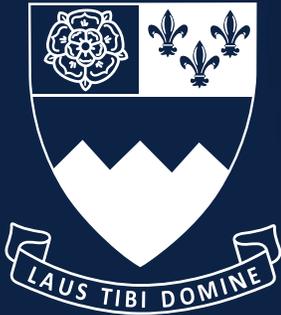


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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, my moral theology students were discussing happiness – what it is, how to seek it, and why it matters. Towards the end of class, one of them asked, “If happiness is about enjoying God’s presence, and God is everywhere all the time, then why is it so hard to be happy?”

I thought about this paradox in my own life. Our school is flourishing, the launching of our new 6th grade program is off to a great start, and our campus has never looked more beautiful. Our most recent graduates are pursuing exceptional opportunities at selective and highly selective universities (including Stanford, MIT, and Princeton) as well as at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and the Merchant Marine Academy. Our faculty and staff continue to build life-giving Christ-centered relationships with their students and each other, and we are looking forward to celebrating the 75th anniversary of our school’s foundation in just a few years’ time.

And yet, I am often tempted to focus on the negative. The slightest setback or disappointment can easily ruin my mood, especially when I am feeling overwhelmed. Why, in the face of so many blessings, is one negative thing able to throw me off so easily?

For me, the answer seems to be that the busier I am, the less I pray. With too much to do, I spend too little time listening to God, receiving his word, and sharing my burdens with him. Fortunately, I have the structures of the monastic life to keep me grounded and returning to the Lord when daily life pulls me too far from prayer.

In just the same way, we seek to prepare young men at Priory for exceptional lives not just through formal education, physical training, outstanding opportunities, and personalized care, but also through the practice of daily prayer that begins in the monastery and radiates throughout every school day. By giving one another the space and opportunity to enter into an awareness of God, we help each other to stay grounded in the joy that is our life in God.

Practicing awareness of the presence of God is a lifelong task, but we start it in earnest at Priory, as you will see throughout this edition of *Priory Magazine*.

In Christ,



Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02
Headmaster



Making a **Lasting Impact**

Priory Students Benefit from the Establishment of Endowed Faculty Chairs

It was all about enabling “a lasting impact.” That’s why the Fair and Billhartz families - and others - have made generous financial gifts to endow faculty chairs at Saint Louis Priory School.

“It’s for the benefit of the students,” they say.

“We, collectively as a family, decided that it was important for us to endow a chair to have a lasting impact on future generations,” says Greg Billhartz, father of Evan Billhartz '24.

“It is important to have something that’s going to have a lasting impact on many, many kids,” agrees Bill Fair III, a member of Priory’s Class of 1981. “The underlying rationale for why we, as a family, chose to do this is to try to make a difference in people’s lives.”

“It was important to have something that’s going to have a **lasting impact on many, many kids.**”

– Bill Fair III, '81

The Fair Family Story



Priory certainly made a difference in Bill Fair’s life.

Fair’s father, Dr. William Fair Jr., was a prominent urologist who developed new surgical techniques,

treatments, and diagnostic tests for prostate cancer. His wife, Mary Ann, was a nurse. The family had been living in California, with a short stint in England, when Dr. Fair accepted a position as head of the Department of Urology at Washington University in St. Louis.

“My family moved to St. Louis literally the day before my 7th-grade year started at Priory,” Fair recalls.

“I remember walking into my 7th-grade classroom and seeing a stack of books on the ground next to my desk that was almost as tall as I was.”

That first year, Fair says, “We had study hall periods every once in a while, and there was a senior who would come and proctor our study halls - a guy named Jim Mohrman, who you probably know as Abbot Gregory.”

The early connection between the 7th grader and the senior has led to a lifelong connection for the two Priory alumni.

Fair’s liberal arts education at Priory influenced him so much that he matriculated to Stanford University, where he majored in Classical Studies.

"Have I used Classics in the business world at all? Not one iota," Fair chuckles. "But it really helped me to be grounded..., to be a more complete thinker about issues."

A few years after Bill Fair's Priory graduation, his parents made a financial gift to establish the Fair Family Chair of Classics. Fair says his father was "a big believer in a classical education," and that both of his parents "had a really strong belief in education and the academic mission of the school."

Dr. Fair passed away in 2002, but the Fair family's support of Saint Louis Priory School continued. During Priory's *Sharing the Promise, Shaping the Future* Capital Campaign, the family made significant contributions that led to the establishment of the William Fair, M.D., Science Classroom and the Mary Ann Fair Medieval Arts Classroom - both located in Priory's new Arts and Science Center.

Even more recently, Bill Fair '81 established another endowed faculty chair, this one in his mother's honor: The Fair Family Chair of Medieval Arts. Fair says he and his mother, now 85, view Medieval Arts as "unique" and "mission

critical" for the continued success of Saint Louis Priory School, just as Dr. and Mrs. Fair did with Classics more than three decades earlier.

"We are deeply appreciative of the partnerships between family, alumni, and benefactors that are so crucial to the ongoing mission of the school," says Assistant Head of School for Intellectual Formation, Tim Malecek.

"The endowed chairs send the message, 'We believe in your work. We trust what you are doing with these young men. We want to see you succeed.'"

"It's an important part of our rich liberal arts tradition that our young men be well rounded," Malecek notes. "We study the Classics - Latin and Greek - to look backward to understand our historical western civilization roots. The modern languages - Spanish or French - allow us to move forward in an increasingly global society."

"There are even fewer schools - if any! - with an endowed chair in Medieval Arts!" he emphasizes. "Yet consistently our students and alumni reflect upon their time in the Medieval Arts workshop as some of the most formative hours of their time at Priory."



^ Family photos of Bill Fair III '81 with his parents Mary Ann and Dr. William Fair II

> Bill Fair '81 senior photo

The Billhartz Family Story

This fall, Evan Billhartz '24 began his freshman year at Tulane University in New Orleans. There, he is studying cell and molecular biology, continuing an interest in science his parents say was piqued during his time as a Priory student.

"We've seen his interest in science really flourish," says Evan's father, Greg Billhartz. "It's been exciting to see him take that initiative."

Through their family foundation, Greg Billhartz and his wife, Jennie, have committed to making impactful financial gifts - not only out of a sense of gratitude for the educational experiences of each of their three children, but also to help "have a lasting impact on future generations."

Because of their son Evan's positive experience, Billhartz says, "We clearly wanted to focus on science" at Saint Louis Priory School. Earlier this year, the family established The Billhartz Family Science Chair.

Billhartz hopes the earnings on the corpus of this perpetual gift will grow enough to enable the chairholder to travel and interact with contemporaries and others across the country. "They would bring back best practices, ideas, innovation, and development in a way that frames future curriculum, learning, and student experiences," he says.



△ Evan Billhartz '24

"I think what we've learned over the last five years in particular through the pandemic is that many of these areas - whether it's technology, science, math - are developing and changing so rapidly that it wouldn't take long for curriculum to get stale in today's environment," Billhartz says. "This endowment is really intended to make sure that the curriculum and the faculty at Priory are at the forefront of the latest thinking for high school-aged students."

It is also important, he notes, that "students are studying and working in a more collaborative way, which I know is a big part of some of the workspaces and classrooms" in Priory's innovative Arts and Science Center.

▽ Greg, Jennie, Liam, Evan, and Grace Billhartz



That is all music to the ears of Nick Kheriaty, Priory's science department chair and, thus, the school's Billhartz Family Science Chair.

Kheriaty has been a member of Priory's faculty since 2022 and a teacher in Catholic high schools for 20 years. He also happens to be the father of two current Priory students - Jacob '28 and Daniel '30.

This academic year, Kheriaty is teaching honors chemistry to Form IV sophomores and physics to Form V juniors.

"The best way for our young men to learn science is to experience it firsthand," Kheriaty confirms. The Billhartz family's endowment helps cover the salary of the chair, thus freeing up other funds to pay for equipment and experiences. "This allows Priory students to engage in cutting-edge, hands-on learning."

"Our new dissection equipment for biology, [and] our new photogates and projectile launchers in physics," he says, "help bring concepts to life in the classroom and foster curiosity and passion about science in our students."

"Gifts that endow chairs are really important," Kheriaty says, "because they free up resources for the school to invest in the student experience."

∨ The Billhartz Family Science Chair and Teacher Nick Kheriaty in the classroom



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– Greg Billhartz

"You And Your Friends Can Make A Difference"

Bill Fair '81 is on a mission to see even more endowed faculty chairs at Priory.

Such endowments, he notes, "can fundamentally change the course of generations of students' lives."

At Priory, "there's a tradition of fraternity in terms of brotherhood; there's a tradition of academic excellence and a dedication to teaching," Fair says. "That all could be called upon to get more endowed chairs in place."

Fair says he would like to see alumni and friends of Priory work together to establish endowments. "Don't be limited by [perceived] pre-set endowment opportunities," he says. Alumni should "think about working with your classmates," from the same class year or even across class years.

"You and your friends can make a difference."

For more information on endowing a chair at Saint Louis Priory School, contact Director of Advancement Natalie Covey at 314.434.3690, ext. 325 or ncovey@priory.org.

Priory Announces New 6th Grade Program

For the first time in the schools' history, 6th graders will enter the halls of Priory in the fall of 2025. The new offering supplements the longstanding and highly regarded formative academic program for boys in grades 7-12.

"In recent years, it's become clear that many families in the St. Louis area are seeking a school that will challenge their 6th grade sons in a way that aligns with the mission of our school," says Associate Headmaster Mike Nickolai.

Priory has offered a college preparatory program for boys for more than 60 years. Known for its academic rigor and emphasis on classical education, Priory is recognized for its mission "to provide a Catholic, Benedictine, college preparatory education of the highest excellence so as to help talented and motivated young men develop their full potential as children of God."

A new 6th grade class is expected to add as many as 20 to 40 additional students to the school. This relatively small number of new students is not expected to have a significant impact on other Catholic schools in the region.

"We look forward to welcoming these new 6th grade students to what we hope will become their lifelong spiritual home."

– Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76

Why Now?

"Parents want a school that will provide an excellent education that will help their sons grow into their full potential," Nickolai added. "We believe that adding a 6th grade allows us to provide something truly excellent for these motivated young men who are seeking to be challenged to grow in mind, body, and spirit."

Headmaster and Priory alumnus Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02, shared with current families that school leaders had discerned starting a 6th grade since the school's foundation in 1956.





Priory's new visual arts studio



Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02 talking to students in the renovated outdoor space

“We know there are parents out there who are seeking a school that understands boys. A school that will challenge their sons, but also support them when they make mistakes,” reflected Nickolai. “Parents are looking for a school that is rooted in tradition and committed to academic excellence. They want a school that is confidently Catholic in its identity. They also want to be a part of a community filled with educators, both monastic and lay, who humbly devote their lives to providing a Catholic and Benedictine education.”

“We want to provide an opportunity for these young men, and for all of our students, to root themselves in our unique Benedictine charism,” says Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76. “We look forward to welcoming these new 6th grade students to what we hope will become their lifelong spiritual home.”

Programming

The 6th grade program at Priory will include all the essential elements of our 7th through 12th grade program, but it is tailored to a 6th grade student. In doing so, Priory provides something to 6th grade students that families can't get anywhere else in St. Louis. Dr. Bob Shaw joined Priory last summer as the lead teacher who will develop and guide the new program.

“We know that Priory is well known for its accelerated math curriculum and its comprehensive instruction in writing and argumentation,” says Nickolai. “In addition to those core classes in math and English, 6th graders will also engage in dynamic science and social studies classes that will take advantage of experiential learning opportunities - both on and off campus.”

> Dr. Bob Shaw is the new 6th grade program lead teacher.

Students will also study theology as an academic discipline and can learn visual and performing arts in our beautiful campus art studios and performance venues.

We understand the importance of faith formation at Priory, and our youngest students will be a part of our all-school Masses, our well-known Tutoria program, and our other chaplaincy initiatives including retreats.

The structure of the 6th grade at Priory is about creating community and finding times and spaces to do that.

Sixth grade at Priory will be a place for boys to grow and mature. The strong academic expectations complemented by deeply rooted values is essential to a meaningful and virtuous life, according to Nickolai. “It will prepare young men well for their continued studies at Priory and life beyond.”

For more information about our 6th grade program, contact the Enrollment Management Office at 314.434.3690, ext. 101.



Students Enjoy **Spring Break Trip** to

ROME



Spring break was an exciting time for eight Saint Louis Priory School students as they embarked on a captivating journey to the historic city of Rome with two chaperones. Priory teacher and Form Master Josh Dixon (left) shared highlights from the unforgettable experience as the students were immersed in a world of art, culture, and history.



By Theology and Latin Teacher
and Form Master Josh Dixon

Priory's first post-Covid overseas trip took place as our pioneering group visited Rome, Italy for 12 days. The trip to the Eternal City began with a blessing from several monks on campus, followed by an 18-hour journey to the Old World.

For some, this was their first trip outside of the United States. Upon landing, we were immediately acquainted with some classically wild *The Italian Job*-style taxi driving en route to our delightful and very welcoming hotel.

The Rome trip was a nexus of classical, religious, historical, artistic, and culinary delights, comprising an enrichingly jam-packed itinerary.

We began by exploring the Colosseum, the Palace of the Caesars, and the Roman Forum. We soon learned our way around the city as a group.

We used our free time to frequent Rome's famous gelaterias, pizza bars, and exquisite and seemingly countless churches. Upon rendezvous, we shared fun stories and new experiences over delicious pasta, margherita pizzas, and scrumptious tiramisu in the evenings.

On one occasion, when we visited the stunningly beautiful medieval hilltop city of Orvieto, renowned for its cathedral and the Eucharistic Miracle, the freshmen group formed a soccer alliance with some local Italian boys and played all afternoon.

Each day was full of mesmerizing, memory-creating encounters, such as visiting the Trevi fountain, Castel Sant'Angelo (Hadrian IV's tomb), Trajan's Market, the world-renowned Villa Borghese Art Gallery, and - essential for the boys - the Ferrari and Lazio FC soccer shops to purchase branded gear.

Alongside the amazing restaurants and cultural gems, we explored the four great basilicas of Rome: St. John Lateran (officially the Pope's

> Trip attendees Elizabeth Peter, Josh Dixon, Sam Palka '26, Thomas Rempe '25, Keaton Spore '27, Grayson Woods '27, Austin Kovac '27, David Peter '25, Lanh Zun '27, and Father Chris Warren, priest of Hexham and Newcastle Diocese at the Venerable English College in Rome, the seminary for England and Wales.

"The inaugural Rome trip was a **huge, action-packed, and remarkable success**, forging life-long memories for all involved."

- Josh Dixon

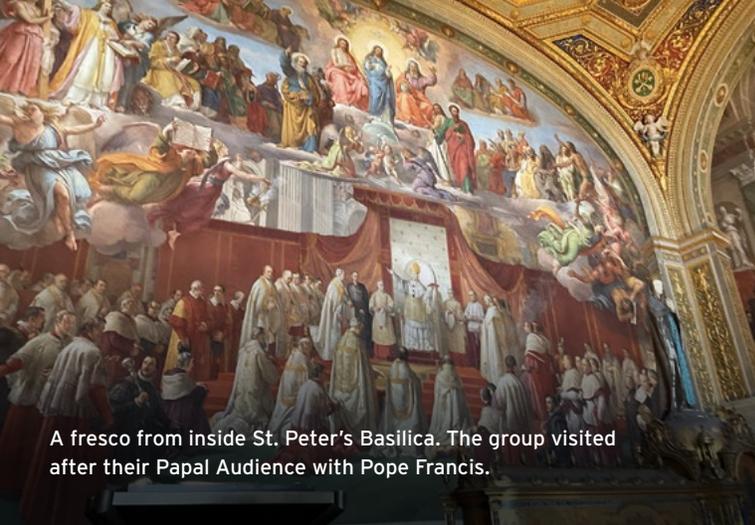
Cathedral), St. Mary Major, St. Paul's Outside the Walls, and the most famous of all, the Vatican.

A highlight of the trip was attending the Papal Audience in St. Peter's square, in which the group was impressed with the Pope Mobile and Pope Francis' memorable catechesis on the need to pursue peace and not war as a solution to human conflict.

Other generous moments included Mass and dinner at two seminaries. The Venerable English College hosted us one evening, in which our group impressed by splitting up and holding their own in diverse social conversations. Special thanks to the Rector of the Pontifical Beda College, Canon Philip Gillespie, who celebrated Mass for us at St. Paul's Outside the Walls, followed by a very hospitable dinner at Beda Seminary.

Rome is a gem-filled, church-encrusted, and artistic wonder of a city, to which Thomas Rempe '25 would regularly respond in amazement upon entering a new





A fresco from inside St. Peter's Basilica. The group visited after their Papal Audience with Pope Francis.

church with the phrase, 'Holy smokes!' Yet, there is also a little known, ancient Jewish community. Our group was touched to visit the Rome Synagogue and absorb the, at times, painful yet tenacious history of the Jewish people in Rome and wider Europe.

Venturing outside the city, we visited the ancient port of Rome, namely, Ostia Antica, with its stunning mosaics reminiscent of Pompeii. After this experience, we shared another fantastic lunch, lazily enjoyed in the gentle Italian sun outside a castle. Serenaded with the smell of freshly baked bread, Italian families showed us the meaning of a perfect afternoon.

Italy really is the *bel paese* (beautiful country), with so much to offer and limitless treasures, vistas, and formative experiences to boot.

While not explicitly a religious trip, the group was touched on many occasions by the living faith and sense of universality on display at the center of Catholicism.

We formed solid friendships, shared lots of laughter, and persevered as we often clocked in 15,000 steps a day, even more when we visited the much-coveted Vatican Museums.

It is fair to say that the inaugural Rome trip was a huge, action-packed, and remarkable success, forging life-long memories for all involved.

Priory recently launched its Odyssey Program: Global Experiences. Students can participate in domestic and international travel for sightseeing and service. This year there are three scheduled trips: Adventure in the Andes, La Dolce Vita Rome Trip, and Service at Bethlehem Farm.

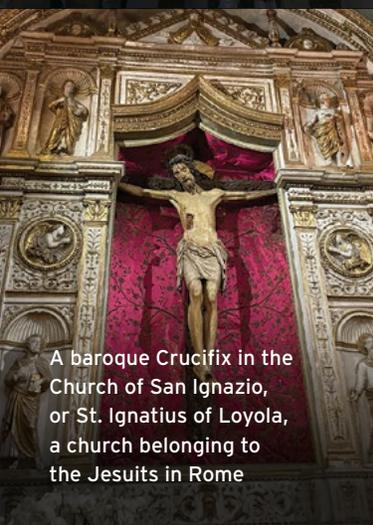
A personal thanks to all those who generously made the trip happen, extending crucial learning beyond the classroom and expanding the extraordinary offering of experiences at Priory.



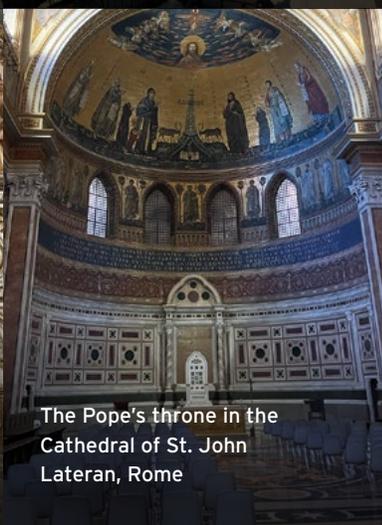
Lanah Zun '27, Grayson Woods '27, Austin Kovac '27, and Keaton Spore '27 at the Colosseum



The main arena of the Colosseum in Rome.

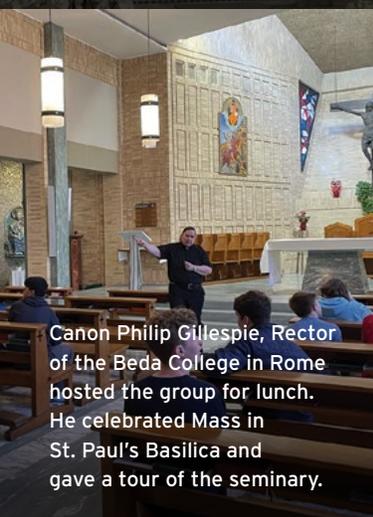


A baroque Crucifix in the Church of San Ignazio, or St. Ignatius of Loyola, a church belonging to the Jesuits in Rome

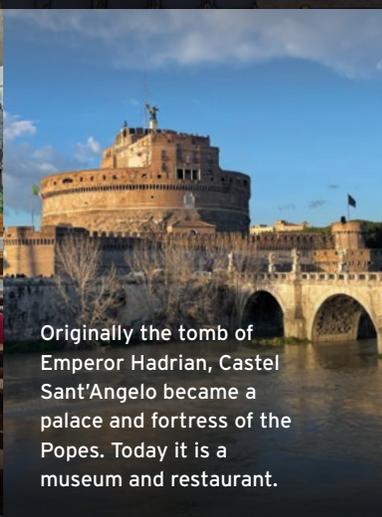


The Pope's throne in the Cathedral of St. John Lateran, Rome

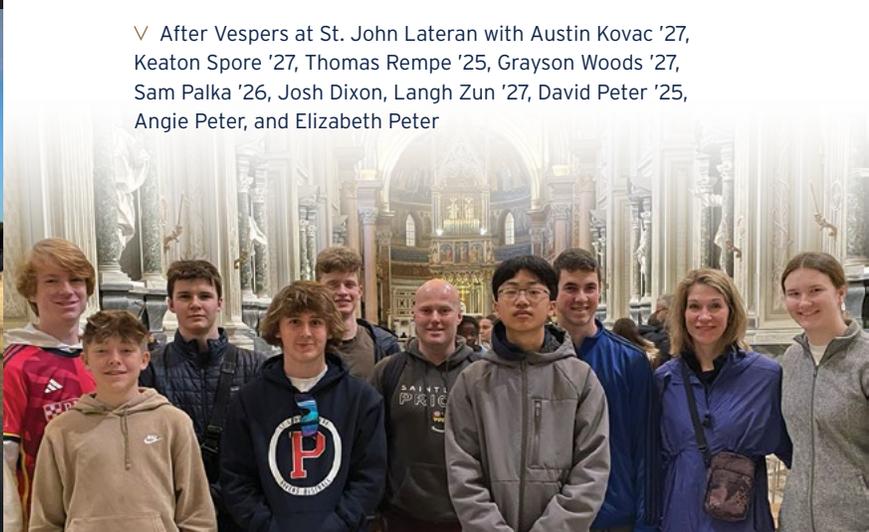
∨ After Vespers at St. John Lateran with Austin Kovac '27, Keaton Spore '27, Thomas Rempe '25, Grayson Woods '27, Sam Palka '26, Josh Dixon, Lanah Zun '27, David Peter '25, Angie Peter, and Elizabeth Peter



Canon Philip Gillespie, Rector of the Beda College in Rome hosted the group for lunch. He celebrated Mass in St. Paul's Basilica and gave a tour of the seminary.



Originally the tomb of Emperor Hadrian, Castel Sant'Angelo became a palace and fortress of the Popes. Today it is a museum and restaurant.



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55

Total new Form I through
Form VI students

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Feeder schools

18

Scholarships awarded

3

Chilean exchange students

21

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alumnus connection (sibling,
father, grandfather, or uncle)



Form I students with Headmaster Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02

Building Excellence

Director of Facilities Helps Enhance Priory's 150-Acre Campus

When you step onto the lush, sprawling grounds at Saint Louis Priory School, it's hard not to appreciate how exceptional the 150-acre campus truly is. This awe-inspiring setting is a testament to the tireless dedication and passion of many individuals, but most notably, Director of Facilities Martin Fitzgerald.

Since 1998 when Fitzgerald joined Priory, he's helped make the school what it is today. His work ethic and dedication to Priory is second to none.

"He is one of the greatest examples of how to serve our mission," says Assistant Head of School for Finance and Facilities Scott Welz.

∨ Director of Facilities Martin Fitzgerald



"He makes sure that everything we do helps us to advance the mission of the school and the monastery. He cares about our students, and he is actively involved in the day-to-day activities of the boys. He is engaged with them around campus, in the dining hall, and in the school."

A director of facilities has many different responsibilities in maintaining a campus and its buildings. There's no average day in facility management, and Fitzgerald must always be organized and available.

"My job is to support everyone else in their job and ensure nothing out of the ordinary happens," Fitzgerald says. "Each day the lights must come on, the classrooms need to be comfortable, the phones need to work, the toilets need to flush, the roof and windows need to keep the rain out, the snow needs to be cleared, and lunch needs to be ready."

"Some days we get calls about coyotes on the cross-country trail and deer caught in the soccer nets. Just when it starts to slow down, a water main bursts. Then, when you think you are caught up, it is time for a building to be renovated or a new building to be built. Never a dull day."

"Martin is the guy constantly out patrolling the campus making sure everything is working and

looking the way it should," Welz adds. "He's the one leading the charge when something breaks and needs to be fixed quickly. He's always thinking of new and creative ways to make sure the campus looks great now and into the future."

The first big project he and Kevin Kerwin '78, the AIA Principal at HKW Architects, worked on was the Monastery.

"The Monastery was a major undertaking that I think we both consider to be very successful," says Kerwin. "We both grew in appreciation of each other's skills and contributions to the Abbey and Priory."

He continues, "Martin and I work closely together, and we understand that we each bring good things to Priory. At this point, I would not attempt to separate Martin's attributes from mine, except that he knows the numbers, the workings, and minute details of Priory. We understand that we each work for the good of and the future of Priory. We work, listen, and build on each other's good ideas to get stuff done."

Outside of the Monastery, Martin has been involved in a plethora of projects at Priory that include additions to and renovation of the junior school and athletic facility, the new McCabe baseball field, updated practice fields, new grandstand, renovations to the library, and the pond and grounds.

He has helped renovate the science wing, along with the indoor and outdoor commons for the students. He's also assisted in the layouts for Xanadu, the faculty lounge, the campus store, and modifications to the Abbey Church.

Fitzgerald's favorite projects have been the pond rebuild and restoration, and the annual tree planting with the 7th grade.

"Priory's expansive and diverse campus amazes me every day," says Fitzgerald. "Rebuilding the pond allowed me to be part of the revitalization of an ecosystem that supports a wide variety of plant and aquatic life. I am a tree hugger, and working at Priory provides many opportunities to do work that is good for the planet."



Fitzgerald was instrumental in the renovation of the old junior school into the new Arts & Science Center.



Priory's pond rebuild was completed in 2023.

"My job is to support everyone else in their job and ensure nothing out of the ordinary happens."

– **Martin Fitzgerald**, Director of Facilities



The outdoor commons was part of the *Sharing the Promise, Shaping the Future* Capital Campaign.

He adds, "Teaching students about conservation and the value of trees is something that is greater than just us. When planting trees, we are teaching the students to act not for themselves, but for generations to come."

Teaching and mentoring students when he has time is something Fitzgerald enjoys. Back in October 2023, Fitzgerald and Head Librarian David Kates led students on a kayak fishing trip.

"The kayak trip was great," says Andrew Bealke '28. "I loved getting out to fish, and it was a great experience since we got to take out the kayaks, which was a new experience for me."

Bealke adds, "Mr. Fitzgerald taught me quite a bit about fishing. However, the most influential thing he has taught me is about how much better braid is than other types of fishing lines, and that has helped me greatly. I really enjoy learning from him."

"Martin's passion for fishing is infectious," says Kates. "During the student activities fair, he always brings his boat, which excites students. He made sure that the pond was stocked with fish after dredging and re-landscaping. Now, our 9th-grade fishermen have become leaders and are passionate about getting a sizable part of the student body involved in fishing."

Not only does Fitzgerald make time for taking care of the campus and teaching students about fishing, but he is also able to assist faculty and staff members on occasion if a certain class discussion aligns with his expertise.

"Early in the first trimester, Martin took our 7th graders on a field trip through Priory's watershed," says Science Teacher Eric Schweain. "I took my class to the Alex Kline '76 Alumni Field, and he guided our students through the watershed to the lowest point. He had his typical dry wit and clever demeanor. It was amazing."

He continues, "In fact, it was so good, I asked him to stop by my environmental science class in the spring. We were focused on the variety of energy sources, and Martin gave them data on Priory's energy needs and usage as well as a view of the solar panels on top of the Arts & Science Center. Toward the end of the year, he also gave our seniors more information on the water needs and demands for Priory's campus. I was so impressed with Martin and his expertise about Priory."

Fitzgerald believes Priory is a holy place. His son Spencer graduated from Priory in 2009 and is still connected with the alumni to this day.

"For those who have been privileged to work with him, Martin epitomizes what a member of the Abbey family is like," says Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '72. "He is dedicated to his job; not just as a job, but as a service to the wider Abbey community. He has a real instinct for frugality and for the noble simplicity that is the hallmark of the buildings on campus."

"Martin is as integral to Priory as a person can be," Kerwin says. "His knowledge base of facilities and grounds extends far beyond anyone else at the institution. I have been astounded by his dedication to Priory, assisting with events on the weekends and all the behind-the-scenes work he does to make Priory a success."

< Andrew Bealke '28 is excited to catch a fish during Priory's Fishing Club. Fitzgerald is the club moderator.



MASTER ICONOGRAPHER EVENTS

Over the summer, friends of Priory had the opportunity to attend one of two five-day iconography workshops led by master iconographer **Father Alex Echeandía Loro, O.S.B.** This was the second year in which attendees learned about the mysteries of religious art, including faith, beauty, and truth. Each attendee created and took home their own handcrafted icon of St. Peter or St. Paul. Participants were encouraged to pray throughout the process.

Father Alex completed his apprenticeship in Guatapé, Colombia, studied under Aidan Hart at the Prince of Wales' School of Traditional Art, and finished his training at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv Oblast, Ukraine. He and Priory Headmaster **Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02** became friends during their monastic studies in Oxford, England. All proceeds from the events benefited the monastic community of Maria de La Santísima Trinidad in Lurín, Peru.

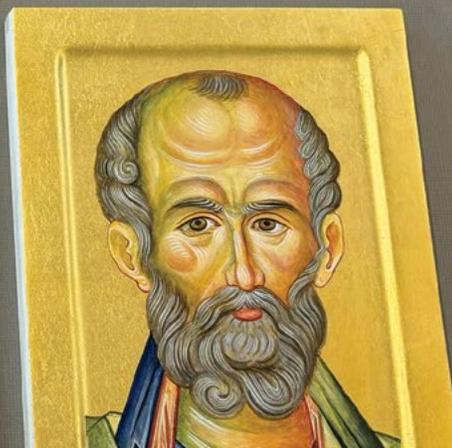
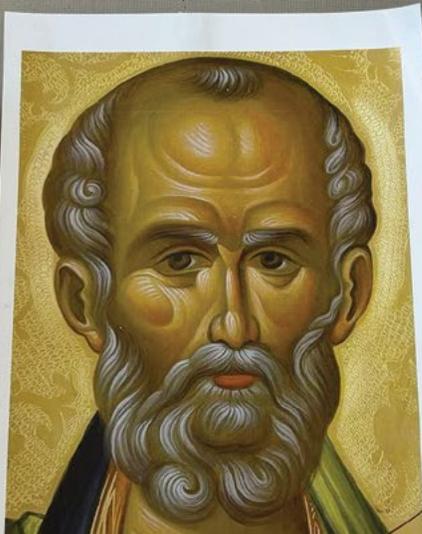
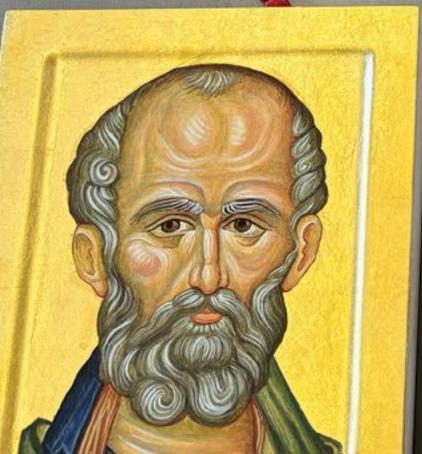
Participants in one of the Icon Workshops proudly show off their St. Peter Icons.



Student versions of St. Peter Icon



Father Alex Echeandía Loro, O.S.B., led the Saint Louis Abbey Icon Workshops.



GRADUATION 2024

Priory's Class of 2024 celebrated graduation on May 19 in the Saint Louis Abbey Church. Students, their families, faculty, and staff enjoyed the beautiful sunny day as 55 students became graduates and a part of a robust alumni group.

Speakers included faculty member and Class Mentor **David Holmes '16** and Valedictorian **Patrick Hamill '24**. He shared valedictorian honors with **Yrwin Batan '24** and **John Spivey '24**. Batan is a freshman at MIT, Spivey is a freshman at MIT, and Hamill is a freshman at Princeton University. **Connor Guthrie '24**, a freshman at the University of Alabama, addressed the crowd as the recipient of the Claude I. Bakewell Jr. '61 Memorial Award.

Headmaster **Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02**, along with **Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76**, handed out diplomas to the graduates.



Class mentor David Holmes '16



Valedictorian address by Patrick Hamill '24, Yrwin Batan '24 and John Spivey '24 shared valedictorian honors with Hamill.



Connor Guthrie '24, Bakewell award recipient



Matriculation List

The 55 members of the Class of 2024 are attending the following schools as freshmen for their 2024-25 school year:

Baylor University	Southern Methodist University
Cornell College	Stanford University
DePaul University	Texas Christian University (6)
Hannibal-Lagrange University	The Ohio State University
Indiana University, Bloomington (2)	Truman State University (3)
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary	Tulane University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2)	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Miami University, Ohio	University of Alabama (2)
Missouri Baptist University	University of Dayton
Missouri University of Science & Technology (2)	University of Iowa
Northeastern University	University of Louisville
Princeton University	University of Miami (2)
Purdue University	University of Mississippi (2)
Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Missouri–Columbia (2)
Saint Louis University (6)	University of Notre Dame (3)
Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Tampa
	Wake Forest University (2)

SENIOR FACULTY AWARDS



Dr. Seth Arnold



Chris Jennings



David Holmes '16



Carla Arnett



Susan Lutz



Nikki Hostnik

Classroom Instructor

Presented to the faculty member who inspires students with a mastery of the subject matter and has the ability to convey it to them.

Honoree: **Dr. Seth Arnold**, mathematics teacher

Coach

Recognizes outstanding instruction in athletics – instruction to various levels of talent, helping students reach their potential and above all, making it fun.

Honoree: **Chris Jennings**, head wrestling coach and assistant varsity baseball coach

Class Mentor

Presented to the faculty member students have been able to turn to when the going was rough, and whose opinion they admire and respect.

Honoree: **David Holmes '16**, English and theology teacher, STUCO moderator

Shield Yearbook Dedication

Presented to the faculty member(s) who most contributed to the success and well-being of the Senior Class.

Honorees: **Carla Arnett**, former front desk receptionist, **Susan Lutz**, former associate director of college counseling, and **Nikki Hostnik**, director of college counseling



New Faculty and Staff

Jeff Allee joined Priory as a part-time Medieval Arts teacher. After pursuing several different successful career paths, he recently stepped away to focus on his passion of stained glass in his home art studio. Allee has prior connections to the Guild and their work. He has extensive experience working with adolescents as an associate pastor and youth ministry leader. His educational background in Christian education and curriculum development will be beneficial to our community. Allee is the spouse of Stephanie Allee, Priory's vocal music teacher. Allee and Mary Claire MacDonald will be team-teaching the Medieval Arts classes.

Katie Carriere joined the College Counseling office as associate director. She has more than eight years of college admission experience, most recently with Saint Louis University. During that time, she worked as a volunteer of the Missouri Association for College Admission Counseling (MOACAC) executive board. For the past two years, she enjoyed working at Chapman & Co. Leadership Institute, but is happy to again be part of a school community. Carriere received her bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University and master of arts degree in leadership and organizational development from Saint Louis University. She and her husband, Chris, have two young boys.

Cara Kuehl joined Priory in the spring as part-time campus merchandise manager. She is a member of the Advancement team. She is also responsible for managing the Campus Store, The Raven's Nest, and volunteers for both. Kuehl graduated from Texas Christian University and has held various management positions in sales, service, marketing, and communications for start-up companies. Prior to joining Priory, she was an avid volunteer in her children's schools and a contracted employee for special projects.

Michael Rockhold joined Priory's technology department as an IT support specialist. He graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor of science degree in business information systems. While there, he worked as a student audio visual technician for four years. Since

moving to St. Louis in March, he's been exploring the city and getting to know the area. Rockhold enjoys going to the gym, rock climbing, building models, and hanging out with his snow Bengal cat named Benji.

Bernadette Rutherford joined Priory as a part-time French teacher. She hails from Scotland where she earned her degree in law and worked as a solicitor. Rutherford moved to St. Louis in 2022. She worked at Saint Louis University for the past couple of years while simultaneously completing a master of arts degree in French. She is fluent in French, having spent some time living in France. She looks forward to learning more about Saint Louis Priory School and our Catholic, Benedictine tradition.

Bonnie Schwartz joined Priory in the spring as our afternoon receptionist. She is an experienced office manager and a retired business woman. She is the grandmother of Form III student Grady Frey.

Dr. Bob Shaw is Priory's new 6th grade lead teacher. With a robust background in curriculum development and extensive middle school teaching and leadership experience, Shaw holds degrees in education, curriculum, and instruction/teacher leadership, and STEM education enhancement. Recognized as Illinois Technology Teacher of the Year and Science Teacher of the Year in Missouri, Shaw earned accolades for servant leadership from organizations like the Boy Scouts of America, Sustainability Institute for Educators, and FIRST Robotics. Shaw most recently served as a science teacher and curriculum writer at STEAM Gifted Academy, Ferguson-Florissant. Before that, he taught middle school and high school science at MICDS for 17 years, serving as chair of the JK-12 science department for 12 of those years.

Isabel Siedband joined Priory in the spring as our morning receptionist. She is the mother of three including Form III student Alex. She brings a wealth of professional and non-profit experience including volunteerism in our Priory community. Siedband speaks three languages, and loves cooking, traveling, and puzzles. She is also the scout master to a girls' Scouting America troop.



Jeff Allee



Katie Carriere



Cara Kuehl



Michael Rockhold



Bernadette Rutherford



Bonnie Schwartz



Dr. Bob Shaw



Isabel Siedband

The Raven's Nest and Campus Store are in Full Swing!

At Priory's Campus Store, you can get all your school swag online or in person. Located in the school lobby, the store is open the first Wednesday of every month from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on full school days for in-person shopping. If there is no school on the first Wednesday, then it will be open on the second Wednesday of the month. Online shopping is available 24/7!

The Raven's Nest is in the High School Commons and is open each day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for students and faculty to purchase a variety of beverages and snacks.



Priory Welcomes Chilean Exchange Students

Thank you to the Queen family (Pedro '27) for hosting Tomás, the Hunkins family (Kieran '28) for hosting Agustín, and to the Dino family (Grant '27, Grayson '27) for hosting Diego.



SAINT LOUIS ABBEY JOURNAL

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

As I write this letter, we are beginning the new school year with the welcome of our incoming 7th graders and others who are joining us at different grade levels of the school. It is a joyous day to greet all these newcomers and to see the great promise that coming to Priory holds for them.

This year brings a lot of excitement for all of us as we see the school branch out in preparation to begin a 6th grade program and continue its long tradition of excellence.

For the monks, too, it is a time of promise as we see some increased interest in those searching for a possible vocation to our community. As we monks continue to renew our own spiritual and monastic lives, we hope and pray that it will inspire men to want to join us in our calling to seek God always.

The year 2025 will be the 70th anniversary of the founding of the monastery (on October 19). It is amazing to see how, from the humble beginnings of three monks and a bunch of clapboard buildings for a school, we have grown and expanded in so many ways! I ask for your prayers that we will be faithful to the founders' original vision and remain ever true to our monastic calling.

Assuring you all the prayers of the monks,

Yours in the Lord,

Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B.

Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76



SAINT ANSELM PARISH NEWS

Dear Abbey and Priory Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer! As we enter full swing into the new academic year, we reflect and give thanks for the blessings of the summer.

We focused on youth and Parish School of Religion ministries. Our Youth Group participated in their usual activities of the Life Teen Leadership Conference and Steubenville STL Mid-America Conference. We also hosted our summer program for younger children, *Totus Tuus*. Finally, I had the opportunity to participate in the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.

The Life Teen Leadership Conference is a week-long conference serving rising high school juniors and seniors. The event is hosted by Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. Our young people had the opportunity to participate in daily Mass, conferences, small groups, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration as they learned about being leaders of faith in their parish, school, and families.

This year, the conference coincided with the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** passing through Atchison, Kansas, which began in San Francisco in early May. The pilgrimage was a series of four processions with the Blessed Sacrament, which traveled throughout the country: one from all four corners of the nation with the culmination in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress.

Members of our Youth Group attended the **Steubenville Conference** at Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri. This event originated at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. The event has since grown and is now hosted in multiple locations across the country to allow for greater participation. The event included presentations on prayer, practical formation in living out the faith, and other inspiring faith topics.

The summer wrapped up with our **Totus Tuus** program. This was our fourth year hosting the event, which was organized with the help of the Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry. The Latin phrase *Totus Tuus*, meaning "totally yours," is the papal motto of Pope Saint John Paul II and sets the theme for the week.

Children in 1st through 6th grades grow in their faith, with similar activities for children aged three to five. Evening programming takes place for high schoolers. Each day includes Mass, time for prayer with a particular emphasis on the Blessed Mother and the Rosary, and fun outdoor activities. The camp ends with fun games, water events, and other activities.

In late July, I was blessed to attend the historic **National Eucharistic Congress** in Indianapolis along with two of our parishioners, **Dr. Marty Altepeter '70** and **Mrs. Audrey Altepeter**.

The Congress was organized by the United States Conference of Bishops. It was a four-day event focusing on teaching and formation as well as devotion to the Eucharist. There were various breakout sessions throughout the day along with prayer time and interaction with pilgrims from across the country and beyond. There were an estimated 60,000 people in attendance. The evening sessions featured such presenters as **Bishop Robert Barron, Sr. Josephine Garrett**, and **Jonathan Roumie**. The Congress concluded with a Eucharistic Procession through downtown Indianapolis.

One last thought, this summer we were blessed to have another young man from our parish begin his discernment to the priesthood at Kenrick-Glennon seminary. This young man also happens to be a 2024 Priory graduate, **Andrew Frei**.

Andrew will join another of our young parishioners, **John Bytnar**, who began his discernment last year, along with **Jack Nowak '23**. Please keep these young men in your prayers as they continue to discern God's call.

Thank you once again for your generous prayers and support of our monastery, school, and parish communities.

May God continue to bless you and your families,



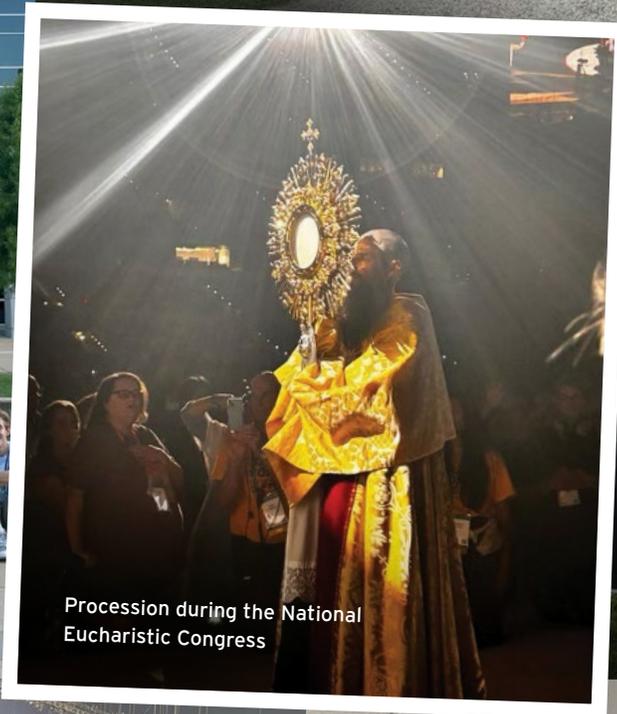
Father Aidan McDermott, O.S.B.



Steubenville Conference



High school Life Teen Leadership Conference



Procession during the National Eucharistic Congress



Totus Tuus



Andrew Frei '24, Courtney Rockamann, and Father Aidan McDermott, O.S.B.



Andrew Frei '24 with Father Aidan McDermott, O.S.B.

IN MEMORIAM

JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 2024

Roger Bresnahan, father
of Jimmy Bresnahan '08

George Casey, father of
Dr. Matt Casey '91 and grandfather
of Tom Kennedy '08

Suzanne Collins, mother
of Corey Collins '03

Billie Daniel, mother
of Matthew Daniel '75

Robert Donnelly Sr., grandfather
of Robert Donnelly III '15

Matt Donovan '92, brother of
John Donovan '89, James Donovan '90
(deceased), and Brian Donovan '98

Ethna Dowling, sister-in-law
of Father Finbarr Dowling, O.S.B.

Peter Gerasopoulos, grandfather
of John Zemlyak '25

Pat Golden, parishioner

Ardin Goss '65

Debbi Heffern, wife of Pat Heffern '74

Donald Kessels, father of
Maintenance Office Manager
Dee Webb

Father Lawrence Kohler, M.S.,
uncle of Father Francis Hein, O.S.B.

Hilda Lowell, mother of
Vincent Lowell '84 and
John Lowell '95, and
grandmother of
Alex Telma '17

Steve Marsh '67

Debra Lee McDermott, aunt of
Father Aidan McDermott, O.S.B.

Jim McKelly, father
of Dr. Jim McKelly '77

Jacquelyn McNamara, mother
of Executive Assistant to the
Headmaster Ann Weinerth

Cynthia Murphy, mother
of Patrick Murphy '96

Frank Murphy Jr., parishioner

Andrew Papay, grandfather
of Drew Sewall '16

Melinda Parmeter, grandmother
of Chase Parmeter '28

Dolores "Shotzie" Pollvogt, mother
of Mitch Pollvogt '76 and Doug Pollvogt '83,
and grandmother of Dalton Pollvogt '09

Gregory Powers Sr., parishioner

Joseph Powers, parishioner

Deborah Rehm, mother
of Charles Rehm III '99

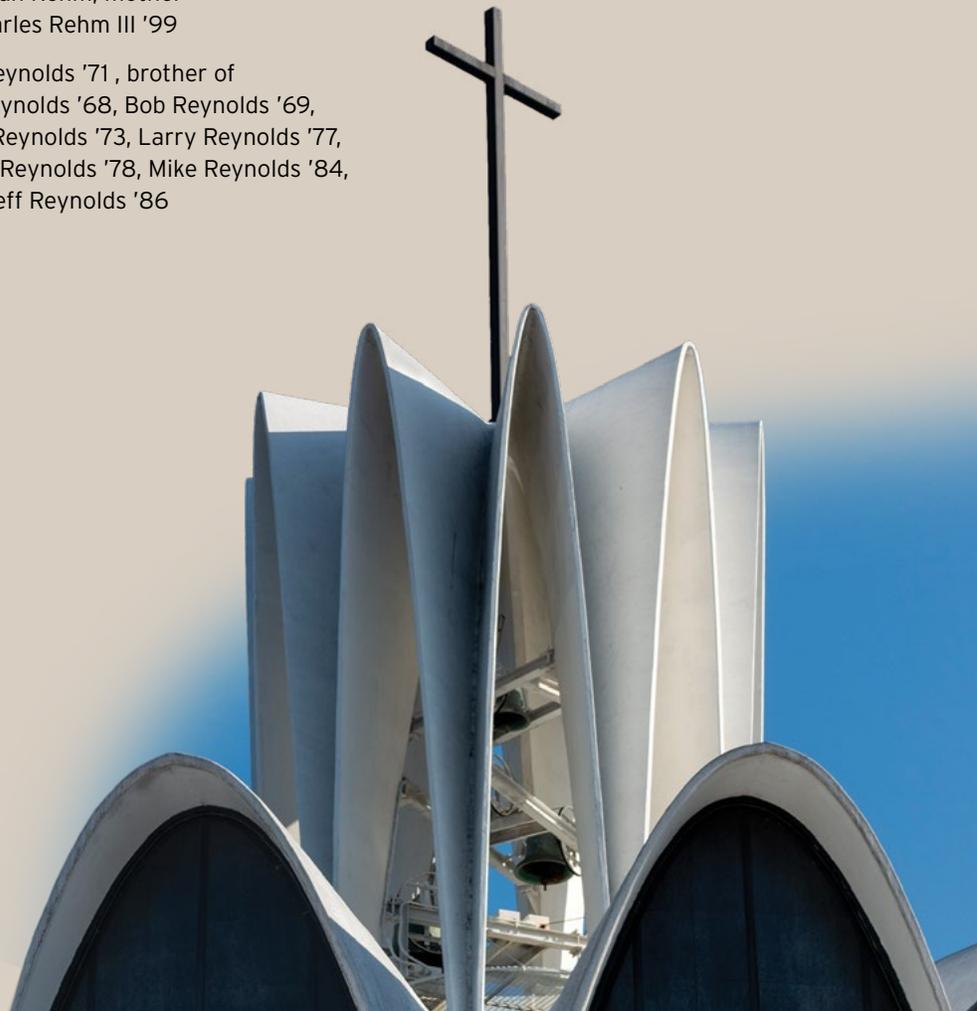
Ted Reynolds '71, brother of
Bill Reynolds '68, Bob Reynolds '69,
Jack Reynolds '73, Larry Reynolds '77,
Steve Reynolds '78, Mike Reynolds '84,
and Jeff Reynolds '86

Virginia Rice, mother of John Rice '72
and James Rice '74, and grandmother
of Andrew Rice '01

Dr. Michael Suden, father
of Dave Suden '91 and Greg Suden '93

Dr. Allen Thiel and Marjorie Thiel,
parents of Frank Thiel '83 and
grandparents of Andrew Cammon '14

Warren Wimmer Jr., son of Confraters
Warren and Bonnie Wimmer, brother
of Peter Wimmer '89



Prory Diversity Club Visits National Blues Museum

In observance of Black History and Heritage Month, members of the Prory Diversity Club traveled to the National Blues Museum in Downtown St. Louis to learn about the musical genre and its foundational role in the evolution of American culture and music.

Behrman Represents Prory

Andy Behrman '24 represented Prory at the English-Speaking League's Annual Shakespeare Competition at Fontbonne University. He performed a monologue from *Henry V* and a sonnet.

Nania Qualifies for Missouri Scholars 100 Program

Alexander Nania '24 was named one of the top academic students in the state through the 2024 Missouri Scholars 100 program. The statewide initiative, organized by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of 100 outstanding students from the graduating class of 2024.

To qualify, students must hold a minimum GPA of 3.750, a minimum ACT score of 29 or a minimum SAT score of 1,280, rank in the upper 10 percent of their class, and engage in advanced coursework in mathematics, science, English, and foreign language. Additionally, nominees must exhibit excellent attendance, exemplary citizenship within the school, and active participation in the school's activity program.

Jeremiah Selected to Missouri Scholars Academy

Noah Jeremiah '26 was selected to attend the Missouri Scholars Academy (MSA). MSA is a three-week academic enrichment experience for 330 of Missouri's top high school rising juniors. Hosted on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia, MSA exists to enrich and expand gifted education for Missouri students.

Batan Wins Talent Awards

Yrwin Batan '24 represented Prory at the 14th Annual St. Louis Teen Talent Finals Competition, and he came away with two awards for piano. Batan placed third overall in the competition and earned the Terry Lynford Classical Music Scholarship, a \$4,000 award.



Prory students at National Blues Museum



Andy Behrman '24

Alex Nania '24



Noah Jeremiah '26

Yrwin Batan '24



Scholar Bowl



Junior School play



Junior ring ceremony

Scholar Bowl Wins State Championship

After winning the state quarterfinals, Priory's Scholar Bowl was off to the state championship. They beat their rival, Mexico, in the championship, 460 to 240.

Congratulations to the following team members:

Yrwin Batan '24, Andy Behrman '24, Andrew Broder '25, Thomas Rempe '25, Charlie Schanbusch '25, Justin Nangle '25, Ben Duke '25, Sam Faust '25, and Matthew Singer '25.

Form I & Form II Students Perform *In a Grove*

Families, faculty and staff, and other guests enjoyed the Junior School students performing the play *In a Grove: Four Japanese Ghost Stories*.

Junior Ring Ceremony and Reception

In April, family and friends joined the Priory School community as Form V students celebrated receiving their custom Priory rings. After Mass, the Class of 2025 joined their guests in the High School Commons to commemorate the new rings, the blessing of the ties, and the ascension into senior year.

Palka Selected to Young People's Concert Orchestra

Sam Palka '26 was selected as one of the violinists for the Young People's Concert Orchestra (YPCO).

The YPCO has weekly rehearsals throughout the year and performs concerts in the winter and spring at Webster University. This marks the second consecutive year Palka has been selected. He will play with the YPCO at Carnegie Hall on March 30, 2025.



Kraus Receives 2024 Carl Fricks Sportsmanship Scholarship

Gabriel Kraus '24 received the 2024 Carl Fricks Sportsmanship Scholarship from the St. Louis Sports Commission. The scholarship recognizes individuals who exemplify honesty, integrity, civility, selflessness, kindness, compassion, and class in athletic competition. Candidates are evaluated strictly on their approach, character, and respect for others on the playing field.

Form II Students Celebrate Confirmation

Priory Form II students **Luke Bussmann**, **Finley Moser** and **Frankie Harris** were confirmed at Immacolata in May.

Cast of *Barnum* Receives Special Recognition Award

Priory and the cast of *Barnum* received a Special Recognition Award at the 2024 St. Louis High School Musical Theatre Awards at the Fabulous Fox Theatre in May. The award is presented to schools for creating a performance or moment of theatre that goes above and beyond traditional expectations.

Creeth Accepted to ASPIRE Program

Deven Creeth '25 was accepted into the ASPIRE (Advancing Student Participation in Research Excellence) summer program. He was among six St. Louis-area students selected. The program gives students an introduction to research methodologies and hands-on experience in internationally recognized labs, as well as the opportunity to present at a departmental research colloquium.

Ford Receives Brightman Award

Quinten Ford '24 received the Brightman Award from Don Danforth, president and co-founder of City Academy. The award goes to City Academy alumni who exemplify a spirit of community through giving back, both at City Academy's campus and across their neighborhoods and school.

✓ Quinten Ford '24 with Don Danforth



Gabe Kraus '24 (center)



Luke Bussmann '28, Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, JCL, V.G., Frankie Harris '28, and Finley Moser '28



Barnum



Deven Creeth '25

WINTER SPORTS 2024

Priory Basketball Team Wins Districts!

Neil Armstrong landed on the moon back in 1969. That was the last time the Priory Ravens varsity basketball team won their district tournament, until 2024.

The Ravens had an up-and-down 2023-24 season. After a loss to St. Dominic on January 17, the team was 6-10 overall. Two days later, things started turning around after a 74-59 victory over Lutheran North.

"I thought we could win districts after we played Lutheran North," says **Myles Garcia-Eidsness '24**. "We were down big at halftime, but in the second half we were firing on all cylinders and dominated them for the win. After that game, I think the whole team felt we had a real shot to go far in the playoffs."

The Ravens won three of its next four and closed out the regular season with a record of 11-14.

"We made it this far, and we were taking things game by game going into the tournament," reflects **Christian Gonzalez '24**. "I felt more confident than ever, and we were playing our best basketball as a team. Coach (Bobby) McCormack said throughout the year we would peak at the right time, and he was right all along. We had what it took to win."

At Districts, the Ravens dominated the first two games, defeating Veritas Christian (65-20) and Bowling Green (69-34) by a combined 75 points. Awaiting them in the championship game was Whitfield.

"There were definitely nerves headed into the district game," Garcia-Eidsness adds. "The whole season our goal was to at least win districts, so we had that kind of pressure and those expectations. Once the game got going, however, it was business as usual."

The Ravens led 19-12 after the first quarter, but Whitfield outscored Priory 13-6 in the second, making it a 25-25 game at the break. In the second half, Priory took over in the fourth quarter outscoring the Warriors 20-14 to win the game 56-49.

At the state tournament, the Ravens knocked off 26-1 Palmyra, 40-29, but fell in heartbreaking fashion in the Elite Eight against Montgomery County, 42-40.

"I'm so proud of this team," says Garcia-Eidsness. "The way we rallied in the playoffs to not only win districts, but to go to Palmyra where their whole town was watching was incredible. I'm proud to have spent my last year playing with this team."

Coach of the Year and Player of the Year

At the conclusion of the season, Coach **Bobby McCormack** was named Class 3 District 5 Coach of the Year. **Christian Gonzalez** and **Myles Garcia-Eidsness** were named to the All-District team. Gonzalez earned Class 3 District 5 Player of the Year honors and was named to the All-State team. He became the fourth player in program history to reach 1,000 career points.

"Christian and Myles were quiet leaders," says McCormack. "They led by example in how hard they played. Individually,

> Coach Bobby McCormack - Class 3 District 5 Coach of the Year



Myles' defense was as good as anybody I've coached. Christian asserted himself on both ends of the floor, and both showed leadership through the way that they played."

Wrestling

The Priory varsity wrestling team ended its season with a 9-13 record, facing tough competition against Class 3 and 4 schools.

The Ravens sent **Aaron Parasch '24, Alex Nania '24, Huck Simmons '24, Cameron Nelson '26, and Ryan Willard '26** to the Missouri State High School Activities Association State Tournament.

Other highlights of the year included **Buddy Essen '24** setting a program record with the fastest pin of six seconds. Parasch and Simmons made history achieving 100 career victories.

The team lost nine seniors, but they will still return state qualifiers in Nelson and Willard. They welcome six freshmen to the program and a core that has been working day in and out, not to be outmatched next season.

Hockey

The Priory varsity hockey team finished the 2023-24 season 7-13-3 overall. They were the No. 15 seed in the Wickenheiser Cup Tournament in a group that featured No. 2 Lafayette, No. 7 Fox, and No. 10 Seckman.

The Ravens opened the group stage with a dominating 10-2 win over Seckman. **Frederic Gaertner '26** led with three goals and four assists for seven points. **Gabriel Kraus '24, Joseph Nadreau '25, and Davis Weas '25** all scored two goals each.

From there, the Ravens fell 4-1 against Lafayette, but finished out the year on a high note, earning a 5-4 victory over Fox.

Gaertner led the way with a team-high 19 goals and 13 assists for 32 points. Kraus added 10 goals and finished second on the team with 10 assists for 20 points. **Max Nadaud '26** was second with 11 goals, tallying four assists for 15 points.

In net, **Cody Schwoeppe** compiled a team-high 406 saves, while **Nathan Sutto '26** totaled 349 saves, to go along with his team-high .902 save percentage. Sutto set a program-record in December against De Smet, making a career-high 76 saves.



SPRING SPORTS 2024

Baseball

Under first-year Head Coach **Matt Hahn**, the Priory varsity baseball team had an impressive 2024 campaign going 13-9 overall.

The Ravens had a strong start through the first 10 games going 7-3, highlighted by a four-game winning streak.

From there, the Ravens would stay above the .500 mark and earn the No. 2 seed in the Class 3 District 5 Tournament. They earned a 14-0 win over Lutheran North but fell 9-8 in walk-off fashion against eventual state champion, Duchesne.

Anthony Beffa '26 led the offense with a .333 batting average, totaling a team-high 22 hits and 19 runs scored.

AJ Nance '24 batted .327 and tied Beffa with 19 runs scored.

John Spivey '24 provided the power with a team-high four homers and 20 RBI to go along with his .321 average and .698 slugging percentage.

Christian Sunderlage '24 paced the pitching staff, leading the team in innings pitched (37.7), earned run average (2.04), and strikeouts (32).

Spivey led the team with three wins in 35.0 innings pitched and was second on the team with 19 strikeouts.

Golf

The 2024 Priory golf team had an impressive season winning the conference and district tournaments, going undefeated once again in conference play and finishing third at the state tournament.

During the regular season, the Ravens defeated the likes of SLUH, CBC, and multiple defending state champions from a season ago throughout various tournaments in the spring.

At the conference tournament, the Ravens dominated, finishing 21 strokes ahead of MICDS. Five Priory players finished in the top seven, led by **Luke Glarner '25** and **Eddie Rothery '25** as co-champions.

At the Class 3 District 2 Tournament, the Ravens won, led by Glarner as the individual champion, scoring a two-under par. **Luke McLaughlin '24**, Rothery, and **Owen Farley '24**, all placed inside the top 10, earning all-district honors.

From there, the Ravens battled multiple rain and lightning delays at the state tournament, but came away with a third-place finish. Farley finished inside the top 15 earning all-state honors.

Individually, McLaughlin was named Metro Conference Player of the Year. Farley, Rothery, and Glarner were named to the all-conference first team, while **Charlie Wagner '24** and **Chance Petri '25** were selected to the honorable mention team.

Lacrosse

The 2024 Priory lacrosse season was filled with program history firsts. The team went 11-5 during the regular season and earned its highest-ever seeding at No. 3 in the Class 2 Missouri Scholastic Lacrosse Association (MSLA) State Tournament.

During the regular season, the Ravens picked up historic wins over perennial contenders in Lafayette and De Smet. They went 3-1 against Metro Catholic Conference opponents and recorded a program-best 15-3 win over John Burroughs. The season was also highlighted by a seven-game winning streak.

Against CBC in the MSLA Quarterfinals, the Ravens outlasted the Cadets, 8-7, getting hat-trick performances from **Grant McGowan '24** and **Mick Murphy '25**. It was the first time they advanced to the state semifinal in the new tournament format.

The semi-finals against SLUH were played over a two-day stretch due to weather. Tied 5-5 in the fourth quarter on the second day, the Jr. Billikens pulled away for the 7-6 win.

Murphy led the Ravens with a team-high 38 goals and 17 assists for 55 points. **Jack Parent '25** tallied 30 goals, while McGowan finished with 29 goals and 13 assists for 42 points.

In net, **Colin Pim '25** made 227 saves and finished the year with the highest save percentage in the state at 67 percent.

Myles Garcia-Eidsness '24 and Pim were named to the MSLA All-State First Team, while Murphy was named to the Second Team.

Pim, Garcia-Eidsness, **Wes Harvey '25**, Parent, Murphy, and McGowan all were named to the all-conference first team.

The awards kept coming in for the Ravens with Head Coach **Tyler Orf** named MSLA Coach of the Year. **Alex Dominio** was named Assistant Coach of the Year. Pim earned U.S. Lacrosse All-American honors and Garcia-Eidsness collected All-Academic.

Tennis

The Priory varsity tennis team enjoyed a rewarding season, adding another state championship trophy.

The Ravens showed promise facing tough competition early in the year, against the likes of Class 1 champion, Clayton, along with Chaminade and MICDS.

John Varley '25 and his doubles partner, **Sean Kaveney '26**, went 11-1 on the year. **Michael Assioun '27** made the top six, winning four of his eight singles matches. **Andy Behrman '24** and **Quinten Ford '24** earned increased playing opportunities and contributed wins.

At Districts, the Ravens were the sixth seed, and, in their opening match, they defeated Parkway North with **J.P. Nadreau '25** winning a third-set tie-breaker in the deciding match.

In the semifinals, the Ravens faced second seeded Westminster and lost by the narrowest of margins. Westminster went on to win the district championship and finish third at state.

Varley advanced through districts in the individual portion of the state tournament, traveling to Springfield, Mo., as one of the favorites in the 32-player field.

He marched through the first three rounds and advanced to the championship, where he faced defending state champion Max Chen from Ladue.

Chen won the first set, but Varley bounced back, winning the second, 6-2, and won in tiebreaking fashion, 10-7 for his first individual state title.

Varley will lead next year's team with two state championships to his credit. With a young yet experienced core and a proven champion, the 2025 Ravens tennis team shows great promise.



SPRING SPORTS 2024



Track and Field

The Priory varsity track and field team had another impressive year, highlighted by a fourth-place finish and school-record-breaking performance by the 4x800 relay team, consisting of **Greg Britt '24, Patrick Hamill '24, Matthew Mueller '24,** and **Matthew Singer '25,** at the Class 3 State Track and Field Championships.

After an eighth-place performance at the Marquette Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' Invitational, the Ravens had a strong showing at the All-Catholic Schools Invitational with two first-place finishes from Hamill in the 800-meter and 1600-meter races.

Hamill carried that momentum to the Class 3 District 3 meet where he won the 1600-meter race with a time of 4:26.20, which is the second-best time in program history.

Max Cruz '08 holds the record of 4:25.14.

Hamill also finished second in the 800-meter (2:02.12), while **Justin Nangle '25** earned a personal-record time of 2:13.87 for ninth. **Matthew Singer '25** earned a top 10 finish in the 400-meter coming in ninth at 54:97.

The relay teams, consisting of Britt, Singer, Mueller, and Hamill, collected a couple of top-five finishes: in the 4x800, finishing in second at 8:31.45, and in the 4x400, setting a personal-record time of 3:38.57 to finish in fifth.

At sectionals, the Ravens collected three second-place performances. Hamill was the runner-up in the 800-meter (1:56.11) and 1600 (4:32.28). The 4x800 team of Britt, Mueller, Hamill, and Singer timed out at 8:08.63.

Along with the 4x800 finish at state, Hamill finished in fifth in the 800 (1:57.57) and ninth in the 1600 (4:26.39).

Ultimate

The 2024 Priory Ultimate team was captained by **Andrew Frei '24, Nick DeHaven '24,** and **Adam Bealke '24.**

The team finished a difficult regular season schedule with a 3-5 record. At the state tournament, they fought to a third-place finish in their pool of six teams on a scorching hot Saturday.

In bracket play, the Ravens lost in the quarterfinals to CBC and beat Kirkwood to earn a fifth-place overall finish.

This year's team featured tremendous growth as many young and new players earned significant playing time. DeHaven, who played nearly every point of the season, was named the team's most valuable player.



Weight Room Renovation Complete

Once again, the incredible generosity of our alumni and donors has bolstered Priory's dedication to an outstanding sports program. This steadfast support enables us to uphold our tradition of providing an exceptional athletic experience to 100 percent of our students. This tradition has fostered the development of exceptional athletes who have won 16 state team championships in the last 20 years.

Thanks to donor support, Priory recently unveiled its completely renovated weight room.

"It was well known that the weight room needed a fresh redesign," says Assistant Head of School for Mission Advancement Lise Riet-Lague. "We avoided it on admissions tours. It was worn and damaged, and the equipment was getting older. While bits and pieces were able to be refreshed each year, like new kettlebells, the athletic department did not have the funds to do a total rejuvenation," she added.

Each year, the Xanadu auction features a special need outside of the operating budget to raise additional funds. For the 2024 auction, the Fund-A-Need was the weight room.

From start to finish, the renovation of Priory's state-of-the-art weight room required the collective expertise and dedication of a skillful team.

Riet-Lague handled the fundraising, while Director of Athletics Phil Brotherton and Head Football Coach Jacob Parent chose the equipment and designed the placement. Jim Hill, father of Auggie Hill '28, was a key facilitator for the design.

Jessica Frey, mother of Grady Frey '28, volunteered her time to handle the interior design process, while Director of Facilities Martin Fitzgerald was the coordinator of all aspects of the construction.

"I had 18 different diagrams of what I wanted the weight room to be," says Parent. "It was an interesting process. The input from the people who were involved influenced some of those variations. In the end, what we wanted was a space Priory students, athletic teams, alumni, and faculty could use."

After months of planning, fundraising, painting, ordering new and removing old equipment, the new weight room is complete. The feedback on the weight room has been nothing but positive.

More alumni have requested weight room access, students were working out more during the summer, and there's a strong feeling of camaraderie.

"I have been to many local high school weight rooms, and I can say that when a prospective student walks into our weight room, they will be impressed with what Priory has to offer as we are second to none," says Parent.



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– Head Football Coach **Jacob Parent**



ADVANCEMENT



^ Xanadu 2025 co-chairs Eleni Zemlyak and Laura Polcyn

SAVE THE DATE

Xanadu in the Lou 2025 Saturday, February 8, 2025



Xanadu in the Lou promises to be a 'Show Me' good time! Join the Priory community for an unforgettable evening of celebration, relaxation, and fun as we host this year's auction, **offsite for the first time in Xanadu's 56-year history!** The prestigious Missouri Athletic Club (MAC Downtown) will open its doors to the Priory community and serve as the venue for the silent auction, live auction, exquisite plated dinner, and after party with live entertainment.

We owe our deepest gratitude to the Xanadu co-chairs for making this possible. A special thank you to **Laura Polcyn** (Drake '25) and **Eleni Zemlyak** (John '25) for their dedication and hard work.

55th Xanadu Hits the Jackpot!



During the 2024 Mothers' Club Spring Luncheon, Xanadu Ravens Royale Chairs **Ashley Carr** (Jack '24) and **Erin O'Keefe** (Quinn '24) presented **Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02** with a check totaling \$515,956 raised at Xanadu 2024.

Spring Luncheon

In April, the Mothers' Club held its Spring Luncheon at Bellerive Country Club, opening with a musical performance from the vocal music students led by teacher **Stephanie Allee**.

A resounding thank you to the Mothers' Club 2023-24 board, led by President **Julie Wagner** (Charlie '24, Jack '18, and Cole '14), Vice President **Libby McLaughlin** (Luke '24), President-Elect **Jennifer O'Keefe** (Danny '29, Wynn '25, Patrick '21, and Michael '19), Volunteer Coordinator **Amy Glarner** (Henry '30, Luke '25, and Ben '20), Recording Secretary **Laura Polcyn** (Drake '25), Treasurer **Laurie Leritz** (Jack '25 and Henry '23) and Past President **Susie Haskell** (Dawson '23).



The new board for the upcoming year was also announced: President **Jennifer O'Keefe** (Danny '29, Wynn '25, Patrick '21, and Michael '19), Vice President **Laura Polcyn** (Drake, '25), President-Elect **Laura Swallow** (David, '26), Recording Secretary **Kristin Waltz** (Charlie '28 and Jake '25), Volunteer Coordinator **Amy Glarner** (Henry '30, Luke '25, and Ben '20), Treasurer **Laurie Leritz** (Jack '25 and Henry '23), and Past President **Julie Wagner** (Charlie '24, Jack '18, and Cole '14).

Mom Prom

In March, seniors and their mothers gathered at Bellerive Country Club for an evening of dancing and celebration. The dance floor was full, and the moms even surprised their seniors with a full-on flash mob dance. Attendees also enjoyed a delicious dinner, a photo booth, and a photographer who captured many memories. Thank you to the Mom Prom chairs, **Stacey Bealke** (Adam '24 and Walker '27), **Katy DeHaven** (Nick '24), and **Maria Spivey** (John '24).

Senior Mother and Son Mass and Brunch

Seniors and their mothers shared a beautiful spring day beginning with Mass in the Abbey Church and then adjourned to Bellerive Country Club for brunch. **Dr. Seth L. Arnold**, who the senior class selected as the Classroom Instructor for the Senior Faculty Awards, shared some inspirational insights with the mothers and their sons.

Senior Mothers' Celebration

In May, senior moms attended a special Mass at the Abbey before heading over to the Parish House to enjoy an outstanding brunch prepared by **Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02**, and his sous chef and faculty member, **Josh Dixon**. The Class of 2024 moms celebrated with a champagne toast and words of wisdom and encouragement as they prepared to usher their sons into the next chapter of their lives.

SAVE THE DATES

Christmas Boutique
Wednesday, December 4

Christmas Cocktail Party
Friday, December 13



2024
 DATE *April 17, 2024*
 PAY TO THE ORDER OF *Saint Louis Priory School* \$ *515,956.00*
 Xanadu 2024 chairs Ashley Carr and Erin O'Keefe present a check to Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B. '02. DOLLARS



2023-24 Mothers' Club Board: Amy Glarner, Libby McLaughlin, Laura Polcyn, Susie Haskell, Julie Wagner, Jennifer O'Keefe, and Laurie Leritz



2024-25 Mothers' Club Board: Kristin Waltz, Amy Glarner, Laura Polcyn, Jennifer O'Keefe, Laurie Leritz, and Julie Wagner



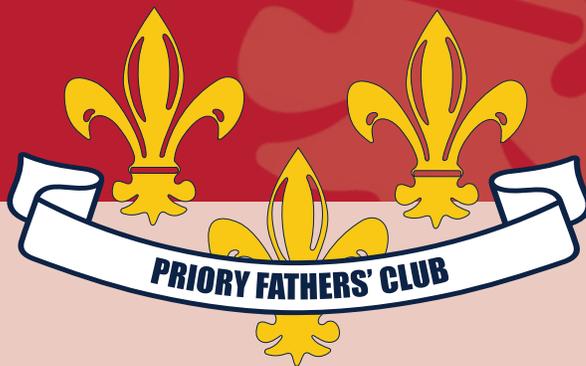
Senior mothers' celebration



Senior Mother and Son Mass and Brunch



Mom Prom



Kevin Behrman and his sons, Andy '24, Pablo '29, and Bing '26 at the Father and Son Banquet



Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76, Julian Carr, and Ozzie Smith



The Fathers' Club, under the leadership of **Matt Carr '96** and the Executive Board, continued to increase participation and involvement in both Fathers' Club events and other activities at Priory.

Spring Happy Hour

The Fathers' Club hosted its annual Spring Happy Hour at **Annie Gunn's** Failte Room in March. Priory dads came out to chat and receive updates from Athletic Director **Phil Brotherton** and the Priory coaching staff who discussed the state of athletics at Priory and goals for the upcoming seasons. Guests enjoyed a rousing, inspirational speech from Coach and Assistant Director of Enrollment Management **Bobby McCormack**.

Battle of the Brackets

Just in time for the NCAA men's college basketball tournament, the Fathers' Club came together to conduct a March Madness Battle of the Brackets Challenge where participants tested their skills at predicting the outcome of the NCAA tournament. The proceeds from the challenge will underwrite various Fathers' Club programs and parent-son events.

Father and Son Banquet

The annual Father and Son Banquet was held downtown at the Missouri Athletic Club. **Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02** celebrated Mass in the Art Gallery before attendees headed upstairs to the Missouri Room to hear motivational keynote addresses from special guests, St. Louis Cardinals great **Kyle McClellan** and Major League Baseball and Hall of Fame Legend, **Ozzie Smith**. Two Priory students reflected on their Priory experiences - **Briggs Pim '29** shared thoughts on his time as a Form I student, and **Jack Carr '24** shared his perspectives on his overall experience at Priory as a Form VI student.

Senior Father and Son Finish Line BBQ

At the last senior pre-graduation event, fathers and sons came together to celebrate crossing the proverbial Priory finish line with a delicious BBQ dinner. In one last hurrah before commencement, the seniors played a variety of yard games and enjoyed some Ted Drewes custard with their dads and the monks before retiring for the night.

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Happy Hour

Thursday, November 14



The Alumni Mothers' Club (AMC), under the former leadership of **Elaine Figueroa** (Philip '19) and current leadership of **Janet Whalen** (Brody '21 and Brock who attended Priory for 7th and 8th grade), is dedicated to keeping alumni mothers connected to Priory and the monastery.

The AMC is thriving and recently welcomed new members at the annual Margarita Party, held at Rosalita's over the summer.

We are grateful for the AMC's support of the community. They support the monks by providing meals, providing an ice cream truck for Homecoming, and helping fundraise for the Xanadu auction. They're looking forward to an exciting year filled with fantastic events!

SAVE THE DATES

AMC Fall Mass & Dinner

Tuesday, November 5

Thanksgiving Food Drop Off for Monks

Wednesday, November 27

Christmas Cocktail Party

Friday, December 13



Jan Jordan, Michelle Moen, and Marianne Weber at the Margarita Party



Alumni moms Jen Jung, Elizabeth Foss, and Melissa Flaherty at the Margarita Party



All alumni mothers are invited to join the AMC. The purpose of the AMC is to promote the goals of the Abbey and school, strengthen the ties within the monastic community, build a deeper spiritual link with the Benedictine tradition as lived by the monks, and create a strong bond among alumni mothers. To join or learn more about the AMC, scan the QR code.



< Catching up at the Margarita Party are Lisa Pollnow, Mary Catherine Leeker, Elaine Figueroa, Teresa Vineyard, Carine Azrak, Melanie Ramey, and Stacey Bealke.

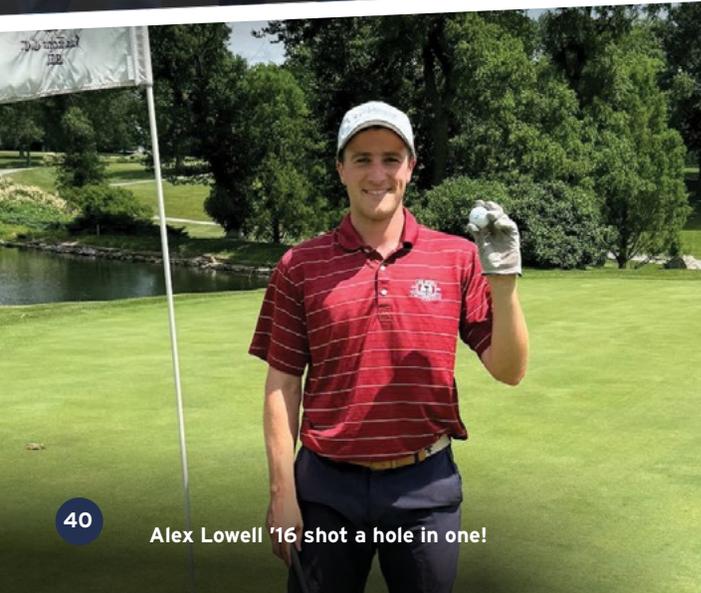
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Alumni Board 2024-25



Alumni Board Executive Team: Kevin McAtee '97 (Secretary), Ryan McDonald '99 (Past President), Mike Reedy Jr. '00 (President), and Kevin Hoffman '93 (Vice President)



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Alex Lowell '16 shot a hole in one!

ALUMNI EVENTS

Alumni Golf Scramble 2024



Alumni and their family, along with friends, enjoyed a beautiful day at Priory's Alumni Golf Scramble in June at Glen Echo Country Club. Thank you to everyone who came to support the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. Your participation and generosity made the event a tremendous success. We deeply appreciate your commitment to helping future generations of students at Saint Louis Priory School.

Father-Son Flight Winners

Brian Clinton, Cole Clinton '24, Tim Farley, and Owen Farley '24

Longest Drive Winner

Michael Potter '17

Headmaster's Cup Winners

Nick Ahlering '04, Matt Merjavy '04, Ryan McPhail '04, and Jimmy Nowicke '04

Please mark your calendar to join us on June 16, 2025, for a fantastic day of fun and games at Glen Echo Country Club.

SAVE THE DATES

Class of 2019 Five-Year Reunion

Saturday, November 30

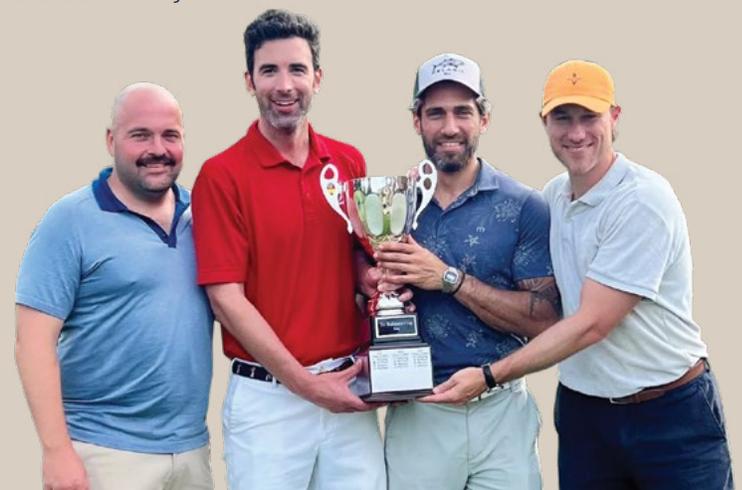
Alumni Pickleball Event

Sunday, December 8

Alumni Holiday Social

Saturday, January 11, 2025

✓ Members of the Class of 2004 won the Headmaster's Cup. Ryan McPhail '04, Jimmy Nowicke '04, Matt Merjavy '04, and Nick Ahlering '04



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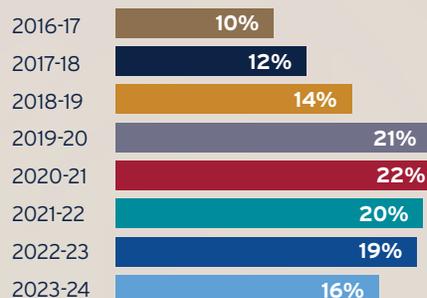
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2023-2024 Alumni Class Giving Percentages

1960	29%	1976	26%	1992	9%	2008	13%
1961	77%	1977	10%	1993	12%	2009	29%
1962	13%	1978	13%	1994	44%	2010	7%
1963	24%	1979	16%	1995	11%	2011	9%
1964	36%	1980	11%	1996	6%	2012	3%
1965	19%	1981	13%	1997	12%	2013	7%
1966	50%	1982	10%	1998	14%	2014	8%
1967	45%	1983	11%	1999	19%	2015	10%
1968	48%	1984	13%	2000	22%	2016	1%
1969	36%	1985	15%	2001	11%	2017	6%
1970	52%	1986	26%	2002	21%	2018	6%
1971	11%	1987	11%	2003	20%	2019	5%
1972	30%	1988	7%	2004	38%	2020	2%
1973	19%	1989	24%	2005	2%	2021	5%
1974	31%	1990	17%	2006	35%	2022	2%
1975	33%	1991	9%	2007	2%	2023	0%

*Classes in **RED** are the TOP FIVE classes by participation

Alumni Giving Statistics for the Last Seven Fiscal Years



Summary of Alumni Giving

16% Participation

463 Donors

PRIORY DAY OF GIVING

\$222,000

We extend a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the outstanding success of the 2024 Priory Day of Giving! Your generosity plays a crucial role in strengthening the Priory Fund. We raised more than \$222,000, which is higher than 2023's total of \$211,000.

SAVE THE DATE

2025 Priory Day of Giving
Wednesday, April 30

Priory Day of Giving Class Representatives

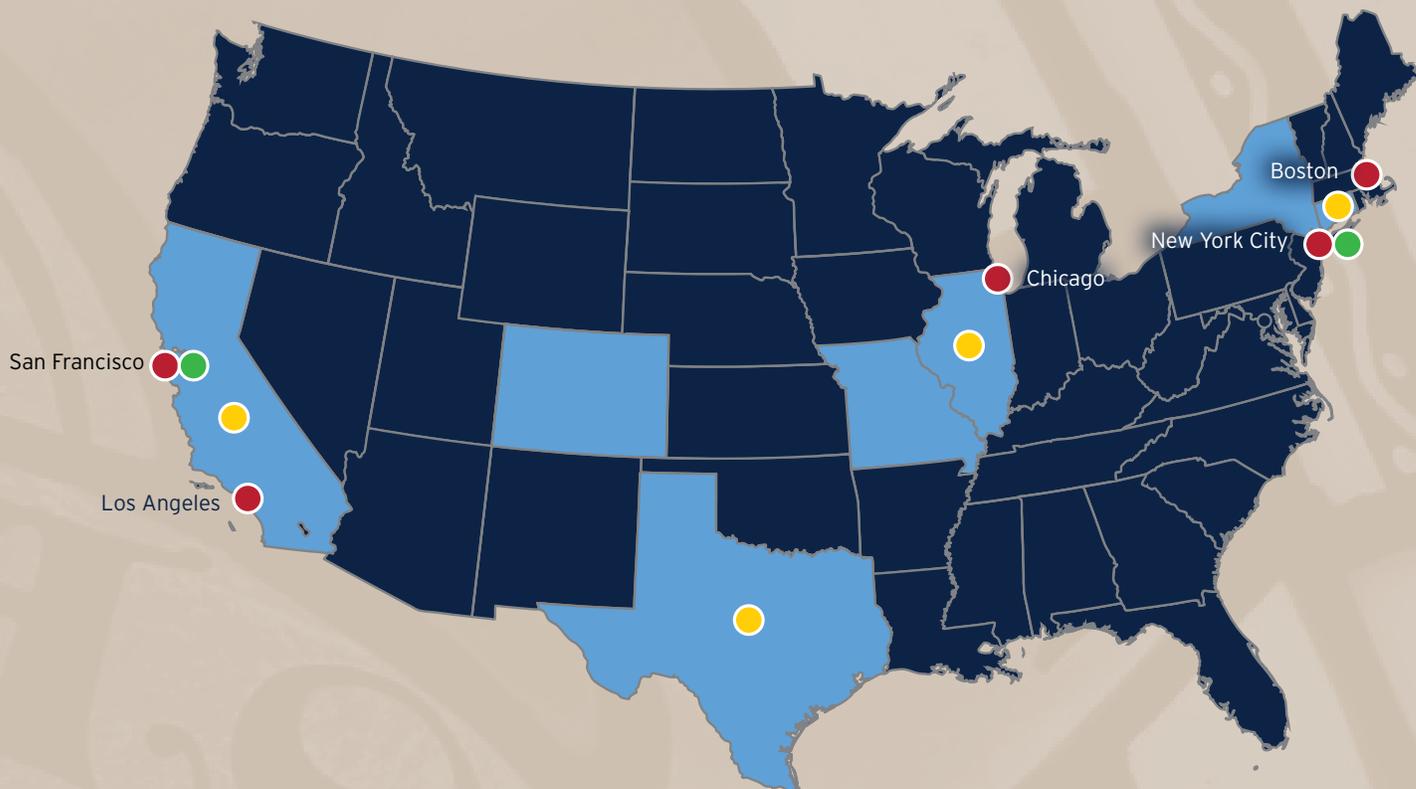
Thank you to our alumni class representatives who encourage their classmates to participate in Day of Giving. You are vital to the success of the day! Class representatives help the Advancement team by sending emails, making phone calls, and communicating with their class as needed.

We're looking for class representatives for the following years: 1972, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1992, 1998, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2021.

Email Bridget Mallon at bmallon@priory.org if you're able to help.

PRIORY ALUMNI

ACROSS THE UNITED STATES



● On the Road

Our On the Road alumni events for 2024-25 have begun. **Abbot Gregory Morhman, O.S.B., '76** and **Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02** are traveling around the country to visit Priory alumni. Thanks to the alumni group that joined them in San Francisco. We hope our alumni will join us at future receptions. Be on the lookout for emails with more details.

SAVE THE DATES

Boston Alumni Reception

Thursday, November 21

New York City Abbot Reception

Thursday, December 12

Chicago Alumni Reception

Friday, April 4, 2025

● Alumni Board Expansion

Saint Louis Priory School alumni are spread throughout the country. To foster their connections, the Alumni Board invited new members who live outside the St. Louis area to become a part of the board.

These members actively participate in meetings through virtual attendance. We are grateful for their contributions and insights. Thanks to **Brian Redmond '02** in California, **James Nouss III '03** in Connecticut, **Drew Sexton '09** from Illinois, and **Thomas Short '04** in Texas.

● Regional Coordinators

The Alumni Board is seeking ways to engage with alumni in cities with a large population of Priory alumni. Thanks to **Avinash Amin '87** for helping create the alumni regional coordinator role. The regional coordinator networks and organizes gatherings for the Priory alumni in their city. We now have regional coordinators in New York City and San Francisco and are working to establish others. If you live outside St. Louis and are interested in becoming a regional coordinator, contact Bridget Mallon at bmallon@priory.org.

CLASS NOTES

Christopher Ahlering '14 began a new position as Emergency Medicine Physician at SSM Health.

Michael Albrecht '88 was appointed to the Pasadena City Council Planning Commission for the review of all projects that affect city development. He continues to supervise his real estate development company, focusing on the construction of residential projects and consulting with independent schools for Master Plan approval and development. Albrecht is happiest when spending time with his wife, Lauren, and their two children when they return home from college and boarding school.



^ **Mark Cusumano '88** and his family enjoyed a 10-day vacation visiting London, England. They spent an evening dining with **Dr. Sacha Simon '88**, his wife Cheryl, and their youngest son.



Thomas de Wolff '20 graduated from Dartmouth College in June with a double major in history and French. He is working as

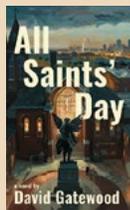
a staff assistant to the U.S. House of Representatives Ways & Means Committee.



Paul Fonseca '16 began a new position with Greystar as a senior treasury analyst.



Chris Friemel '19 was promoted to senior project engineer at McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.



David Gatewood '86 has published his first novel, *All Saints' Day*, a detective story set in St. Louis. The book can be purchased on Amazon as a paperback or e-book for Kindle readers.



Joe Hunt '20 recently completed his senior year at Indiana University. He joined the Chicago Bulls Inside Sales Program

as a ticket representative for the 2024-25 season.



^ **Matt Lynch '75** attended Priory's first all-school Mass to visit his Form I grandson Lawson Porter.



^ **Mike Nickolai '03** and his wife, Megan, welcomed twin girls Winnie and Frannie on June 17, 2024. Sadie (10), Mary (7), and Jack (5) are excited about the new additions to the family.



Michael O'Keefe '19 was selected to be a staff editor on the *Kansas Law Review* at the University of Kansas School of Law.

On November 14, 2023, **Sean Pinney '86** was awarded the Philip J. and Harriet L. Goodhart Chair of Cardiology Endowed Professorship at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital. On February 2, 2024, he was awarded the Georgetown Alumni Association Service Recognition.



TJ Redmond '99 recently founded a new company, Ochtlaidir Development and Investments, marking a significant step in his entrepreneurial

journey. The company focuses on strategic development and investment opportunities, positioning itself to make impactful contributions to the industry. With his vision and leadership, Ochtlaidir Development and Investments is set to become a dynamic force in its field.

CLASS NOTES



^ Class members of 1985 got together in April to share memories, laughs, and good company. Shown: **Scott "Murph" Reese, Tom Byrne, Mike Jones, Vince Bert, and Ondray Wells Jr.**

Lou Rolwes '19 recently founded a web development and digital marketing company, Ukon Labs.



^ **Mark Shallenberger '19** was voted a D1 All-American by both D1 Baseball and the American Baseball Coaches Association. He is the fifth player ever at the University of Evansville to earn multiple All-American honors in the same season.

∨ Congratulations to **Esan Simon '90** on his retirement from the United States Coast Guard. Simon's retirement ceremony and reception was held June 3, 2024 honoring his 26-year career.



Harry Thome '20 began a new position with Afton Chemical as a production engineer.

Paul Trebing '17 is currently in law school at the University of Wisconsin School of Law.



^ In celebration of The Grove Ronald McDonald House opening in St. Louis, **Christian Wagner '20** dedicated his senior thesis, a stained-glass piece, to memorialize the original Ronald McDonald House on West Pine. Construction of the new Grove location is complete, and the piece is hanging in their new facility for families to enjoy.



^ Priory Class of 2020 members recently graduated from Notre Dame. Congratulations to **Alex Wasinger '20, Jack McEnergy '20, and Luke Braby '20.**



^ Illinois Wesleyan Titan basketball player **Harrison Wilmsen '21** led his Titan team to the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) Championship. He was a 2023-24 Second Team All-CCIW pick and was the Titans' second-leading scorer with 11.2 points per game. Averaging 1.1 assists per game, Wilmsen's hefty presence down low opened looks for his teammates. He was named to the Sikma Hall of Fame Invitational All-Tournament Team in 2024.

SAINT LOUIS PRIORY SCHOOL

FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR

Priory's success each year depends on the generosity of our families and alumni. Thank you for your support! In the 2022-23 school year, you contributed \$2.1 million to our fundraising efforts. In addition, we distributed \$1 million from our endowment funds. These endowments allow donors to make gifts that support Priory in perpetuity. With your continued support to our annual fundraising and endowments, we will continue to offer our students preparation for an exceptional life.

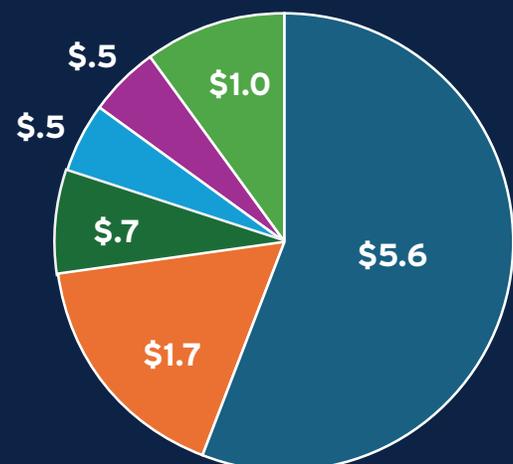
2022-23 Operating Cash Receipts (\$ in millions)

Net Tuition	\$ 6.3
Other School Receipts	\$ 0.6
Fundraising	\$ 2.1
Distributions From Endowments	\$ 1.0
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 10.0



2022-23 Operating Cash Expenditures (\$ in millions)

Instructional	\$ 5.6
Facilities	\$ 1.7
Support Services	\$ 0.7
Software and Services	\$ 0.5
Advancement	\$ 0.5
Administrative	\$ 1.0
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 10.0



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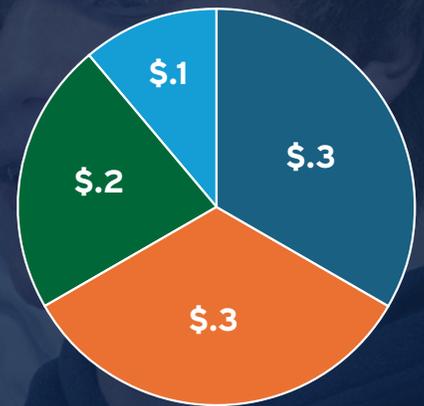


TOTAL RAISED IN 2023-24

\$913,050

2023-24 Priory Fund Expenditures
(\$ in millions)

	Instructional-Tuition Assistance	\$.3
	Facilities-Campus Upkeep and Improvements	\$.3
	Instructional-Athletics Programs	\$.2
	Instructional-Student Life	\$.1
	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 0.9



1,575
Total Gifts



810
Total Donors



100%
Alumni Board Participation



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2024-25 PRIORY FUND GOAL

\$1,000,000



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