full-time in Louisville with the Weber Group in design and construction. Contact him at (502) 905-359 with updates for the magazine or design and construction needs.

Class of 1971
Class Agent: Bert Erny (502) 445-9987

Class lunches have moved to a new venue. Join us on the first Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. We meet at Spring Street Bar & Grill. Email **David Steinbock** at dsteinbock@whipmix.com.

Class of 1972
Class Agent: Pete Wimsatt (502) 299-4721

To receive class lunch notices with location and time, email **Dennis Oechsli** at doechsli@gmail.com. Follow the class on Facebook by searching St. Xavier Group Class of '72.

Class of 1975
Class Agent: Charlie Hulsman (502) 396-6416



Gary McGruder and **Terry Meiners** compare their senior yearbook photos.

Class of 1976
Class Agent: Mike Sheehan (502) 991-2068



Members of the class gathered in December at Check's Café for some Christmas cheer.



Classmates gathered at Roosters on Shelbyville Road in January. They are still trying to solve the world's problems.

Class of 1977
Class Agent: John Raque (502) 296-5831



John Raque was the St. X honoree at the 2025 Catholic Education Foundation salute dinner. The event was held on March 18 at the Galt House. John's remarks to the crowd included "St. X is the gold standard for educating young men academically, athletically, and spiritually."

Class of 1978
Class Agents: Barry Holland (502) 263-9885 and Paul Shaughnessy (502) 458-3676



Kelly Nuss was an assistant coach on the 2025 St. X state championship hockey team. He is pictured with other assistants Nick Nuss '10 and Alex Senn '11. Kelly served as head coach of the ice hockey team from 2006–2011.

Class of 1979
Class Agent: Alan Luckett (502) 548-5982

Alan Steiden joined the St. X High School Board of Directors.

Class of 1986
Class Agents: Chris Brown (502) 938-8299 and Jim Sadlo (502) 874-6888

When the St. X Football team takes the field for the 2025–26 season, the coaching staff will be missing a familiar face. **Todd Walsh** recently announced his retirement after 39 years as an assistant coach! He will continue to teach Physical Education and Health classes.

Class of 1987
Class Agent: Ted Bordador (502) 262-1648



Larry Elkin and his yachting team, BluePRINT Racing, claimed first place in the Southern Ocean Racing Conference Miami to Nassau Race. He credits the skills and values he learned at St. X for allowing him to pursue his sailing endeavors. Larry (second row; second from the right) is pictured with his BluePRINT Racing team.

Class Notes

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In February, WDRB TV in Louisville featured **Trey Mobley**. He shared his story of cardiac arrest and miraculous recovery thanks to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and staff at Lakeside Swim Club. Since then, Trey and his wife, Karen, have dedicated their time to fundraising over $10,000 to purchase and distribute AEDs in areas where cardiac disease is the highest. Trey also has his picture taken next to AEDs wherever he goes and posts them on social media to raise awareness. Of course, the couple found these devices at St. X, too, while attending a track meet.

Class of 1989
Class Agent: Tony Wilcox (502) 262-4559

Tim Nall joined the St. X High School Board of Directors.

Class of 1992
Class Agent: John Langford (502) 718-8961

After 19 years at the Stephen C. Gault Co., **Dalton Dreisbach** took a position at TRIO Commercial Property Group with fellow Tiger Justin Baker '93.

Class of 1993
Class Agent: David Cornett (502) 417-9022

Join the class for lunch on the third Wednesday of each month at Roosters in Middletown. Come between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. RSVP on Facebook at St. Xavier Class of 1993 or text **Matt Ricketts** at (502) 314-8406.

Class of 1994
Class Agent: Glenn Davis (502) 296-3950

Adam Billings was promoted to sales manager at Mr. Roof. St. X alumni in the Louisville area wanting to be part of a championship sales team may contact him at (502) 904-3403 or abillings@mrroof.com.

Class of 1996
Class Agent:

After six years of service, **Joe Higgins** has stepped down as St. X class agent. He looks forward to staying connected with the St. X community.

Class of 1998
Class Agent: Matt Hartlage (502) 807-5339

Dr. Matt Hanka was appointed by Mayor Stephanie Terry to a two-year term on the Evansville Vanderburgh County Human Relations Commission. Also, the Evansville City Council reappointed him to another four-year term on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee.

Class of 1999
Class Agent: Charlie Dicken (502) 693-7583



Danny Bowles's latest work, an English translation of Christian Kracht's Eurotrash, was included on the International Booker Prize longlist for 2025. This list celebrates the best works of long-form fiction or collections of short stories translated into English and published in the UK and/or Ireland between May 1, 2024, and April 30, 2025, as judged by the 2025 panel. Of the 154 books submitted by publishers for judging, only 13 were selected by the panel. Danny is a 2024–2025 Fellow at the Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study. He holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University and is associate professor of German Studies at Boston College. © HIAS/Claudia Höhne

Class of 2000
Class Agent: Brooks Mayer (502) 558-4913

In February, **Adam Block** was appointed Chief Revenue Officer at Motive, the AI Platform for Physical Operations. Adam will oversee global revenue and go-to-market functions, including sales, business development, strategy, operations, sales engineering, and partnerships.

Class of 2004
Class Agent: Kyle Thomas (502) 939-6618

Stephanie and **Daniel Kauffmann** proudly announce the birth of their first child. Jacob Daniel was born March 9, 2025.

Whitney and **Andrew Klawier** proudly announce the birth of their second son, Julian LaRoe.

Class of 2006
Class Agent: Matt Raque (502) 296-5891

Evan Watson is owner of The Lantern Barber Co., located at 1916 Bardstown Road. After working as a barber for almost seven years, he opened his own shop in the Highlands neighborhood on November 11, 2024.



Kaden Jacobs was recently named the Managing Director at Paquin PR, a strategic communications firm helping corporations, nonprofit organizations, professional services firms, and high-profile individuals build and maintain their reputations, solve mission-critical challenges, and take their business goals to the next level.



Nathan McGee graduated with his Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of Cincinnati. He is owner of Seven Hills Institute for Performance in Cincinnati and provides mental health counseling. Celebrating with Nathan are his wife Ashleigh, their children Auden, Arleigh, Greer, and Gage, and his parents Daniel '73 and Betty.

Class of 2007
Class Agents: Daniel Francis (502) 533-5316 and Andrew Mucci (502) 558-4343



Nicole and **Cory Kress** proudly announce the birth of their first child. Sylvie Grace was born January 4, 2025, in Fort Collins, Colorado.

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Class of 2008
Class Agent: Nick Heuser (502) 418-1402

On January 16, **Peter Urda** played a key role as a Senior Software Engineer on Blue Origin's 'Launch and Operate' team during the inaugural launch of New Glenn.

Class of 2009
Class Agents: Will Spence (502) 216-0507 and William Walker (502) 552-1117



Ryan Saviano (Burch) just wrapped up filming *Kill Him 'Til He's Dead* where he stars opposite three-time Emmy nominee Milo Ventimiglia (*This is Us*), Ashley Greene (*The Twilight Saga*), Anson Mount (*Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*), Fivel Stewart (*The Recruit*), and Byron Mann (*The Big Short, The Expanse*). Already available is Ryan's movie *Relative Control*, which can be found on Amazon Prime and Apple TV, through physical distribution at Barnes and Noble, and online through Walmart. In *Relative Control*, Ryan stars opposite SAG-nominated actress Teri Polo (*Meet the Parents* Franchise, *The Fosters*). Ryan visited St. X in May to speak with Ms. Reisert's acting class and wishes his former teacher a happy retirement. He thanks her and St. X for the profound impact they had on his life.

Class of 2010
Class Agent: Barrett Metzger (502) 417-1126



Nick Nuss was an assistant coach on the 2025 St. X state championship ice hockey team.

Class of 2011
Class Agent: Ben Taylor (502) 415-1888

Alex Senn was an assistant coach on the 2025 St. X state championship ice hockey team. See photo in 2010 class note.

Class of 2015
Class Agents: Mason King (502) 409-3160 and Wes Taylor (502) 550-9495

The class will celebrate a 10-year reunion on Friday, November 28, 2025, at DiOrio's Pizza and Pub on River Road. For details and registration, visit saintx.com/reunions.

Class of 2016
Class Agent: Nick Eimers (502) 807-8522

Mark Vogt advanced to the semi-finalist round of the Doritos Crash the Super Bowl commercial contest with his submission. "Flavor Containment" features a lab facility where a Doritos creation has escaped, sending workers into a panic. Mark is a freelance director and filmmaker.



In May, **Eric Wahlstedt**, **Sam Karem**, and **Sam Landoch** all graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

Class of 2017
Class Agents: Mason Moneypenny (502) 744-4014 and Kevin Niehoff (502) 552-6921

Kevin Niehoff has agreed to serve as co-class agent. Contact him at kbniehoff17@gmail.com or (502) 552-6921.



The family of **Ryan Neutz**† thanks St. X alumni for their support of the annual golf outing in his memory. The tournament supports the Ryan Neutz Memorial Endowment at St. X and raises awareness about mental illness.

Class of 2020
Class Agent: Campbell Kremer (502) 494-6040

Campbell Kremer has agreed to serve as class agent. Contact Campbell at cjkre@me.com or (502) 494-6040.



In February, **Cameron Donlon** was named a Division I-AA All-American as a member of the University of Louisville rugby team. Cam was also one of five Cardinals appearing in the National Collegiate Rugby All-Star Tournament, where he was selected to the All-Tournament Team. His coach, Emil Watson, stated, "Donlon has grown into one of my favorite players I've coached in my career, which is a testament to his willingness to learn and improve. He had immense talent and a relentless drive to get better every season."

Upcoming Events

Class Notes Deadline
October 1

Alumni Hall of Honors Induction Dinner
October 16

Open House
November 9

Green & Gold Social
January 24

Alumni Class Agent Breakfast
January 31

Alumni Retreat at St. Meinrad
February 21–22

Alumni Retreat at St. X
March 7

Theater Alumni Night
March 20

Event information available at saintx.com or by calling 502.637.8485.

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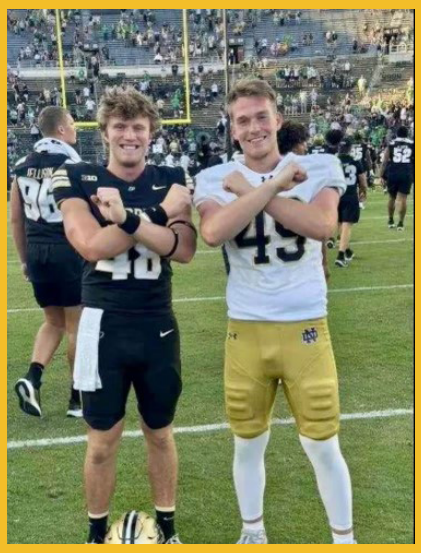
Dave Smith '88 and **Tom Barrett '91** demonstrate their X's at Saba Rock, Virgin Gorda.



Scott Baumrucker '86, **Troy Scarlott '86**, **John McCarthy '86**, **John Hanley '86**, and **Eric Barnes '86** show their X's in Sea Island, Georgia. They gathered to honor their classmate **Dan Fowler**†. Not pictured: **Gerry Willinger '86**



Larry Kaelin '69, **Steve Bauer '70**, **Mark Bauer '71**, and **Darrell Becht '74** make their X's at Maker's Mark Distillery.



Bennett Boehnlein '22 and **Andrew Kros '23** demonstrate their X's after the Notre Dame vs. Purdue game.



Paul Gates '22 and **Fr. Jim Connelly, C.S.C. '55** make their X's at the University of Notre Dame. Fr. Jim is a Holy Cross priest and Paul is a Holy Cross seminarian.



Phil Hasselwander '58, **Bob Ramser '71**, and **Steve Ramser '70** show their X's at Zion National Park.



Tim Corrigan '90 shows his X after climbing to the top of the Sydney Harbor Bridge in Sydney, Australia.



Danny Showalter '89, **Nicholas Showalter '22**, and St. X senior William Showalter make their X's on Mary's Bridge overlooking Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria.

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Joe Kroll '93 and **John Stratman '93** make their X's in front of Touchdown Jesus before the Notre Dame vs. Virginia football game.



Andrew Becht '09, **Gary McGruder '75**, **Richard Sauer '63**, **Chris Morris '76**, and **Austin Schwenker '09** make their X's in front of Touchdown Jesus before the Notre Dame vs. Louisville football game.



Greg Fuchs '75 shows his X at the Tjäkjta Pass, the highest point on Sweden's 400 km Kungsleden, while completing the 2024 Fjällräven Classic, an annual 110 km backpacking trek above the Arctic Circle from Nikkaluokta to Abisko in Lapland.



Marcus Kelly '10 shows his X at Camp Lemonnier while deployed in Djibouti, Africa. He is currently stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona.



While on vacation with his wife, Barbara, **Victor Ward '72** makes his X at Tiger Park in Phuket, Thailand.



Shawn Kemper '88 and **Collin Kemper '18** show their X's in Rocky Mountain National Park.



Kevin Beets '06 shows his X at the USS Constitution in Boston. Kevin was selected as one of the few underways the Navy has for "Old Ironsides" during Chief Petty Officer Heritage Week.

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St. X welcomed the Class of 2020 back to campus to celebrate its 5-year anniversary reunion. These young men were resilient, having to complete their senior coursework during a pandemic and receive diplomas in a drive-thru ceremony. Nearly one-third of the class attended the reception, in addition to 40 faculty and staff members.