



**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.
CHRIST CENTERED FORMATION.**



St Benedict
AT AUBURNDALE

Discover + Pursue + Serve



BEING A STUDENT AT SBA HAS CHANGED MY LIFE IN SO MANY WAYS. BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND IN MY FAITH, SBA HAS PROVIDED ME WITH THE FOUNDATION TO GROW AND BECOME NOT ONLY THE STUDENT AND BELIEVER I AM TODAY, BUT THE FRIEND I AM TODAY AND THE PERSON I HOPE TO BE IN THE FUTURE.

- ZAC CROSS, CLASS OF 2026

GROW.

WHY ST. BENEDICT?

Dear Future Eagles,

Choosing the right school is an important decision, and at St. Benedict we welcome every family into a community rooted in faith, learning, and growth. At St. Benedict, we believe deeply that every child deserves a high quality Catholic education - one that nurtures the mind, shapes the heart, and inspires a life of purpose.

We are committed to fostering a community that inspires spiritual growth, cultivates lifelong learning, and empowers students to discover and share their God-given talents. In doing so, we ensure that each child is challenged academically, supported personally, and encouraged to grow into the very best version of themselves.

Beyond academics, our students have countless opportunities to get involved and thrive. Whether competing as an Eagle on the field, performing on stage in the arts, or leading through student clubs and organizations, students at St. Benedict discover their passions, build lifelong friendships, and develop the skills to lead with confidence.

The vision of St. Benedict is to prepare young people not just for college, but for life. We want our graduates to discover their gifts, pursue knowledge, and serve others as compassionate leaders. Every classroom, every program, and every experience at St. Benedict is designed to ensure that our students are ready for the future - equipped with strong values, knowledge, and a lasting sense of community.

As you consider the next step in your child's educational journey, I invite you to discover the difference of a St. Benedict education. Here, your child will be welcomed, known, and supported by dedicated faculty and staff who are committed to walking alongside them each step of the way.

We look forward to welcoming you into our St. Benedict family and sharing in the exciting journey ahead.



RAMON VILLACURA
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**RECEIVED BY THE CLASS OF 2025
IN MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS**

OVER \$15.5M

**FINE ARTS CLASSES
OFFERED**

24

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT
CLASSES OFFERED**

19

**ATHLETIC PROGRAMS
OFFERED FOR BOYS & GIRLS**

24



32

AVERAGE ACT SCORE
FOR THE TOP 10%
STUDENTS, CLASS
OF 2025

30

AVERAGE ACT SCORE
FOR THE TOP 25%
STUDENTS, CLASS
OF 2025

40

NUMBER OF AP
SCHOLARS, CLASS
OF 2025

89%

AP PASS RATE FOR
CLASS OF 2024
THE NATIONAL AVERAGE
WAS 60% IN 2023

100%

AP PASS RATE FOR ART, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS,
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION,
GOVERNMENT, U.S. HISTORY, RESEARCH, AND
SEMINAR CLASSES

BELONG.

ACADEMICS

Schedules Designed With Student Strengths in Mind

At St. Benedict at Auburndale Catholic High School, our mission is to provide students with a foundation of faith formation, character development, and academic excellence. Through this commitment, we offer multiple academic curriculums - College Prep, Advanced, and Honors/Advanced Placement (AP). These curriculums create an environment where students are supported and challenged to reach their fullest potential.

Course placement at St. Benedict is determined by a student's aptitude and performance, measured through placement test scores and prior academic history, to provide the right balance of support and challenge in each content area. While all course curriculums share a common foundation, the pace, depth, and expectations increase at each level; helping students grow in confidence, independence, and excellence.

Because every student learns differently, St. Benedict provides multiple academic curriculums designed to support individual strengths and encourage growth at the right pace and level of challenge:

- **College Prep Curriculum**— A strong and balanced college-prep curriculum that equips students with the knowledge and habits they'll need for success after graduation.
- **Advanced Curriculum** – A curriculum ready to meet the needs of students who want a more rigorous college-prep curriculum that promotes independent learning, critical thinking, and academic distinction.
- **Honors and AP Curriculum** – Our most rigorous curriculum, designed for highly motivated students who thrive on academic challenge, the pursuit of excellence, and are ready to engage in college-level learning. This pathway also includes the AP Capstone Program, a prestigious two-year sequence that develops advanced research, writing, and presentation skills.

PLUS Program

The PLUS Program provides students with an added layer of support that can be woven into our College Prep, Advanced, and Honors/AP curriculums. This program strengthens academic skills, reinforces learning, and promotes growth. The PLUS Program provides the guidance and support students need to thrive across all academic curriculums.

At every level, St. Benedict meets students where they are and challenges them to grow in faith, character, and academic excellence.

AP Capstone Program

St. Benedict at Auburndale is proud to be one of only a select number of high schools in Tennessee authorized to offer the prestigious AP Capstone Program. This two-year sequence, built around AP Seminar and AP Research, allows students to investigate real-world issues, design and conduct independent research, and showcase advanced skills in critical thinking, writing, and presentation.

Earning the AP Capstone Diploma requires successful completion of these courses plus four additional AP exams - making it one of the most rigorous and selective academic opportunities available. Because few schools in Tennessee can offer AP Capstone, participation demonstrates to colleges that St. Benedict students have pursued the highest levels of academic challenge.

AP Capstone embodies the St. Benedict mission to meet students where they are while providing the highest level of academic rigor, equipping them for success at college and beyond.





SBA HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL FIT FOR OUR DAUGHTER. SHE'S FOUND A WELCOMING STUDENT LIFE COMMUNITY, HAS BEEN CHALLENGED BY ADVANCED CLASSES, AND IS SUPPORTED BY TEACHERS WHO TRULY CARE ABOUT HER SUCCESS.

- THE HENDERSON FAMILY

DISCOVER.

ENHANCE YOUR STUDIES

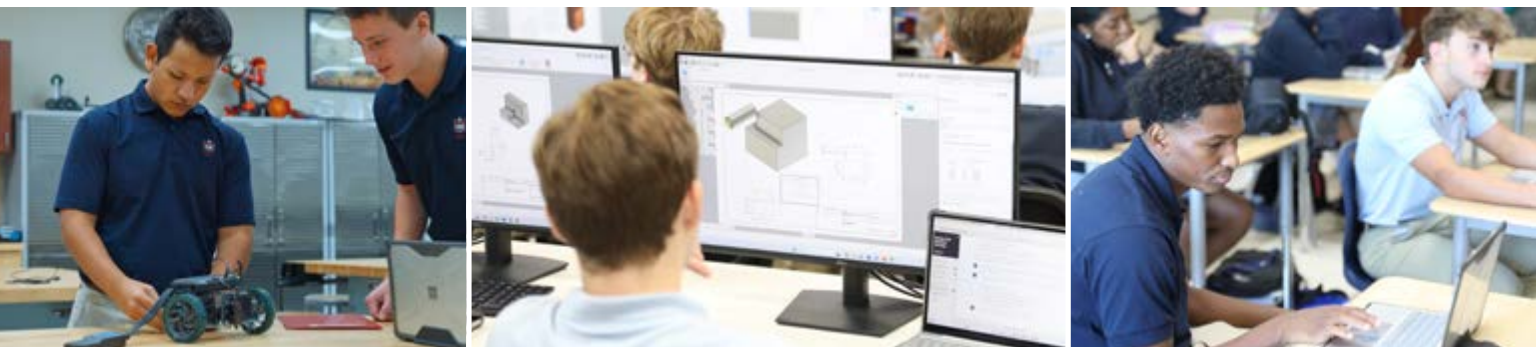
STEM Program

St. Benedict has made a long term and vigorous commitment to the interdisciplinary program known as STEM – the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Our STEM concentration prepares students who are interested in majoring in Engineering, Computer Science, Healthcare, or other STEM fields in college.

The STEM program features the following classes:

Introduction to Engineering Design
Principles of Engineering (Honors)
Introduction to Drones
AP Computer Science Principles
Advanced Math/Science
Honors Pre-Calculus
Honors Calculus
AP Calculus

AP Statistics
Honors Chemistry
AP Chemistry
Honors Physics
AP Physics
Honors Human Anatomy and Physiology
AP Environmental Science



Business Program featuring Sports Marketing

The Business program equips students with the essential skills and knowledge needed for a variety of careers, including Accounting, Banking, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Finance, and more. This program is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the business world, encouraging critical thinking, effective communication, and strong analytical abilities.

Students have the opportunity to select from a range of electives that enhance their learning experience and align with their career interests. The Business concentration features the following courses:

Accounting
Personal Finance
Investing and Financial Planning
Marketing

Sports and Entertainment Marketing
Sports Event Management

KAYLA HUGHES, CLASS OF 2026



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ALL-WEST BAND,
ORCHESTRA, AND
CHOIR MEMBERS
IN 2025

11

SCHOLASTIC ART
AWARD WINNERS OVER
THE PAST TWO YEARS
(2023-2025)

18

ORPHEUM HIGH SCHOOL
MUSICAL THEATRE
AWARD NOMINATIONS
IN 2025

EXPLORE FINE ARTS.

WHERE CREATIVITY TAKES FLIGHT

Over 24 Fine Arts Courses

St. Benedict's Fine Arts program offers various elective classes, along with opportunities to join groups like Theatre through after school rehearsals. Students who complete four consecutive years of Fine Arts courses, with at least three classes in the same area, will graduate with a Fine Arts concentration.

Concert Choir
Women's Chorale
Men's Chorale
Honors Concert Choir
Beginning Band
Concert Band
Honors Concert Band
Orchestra
Honors Orchestra
Rock and Soul Band
AP Music Theory
Technical Theatre

Advanced Technical Theatre
Acting I
Advanced Acting
Honors Advanced Acting
Art I
Drawing and Painting
Honors Art
AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP Studio Art: Two Dimensional
Visual Art and Photography
Ceramics



**SYDNEY GRANGER, CLASS OF 2027,
ORPHEUM (HSM) THEATRE AWARD
WINNER, 2025.**





ATHLETICS

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AS AN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT, WE WILL STRIVE FOR A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR OUR STUDENT ATHLETES TO EXPERIENCE SUCCESS IN ALL SPORTS. OUR SUCCESS WILL DEVELOP A CULTURE IN ATHLETICS TO ALIGN WITH THE MISSION OF OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY."



MITCH MCDANIEL
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SOAR.

GO EAGLES!

Over 21 teams

By joining one of our many teams at St. Benedict, students discover the importance of teamwork, competition, character, and sportsmanship. Our athletes have consistently been acknowledged by *The Commercial Appeal* and *The Daily Memphian* for their outstanding performance. Moreover, St. Benedict alumni athletes are currently competing at the highest levels, including in the NFL and MLB. Become an Eagle and soar in one of these exciting sports:

Boys Baseball
Boys & Girls Basketball
Boys & Girls Bowling
Girls Cheer
Boys & Girls Cross Country

Boys & Girls ESports
Boys Football
Boys & Girls Golf
Girls Lacrosse
Boys & Girls Soccer

Girls Softball
Boys & Girls Tennis
Boys & Girls Track and Field
Boys & Girls Trap and Skeet
Girls Volleyball

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**COLLEGE SIGNINGS
IN THE CLASS
OF 2025**

24

**DAILY MEMPHIAN
ALL METRO ATHLETES
IN 2023-2025**

BOYS BOWLING

**2025 REGION CHAMPIONS
2025 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
RUNNER-UP**

BOWLING TRACK & FIELD CROSS COUNTRY

STATE QUALIFYING TEAMS IN 2023-2025

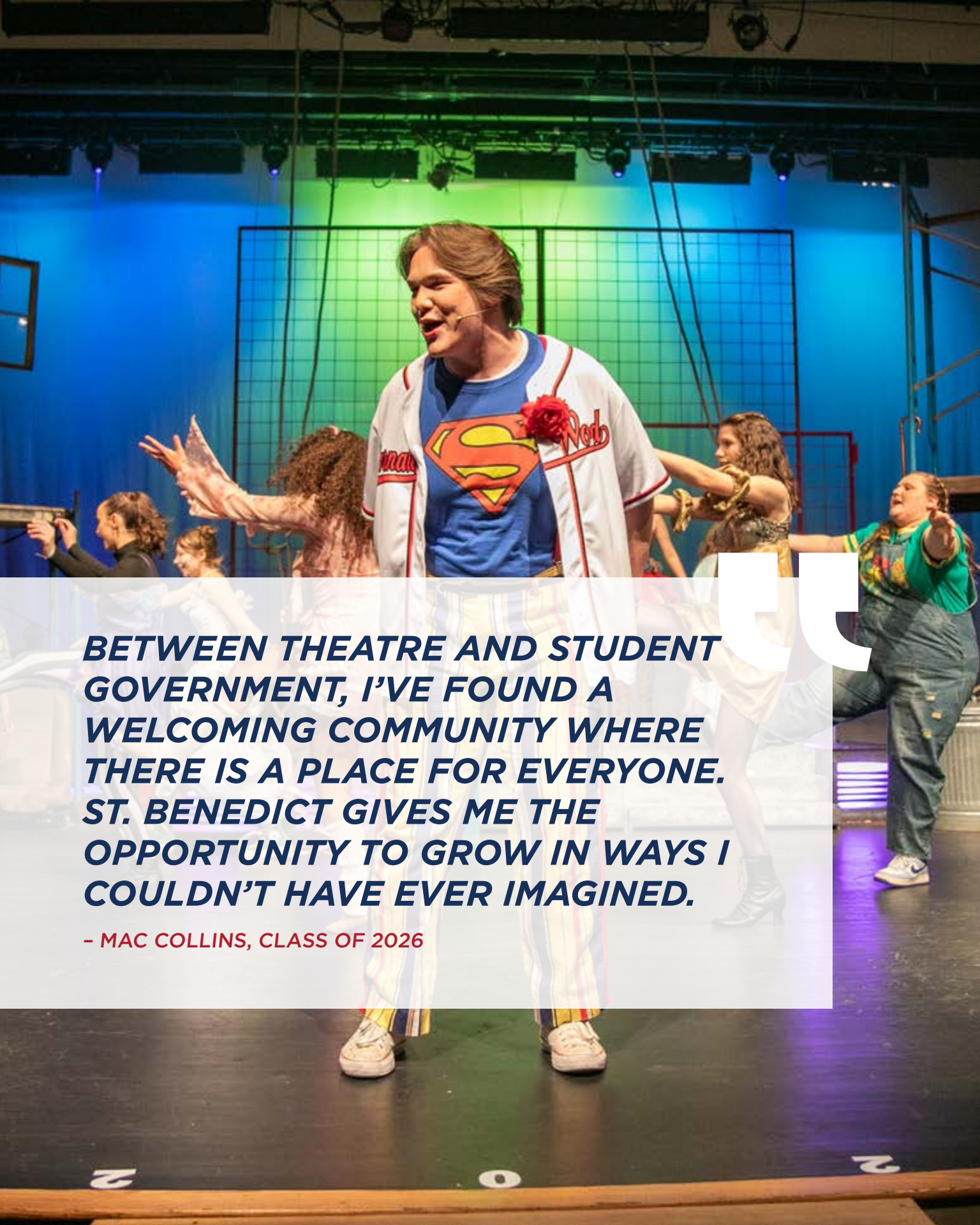
SOFTBALL TRAP & SKEET

GIRLS SOFTBALL

**2025 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
RUNNERS-UP
2025 DISTRICT AND REGIONAL
CHAMPIONS**

GIRLS BOWLING

**2025 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
RUNNERS-UP
2025 REGION RUNNERS-UP**



BETWEEN THEATRE AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT, I'VE FOUND A WELCOMING COMMUNITY WHERE THERE IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE. ST. BENEDICT GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN WAYS I COULDN'T HAVE EVER IMAGINED.

- MAC COLLINS, CLASS OF 2026

STUDENT LIFE.

IGNITE YOUR PASSION

St. Benedict encourages and supports student involvement in activities that contribute to a balanced education, promote good health, and allow students to use or gain unique talents or interests.

CLUBS

Feel free to join one or start your own!

Art Club	French Club	Rock Climbing
Aviation Club	Gardening Club	Slime Club
Baking Club	Kite Club	Social Media Club
Bible Study	Manus Dei (Service Club)	Spanish Club
Book Club	Medical Club (for Medical Careers)	St. Jude/Make a Wish Club
Diversity, Inclusion, and Human Dignity Committee	Photography Club	Students for Life Club
Engineering/Robotics Club	Protect Our Planet Club	Studies in Women's Literature Club
	Random Acts of Kindness Club	Wordsmith (Competitive Writing Team)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Cultivate leadership skills, make meaningful contributions, and inspire others.

Class Officers
Core Team (Campus Ministry)
Student Ambassadors
Student Government Association

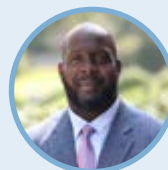
HONOR SOCIETIES

Celebrate academic excellence and connect with fellow driven peers.

French National Honor Society
International Thespian Society
Mu Alpha Theta
National Art Honor Society
National English Honor Society
National Honor Society
Quill & Scroll Journalism Honor Society
Rho Kappa
Science National Honor Society
Spanish National Honor Society



For me, student life is about creating a space where every student feels welcomed, supported, and challenged in meaningful ways."



MARCUS BELL
Dean of Student Life
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NFL, 2001 - 2007



CAM JONES, CLASS OF 2018
LINEBACKER, NEW YORK JETS
2024 SUPER BOWL CHAMPION

YOUR FUTURE AWAITS!

ONCE AN EAGLE, ALWAYS AN EAGLE!

Join our thriving St. Benedict alumni community

St. Benedict alumni exemplify the success born from dedication and hard work.

We invite prospective students to discover the incredible individuals they can become.

Dr. John Hyden '93 - Sports Medicine, Campbell Clinic; Team Physician for 901 FC, Memphis Redbirds, St. Jude Marathon, and St. Benedict at Auburndale, Memphis, TN

Rasie Dobbins - Vice President and Co-Founder, Oteka Technologies, Memphis, TN

Emma Van Epps '20 - Doctoral Student, Yale University; pursuing a PhD in Biomedical Engineering, New Haven, CT

Fr. Joseph Hastings '05 - Parochial Vicar, Catholic Diocese of Memphis, Memphis, TN

Meghan Freeman Medford '97 - President and Managing Member, Medford Roofing, Memphis, TN

Kaelen Culpepper '21 - Shortstop, Minnesota Twins minor league; 2025 Minor League Player of the Year, Minneapolis, MN

Emily LaForce '08 - Chef, Tsunami Memphis; Professional Painter and Mural Artist, Memphis, TN

Lieutenant General Jonathan M. Stubbs '90 - Director, Army National Guard, Washington, DC

Jeremy Williams '10 - Vice President, Corporate & Institutional Group, Risk Identification & Aggregation (BURM), Truist Financial Corporation, Atlanta, GA

Sam Moll '10 - Pitcher, Cincinnati Reds, Cincinnati, OH



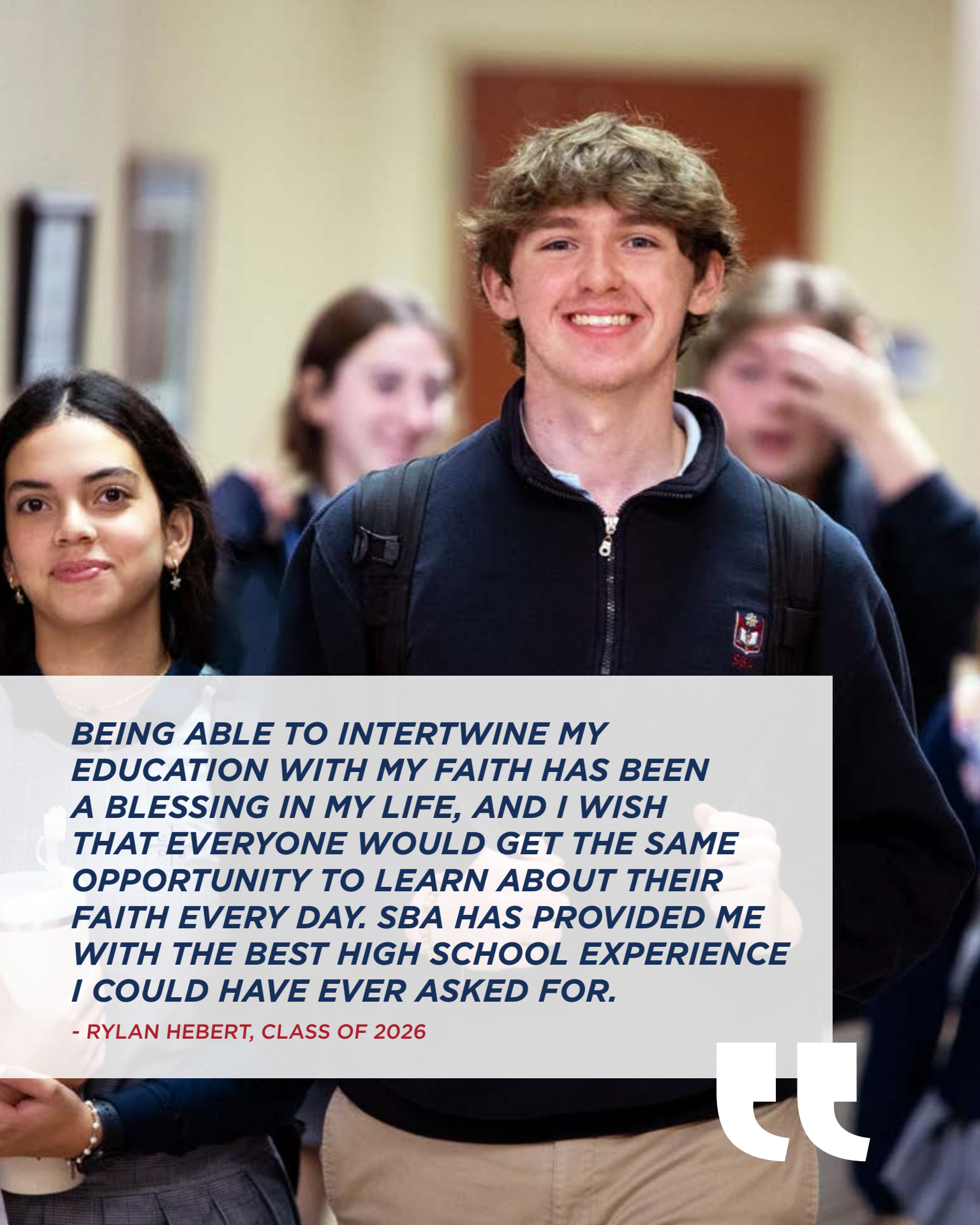
AS A ST. BENEDICT GRADUATE, I KNOW THE LIFELONG IMPACT OF THIS COMMUNITY. THROUGH ADVANCEMENT AND ALUMNI, WE CONTINUE THAT MISSION, EMPOWERING STUDENTS OF TODAY AND TOMORROW TO GROW IN FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND CHARACTER AS THEY SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS."



LUKE ELLIS

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and Head Baseball Coach
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BEING ABLE TO INTERTWINE MY EDUCATION WITH MY FAITH HAS BEEN A BLESSING IN MY LIFE, AND I WISH THAT EVERYONE WOULD GET THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR FAITH EVERY DAY. SBA HAS PROVIDED ME WITH THE BEST HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE I COULD HAVE EVER ASKED FOR.

- RYLAN HEBERT, CLASS OF 2026



BUILD A STRONG SPIRITUAL LIFE.

CATHOLIC FAITH

St. Benedict is a community grounded in the Catholic teachings

Our mission is to guide everyone who enters our campus towards a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. While not all of our students are Catholic, we encourage each individual to grow in their own Christian faith. As a Catholic high school, our primary aim is eternal — we are dedicated to fostering saints.

Named after St. Benedict of Nursia, the patron saint of students, our school reflects his legacy. He, the son of a Roman noble, chose to leave a life of privilege to devote himself to prayer and contemplation. This spirit of recognizing that each person's journey is unique continues to inspire us today.

We are committed to the core Benedictine values: seeking God, love of learning, community, service, hospitality, and the Benedictine motto of ora et labora, or "prayer and work".

MASS

CELEBRATED REGULARLY WITH DAILY 7:00 AM SERVICES, THEOLOGY CLASSES, AND ALL SCHOOL GATHERINGS.

5,000

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS COMPLETED BY ST. BENEDICT EAGLES IN EACH SCHOOL YEAR



FATHER ANDREW RAFFANTI,
CLASS OF 2014



ADMISSIONS

APPLY TODAY

The Admissions process at St. Benedict is designed to be straightforward and welcoming, guiding prospective students and their families through each step to ensure a smooth transition into high school at SBA. Visit our website to set up a campus tour, apply, or receive more information about scholarships and financial aid.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

St. Benedict at Auburndale is an affordable choice within private education. We are committed to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to grow academically, spiritually, and socially in a warm and inclusive environment. Families seeking financial aid have multiple options to explore, including the state-based Tennessee programs Education Freedom Scholarship (EFS) and Education Savings Account (ESA).

We're here to help!

Please schedule an appointment with our admissions office for on-site support. Assistance is available in both English and Spanish, with laptops provided for convenience. We can help you with your application for admission as well as financial aid applications, including Tennessee ESA and EFS.

¡Estamos aquí para ayudarle!

Contamos con consejeros que hablan español para ayudarle con su solicitud de admisión en St. Benedict, con las solicitudes de ayuda financiera o para responder a cualquier pregunta que pueda tener. Solicite una cita con nuestra oficina de admisiones para recibir asistencia. Disponemos de computadoras portátiles para la comodidad de los padres. Para programar su cita, envíe un correo electrónico a hidroboy@sbaeagles.org o llame al 901.260.2846 durante el horario de oficina.

Horario de atención: Lunes a jueves: 8:00 a. m. a 2:00 p. m. Viernes: 8:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m.

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ADMISSIONS AT ST. BENEDICT IS WHERE OPPORTUNITY BEGINS - WELCOMING STUDENTS INTO A COMMUNITY THAT VALUES FAITH FORMATION, PERSONAL GROWTH, AND THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE WHILE PREPARING THEM FOR COLLEGE AND BEYOND."



JOHN EASLEY
Director of Enrollment
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KRISTINE COLEMAN, CLASS OF 2005,
WITH HER DAUGHTER AVA, CLASS OF 2027.



AVA IS CONTINUALLY SUPPORTED BY DEDICATED TEACHERS AND COACHES, WHOSE GUIDANCE FOSTERS HER CONFIDENCE AND MOTIVATION. AS A RESULT, SHE IS EMPOWERED TO PURSUE HER GOALS AND DEVELOP AS AN INDIVIDUAL WITHIN A COMMUNITY WHERE WE FEEL SHE IS BOTH VALUED AND SAFE.

- THE COLEMAN FAMILY





St Benedict

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