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COMMENCEMENT DAY  
CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2015



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## *first look*

Commencement Day included poignant moments as members of the Class of 2015 celebrated the bright futures that await them, and bid emotional farewells to cherished friends and faculty members. U.S. Congressman John K. Delaney (D-MD) spoke at the event, delivering an address that was both prophetic and inspirational. For more on this year's graduation ceremony, see page 32.

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**I8** Alumnus and Hero Shannon Strange is Keeping the Peace in Washington, DC.



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Flowers, given to young women in the graduating class, brought a pop of color to Commencement.

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## SCHOLARS INDUCTED INTO CUM LAUDE SOCIETY

Saint James School scholars were formally inducted into the Cum Laude Society on May 21st. Established in 1906, the Cum Laude Society is a national organization that recognizes academic achievement by secondary school students. The society honors scholastic achievement while striving to encourage qualities of excellence, justice and honor.

Member schools establish specific criteria for selection of student members based on the school's academic values and culture. These criteria include cumulative GPA, honors and Advanced Placement courses, academic achievement across the curriculum, and academic enrichment activities outside of the classroom.

The following students (pictured) have been inducted into the Saint James School Chapter of the Cum Laude Society:

**Front row:** Evanthea Hammer, Xiaochen "Vivian" Meng, Youce "Andy" Ji, Leanne Taylor Ludwick, Ms. Sandra Pollock (Associate Headmaster), Kathryn Sinclair McEvoy.

**Middle row:** Nicholas Howard Douglass, Fangze "Helen" Liu, Grant Lieder Tribble, Caleb John Goodie, Daanial Shaheen Iqbal.



**Back row:** Salvatore Kenneth Gentile, Father Dunnan (Headmaster), Robert James Novak, William Arthur O'Leary. **Not pictured:** Jiuyu "Doris" Xiao.

## Spring Fling Recital

In preparation for the spring recital, our student musicians were inspired to hold a practice session outside for all to enjoy.



## Faculty Award

The Spence and Cinda Perry Faculty Prize, endowed by Spence Perry, former faculty member and present trustee, and his wife, Cinda, provides a grant for summer travel to a member of the Saint James faculty who has distinguished him/herself by faithful service to the School and exemplary devotion to his or her students. The award was given this year to a teacher who has been with us for four years. She chairs both the science and math departments, coaches cross country and the winter running program, and teaches the following classes: AP Physics, AP Chemistry, and BC Calculus, constituting a remarkable contribution to the life and quality of Saint James School. Congratulations to **Ms. Kathleen Cerruti**.

In addition, we are proud to announce that many of our faculty received scholarships for continuing education programs at various academic institutions throughout the country.



Kathleen Cerruti

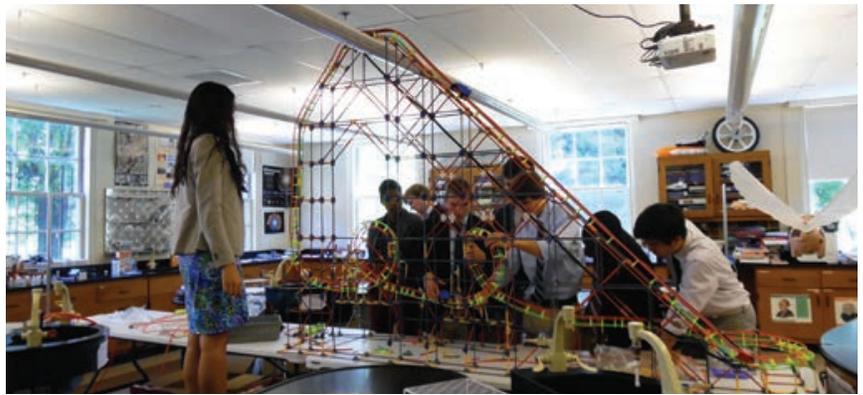
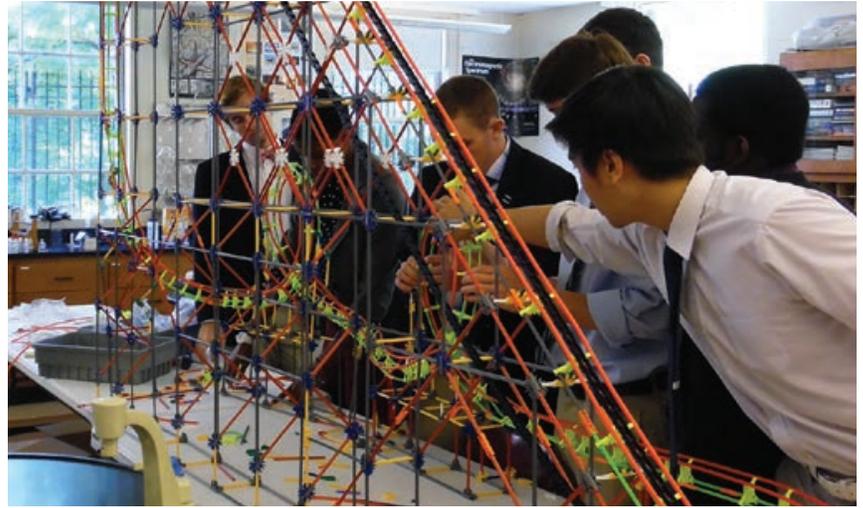
## Claggett Hall Steps

The Claggett Hall steps underwent a significant renovation this summer. The project involved removing the original steps and replacing the worn steps with new stones to ensure the safety of our visitors.



## In the Classroom

AP Physics students built and “road tested” these impressive rollercoasters in class.



## New Sacristans

The following were elected sacristans and have been invested for this office in the Chapel.

*Senior Sacristan* Quincy Knable

*Marshall* Philip Megrue

*Senior Thurifer* Kristen Deiner

*Sacristans* Armando Alvarez  
Deborah Otenaïke  
Daria Smoliarchuk

*Senior Reader* Louise Dickinson

*Senior Usher* C. Ethan Spicher

*Senior Choisters* Sophia Abeles  
T. Carter Bruns

## Confirmation Ceremony

The Rt. Revd. John L. Rabb confirmed students this spring to Saint James Chapel. The students are: (pictured back row, from left): Father Dunnan, Victor Otenaïke, Bishop Raab, Nicholas Ndahiro, Father Daniel. Front row: Daria Smoliarchuk, Gi Yoon Ohm, Cristian DeLorey, Spencer McNamee, Maxine Adjei-Dadson



# STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS

## Saint James School Egg Hunt Proves We Can All Make a Difference

by Erin Ruff, Executive Director, The Kisseman Children's Foundation



The Saint James School campus looked a bit different on March 29th, as families from across the area gathered to participate in the Kisseman Children's Foundation Egg Hunt. The event sold out in its first year, with over 150 participants. Children with smiles from ear to ear filled their handmade Bolga baskets from Ghana with over 2,000 eggs scattered across campus.

The event raised \$6,000 to benefit The Kisseman Children's Foundation (KCF): a non-profit organization dedicated to providing children in Kisseman Village, Ghana with educational opportunities. Education is a distant dream for many Ghanaian children who cannot afford the expenses to attend school. KCF makes it possible for children in the small

village to overcome these barriers and receive a quality education.

Saint James School student volunteers, many of whom are from Ghana, helped plan activities, stuff Easter eggs, decorate campus, and served as event emcees, and the Easter Bunny himself. Saint James School student volunteer, Kofi Agyeman noted, "Working on the



Egg Hunt funds will be used to build the foundation's community center, facilitating our programs in Ghana.

Egg Hunt was super fun. Since I am from Ghana, I thought it was a good opportunity to serve my community. A bonus from this experience was all the leftover chocolate the volunteers were able to eat."

The Saint James School student volunteers proved the event to be more than your average egg hunt, promoting global understanding and the power of service among young people.

Thank you to the Saint James School community, student volunteers, committee members, and parents for making this wonderful event possible. †

Next year's Egg Hunt will be held at Saint James School on Saturday, March 26, 2016. Please contact Erin at [erin@kcfghana.org](mailto:erin@kcfghana.org) to learn how you can get involved or visit [www.kcfghana.org](http://www.kcfghana.org)



# BAI YUKA CARDBOARD BOATS MAKE A BIG SPLASH

Each school year, physics students are challenged to create boats from cardboard and duct tape for what has become one of the most anticipated events of the season: the Bai Yuka boat launch. This year, each team of students designed boats able to cross the water body without sinking—at least until two "captains" (pictured rt. center) attempted a return voyage. Hopefully, everyone received an A+ for their seaworthy boat designs.



# PRIZE DAY AWARDS

Scholastic prizes are awarded each year in recognition of academic achievement in various subjects, as evidenced by highest grades. These awards were announced on Prize Day, Saturday, May 30, 2015.

*The following Middle School students received prizes:*

The Middle School Headmaster's Prize, the Rich Memorial Prize for Scholarship and the Reichard Middle School Science Prize were awarded to:

**Andrew Wei Shen**  
Beijing, China

The Prize for Excellence in Latin was awarded to:

**Qiongwen "Shirley" Mao**  
Shanghai, China

The Prize for Excellence in English was awarded to:

**Nicolette Anne Ferris**  
Potomac, MD

The Prize for Excellence in Ancient History was awarded to:

**Jiayi "Jenny" Duan**  
Shanghai, China

The Prize for Excellence in Mathematics was awarded to:

**Tianyu "Eric" Han**  
Shanghai, China

The prizes for All-Round Athletic Ability were awarded to:

**Christa Glad Bartlett**  
Hagerstown, MD

**Parker James Tribble**  
Hagerstown, MD

The Mary Ann Hatcher Memorial Prize for "love of learning" and "care for fellow students" given by her father, George Hatcher '74 was awarded to:

**Benjamin Asher Herrera**  
Hagerstown, MD

*The following Fourth Form students received prizes on Prize Day:*

The Waller Wynne Prize for Non-Western History & Culture was awarded to:

**Hojune "Sean" Rhee**  
Falls Church, VA

The Clarence W. Wheelwright Prize for Devotion to Duty, endowed by Dr. and Mr. Galleher of Baltimore was awarded to:

**Noel Emmanuel Patterson, Jr.**  
New York, NY

The "Tim" Shryock Prize for "Willingness to Serve," endowed by Tim's mother, Mrs. Shryock was awarded to:

**Maxine Naa Barkey Adjei-Dadson**  
Accra, Ghana



*The following Fifth and Sixth Form students received prizes:*

The Prize for Excellence in Art, endowed by Mrs. Elizabeth R. MacLeod and the Prize for Excellence in Chemistry in memory of Dr. Marion Veazey, endowed by Mrs. Veazey were awarded to:

**Fangze "Helen" Liu**  
Shanghai, China

The Prize for Excellence in English, endowed by Mr. Richard Turner, given in memory of Russell and Wilhelmina Nelson was awarded to:

**Kathryn Sinclair McEvoy**  
Middletown, MD

The United States History Prize, endowed by Mr. Simms A. Jamieson, long-time friend of Saint James School was awarded to:

**Sophia Zell Abeles**  
Hagerstown, MD

The Henry Kyd Douglas Prize for English Composition and the Bowman-Byron Fine Arts Prize were awarded to:

**Heather Pace Deiner**  
Snohomish, WA



The "Bai Yuka" yearbook team editors: Grace Kang (layout and yearbook head), Jake Fishkin (editorial) and Helen Liu (photography) presented the 2015 "Once Upon a Time" edition to Dr. Les Dutko (to whom this year's yearbook was dedicated) during Prize Day.

The Prize for Excellence in Modern European History was awarded to:  
**Evanthea Hammer**  
 Shepherdstown, WV

The Prize for Excellence in Music, endowed by Mr. Robert W. Grab, in memory of his father, Charles L. Grab, Sr. and his mother, Elizabeth P. Grab was awarded to:  
**Nolan David Peters**  
 Alexandria, VA

The Farah Science Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Science and the Prize for Excellence in French were awarded to:  
**Jiuyu “Doris” Xiao**  
 Beijing, China

The Prize for Excellence in Spanish, given in honor of George C. Belden, long-time master of Saint James School by the Class of 1959, and the Prize for Excellence in Biology were awarded to:  
**William Arthur O’Leary**  
 West Grove, PA

The Prize for Excellence in Physics was awarded to:  
**Grant Lieder Tribble**  
 Hagerstown, MD

The Prize for Excellence in Mathematics was awarded to:  
**Youce “Andy” Ji**  
 Shanghai, China

The Prize for Excellence in Latin was awarded to:  
**Drake Donovan Marshall**  
 Shepherdstown, WV

The John C. Campbell Memorial Prize, for the most improvement in oral communication while at Saint James was awarded in the Fifth Form to:  
**Louise Christine Dickinson**  
 Hagerstown, MD

and in the Sixth Form to:  
**Dylan Reynolds**  
 Annapolis, MD

The State of Maryland Merit Scholastic Award Certificates were awarded to:  
**Salvatore Kenneth Gentile**  
 Hawthorne, NJ

**Kathryn Sinclair McEvoy**  
 Middletown, MD

**Jiuyu “Doris” Xiao**  
 Beijing, China



Our Prize Day winners include (front row); Nicolette Ferris, Maxine Adjei-Dadson, Louise Dickinson, Jenny Duan, Shirley Mao, Sophie Abeles. Back row: Benjamin Herrera, Noel Patterson, Sean Rhee, Eric Han, Andrew Shen, Bill O’Leary, Drake Marshall. Sixth Form prize winners are not pictured.

# SPREADING THE WORD

## Saint James Admission Office Welcomes Largest Incoming Class

One of the most frequent comments that the Admission Office hears from prospective parents and students after a campus tour is that everyone looks so happy—and it is true, we do have a happy, warm, and friendly community at Saint James. Nothing sells a school campus like a smile; so, it is not a surprise that the Admission Office has had a banner year.

Over the last year, the numbers that matter in admissions have been on the rise. Although the number of families inquiring has remained the same, the quality of those inquiries has been outstanding—both in terms of qualifications and interest. From last year to this year, the number of interviews is up 60 percent; the number of completed applications is up 50 percent; selectivity increased by 15 percent; the number of enrolled students is up 15 percent;

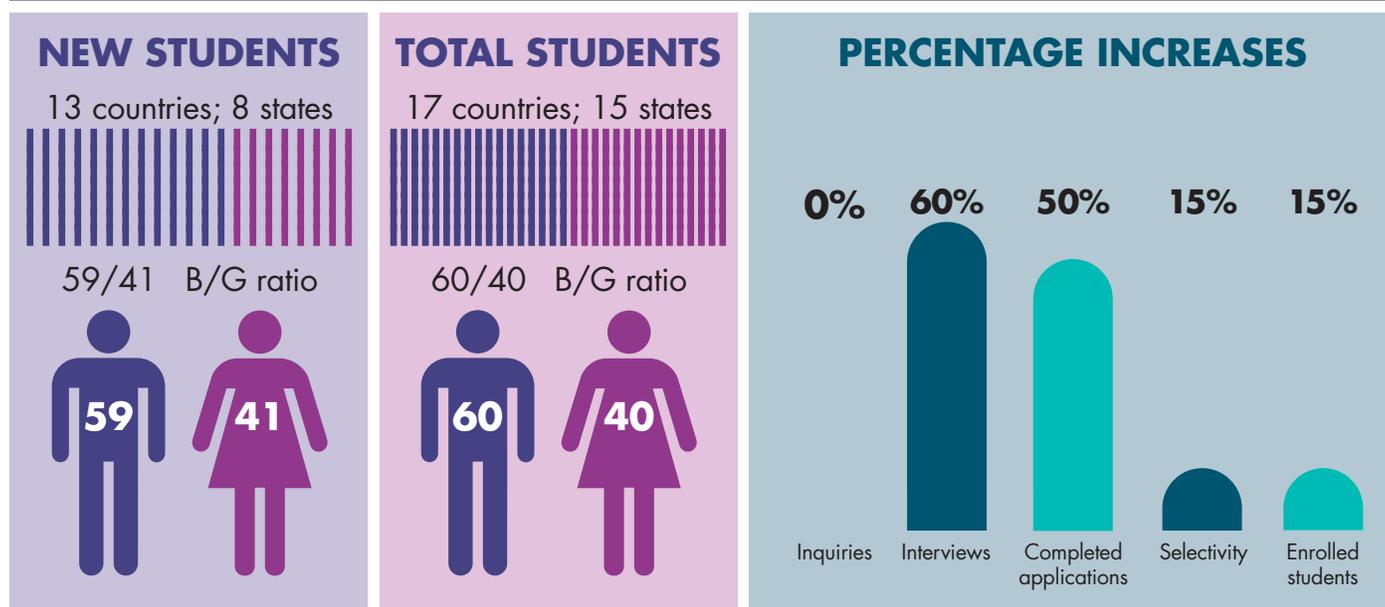
and, last year was a record setting admission year.

These remarkable statistics are the result of hard work by all of our internal stakeholders. Our happy parents, alumni, and community members diligently spread the word about how amazing the Saint James experience is, and our Head Tour Guides (Leanne Ludwick, Paul Jin, and Louise Dickinson), tour guides, and class hosts worked with a record number of prospective families during their visits to campus. Saint James faculty also worked with these visitors—cheerfully greeting them while on tour, welcoming them into their classrooms, and chatting with them while experiencing a seated meal. Finally, the Admission Team put in long hours on the phone, countless miles on the road, and endless answers via email in order to inform, inspire, challenge, and

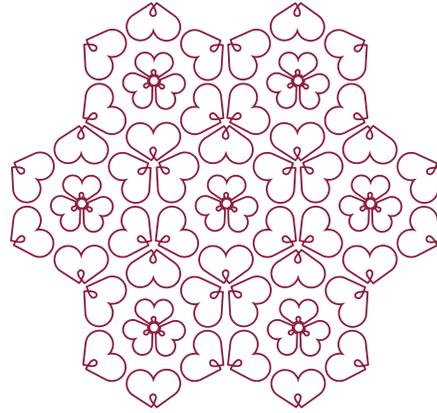
reassure families as they made one of the most important and impactful decisions they could face.

Thanks to these extraordinary efforts and the resulting statistics, Saint James will welcome the largest incoming class of new students in the school's history. The new community members are a diverse group of students, athletes, artists, singers, dancers, legacies, and leaders coming from eight states and thirteen international countries. They are as strong and impressive as they are unique; and, they will soon be joining the rich tradition of Saint James School. We are extremely excited about this newest group of admitted students and the talents that they bring to our community. As delighted as we are about who they are, we are even more excited about who they will become while at Saint James as they change, grow, and develop new passions. †

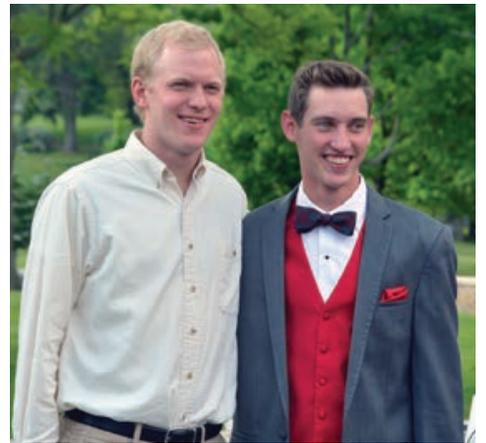
### ADMISSION STATISTICS



# PROM



# 2015



This year's Pre-Prom reception was a fashionable event, with girls in an array of gorgeous gowns in bright spring colors, and boys looking dapper in bow ties. The students enjoyed posing for photos and sipping "mocktails" courtesy of the Parents' Association before departing for a memorable night of dinner and dancing.





## PEOPLE OF SAINT JAMES: FAREWELLS

Inspired by Brandon Stanton's "Humans of New York," a web-based compilation of photos and quotes excerpted from conversations with New York residents, Saint James student, Christelle Fayemi (Sixth Form), developed similar "portraits" of members of the School community for the fall issue. For the spring issue, we invited the beloved Mr. James (who recently became Headmaster of the Trinity School in Frederick, MD), and Sixth Form students, Evie Hammer (headed to Georgetown) and Sal Gentile (headed to USC) to say goodbye, and to reflect on their time at SJS.

### MR. WARNER JAMES

(TEACHER, ENGLISH AND HISTORY)

**What will you miss most about Saint James?:** While I am not leaving SJS completely—my wife will work here, our daughter Mary will be in the Third Form, and we will continue to live in the Stimson House—I will miss working at a school that fosters timeless values and inspires students to achieve their potential.

Needless to say, I will miss working with my colleagues who have become close friends. I have so much respect and admiration for my colleagues, and I am grateful that my kids will have the chance to learn from these talented people.

As I begin my tenure as Headmaster of the Trinity School of Frederick, I will invariably refer to all that I have learned working at Saint James.

**Looking back on your time here, what was your favorite memory?:** I have so many fond memories of my years at Saint James. Never easy to pick just one! Nevertheless, I will always remember taking students out for food, or off campus. It was always a pleasure to take students to one of the local fast food establishments, for a haircut, or to purchase an anniversary gift. Our conversations varied from the humorous to the serious; and, I felt that I got to know the kids well. I also appreciated faculty taking me out during my boarding school years at Avon Old Farms, and knew the value in these moments.

**What, in your opinion, makes Saint James different compared to other high schools?:** At Saint James, the focus is on the whole student and not simply on a student's academic experience. Students are expected to be positive citizens, to think about the importance of civility in one's interactions, and to consider how to work for the greater good in the world. I love the School's mission: "To prepare young men and women for academic

success in college, and to challenge and inspire them to be leaders for good in the world." What is more important for us as educators than to instill in our charges the inspiration to make a positive difference in the world?

**Who has had the greatest influence in your life and in what way?:** My parents. Both my mother and father have shaped the person I have become. My mother always encouraged me to give back to the community. My father, perhaps more than anyone else, instilled in me the importance of hard work, a positive attitude, and a willingness to help others. I love my parents dearly and strive to be the kind of parents to my children that my parents were to me.

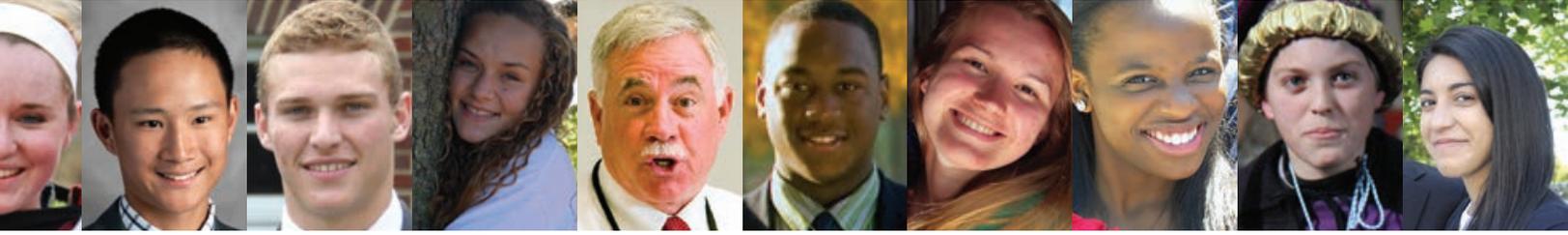
**What are some of your favorite hobbies outside of Saint James?:** While not necessarily a hobby, playing with my kids is one of my favorite activities. What is more important than playing a role in my children's growth!

I am a voracious reader. I love reading newspapers, my favorites being *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*. I enjoy following politics and current events.

**What is your favorite movie?:** So hard to pick just one! I love *The Emperor's Club*, *Rudy*, and *Dead Poets Society*.

**Who/What is your favorite musician/band?:** My favorite band of all time would have to be Rush. As for my favorite musician, I would have to go with Mary Chapin Carpenter.





## EVANTHEA “EVIE” HAMMER '15

**What will you miss most about Saint James?:** After spending four years growing and developing into the person I am today at SJS, it is really the people, the faculty and students, who make Saint James such a special place. I will miss all the friends I have made, old and new, and the amazing faculty that I have come to respect and appreciate the most as I leave SJS.

**Looking back on your time here, what was your favorite memory?:** My favorite memory by far is when the girls' varsity tennis team won the IPSL last year. It was an incredible moment of camaraderie and love when the entire team, coaches and players, came together to give the championship our all; and, we won. I still have pictures of the final score of the last court that helped us win, and pictures of the entire team holding up the trophy and beaming.

**What, in your opinion, makes Saint James different compared to other high schools?:** The level of mutual respect and love that all the students and teachers have for one another is, in my opinion, what makes SJS different. All the students and faculty recognize each other's abilities and strengths, and regard each other as competent individuals who all belong to the same close-knit family. SJS really is more than a community—it's a home.

**Who has had the greatest influence in your life and in what way?:** My advisor, Ms. Cerruti has, without a doubt, had the most influence in my life. We started SJS together, not really knowing anything about the new place we were welcomed into; and, together, we found our way, and have both come to love every minute of SJS life. Ms. Cerruti heads two departments, teaches all AP classes, coaches two teams, and controls a rowdy group of female advisees. Everything she does, and how gracefully and calmly she handles situations, is an inspiration to me. She has taught me so many invaluable lessons—most by example—that she was, and still is, a tremendous influence in my life. Thank you, Ms. Cerruti.

**What are some of your favorite hobbies outside of Saint James?:** I love playing tennis, reading, spending time with family and friends, and learning as much as I can, every day.

**What is your favorite movie?:** *Training Day*. I think that movie is a good reminder to always do the right and moral thing, even in the face of difficult situations.

**What are you looking forward to most about college?:** I can't wait to be in DC. I've always loved that city. I'm so excited to learn as much as I can, on and off campus, in such a unique location.

## SAL GENTILE '15

**What will you miss most about Saint James?:** Although this is probably everyone's "go-to" answer, I'm definitely gonna miss the people most. I don't know how Saint James does it, but the School harbors some very special people with whom you become very close during your time as a student.

**Looking back on your time here, what was your favorite memory?:** My personal favorite memory was the production of the *Nit Wits*. First of all, the cast was nearly perfect—a great group of people who were fun to hang out with. Secondly, it was great to be on stage and make everyone laugh. Let's all go into the kitchen, and make some fudge!

**What, in your opinion, makes Saint James different compared to other high schools?:** What makes Saint James different compared to other high schools is the familial relationship established within the community. Boarding with such a small number of students basically forces everyone to become part of one "thing," for lack of a better word; and, it just molds us. Some people try to ignore it—but you really can't. It happens eventually.

**Who has had the greatest influence in your life and in what way?:** Parents, always the parents. They have sacrificed so much for me; and, that, in turn, fuels me to be the best I can be, so that I can make their sacrifices worthwhile, and also make them proud.

**What are some of your favorite hobbies outside of Saint James?:** Going to concerts and music festivals. It's literally where all my money goes.

**What is your favorite movie?:** *Blow* with Johnny Depp and *Role Models*.

**What are you looking forward to most about college?:** California! A beautiful school in a beautiful state filled with beautiful people. I'm also excited to get proper treatment for my chronic back pain. There are supposed to be better remedies out there—or so I've been told.



# SEUSSICAL

DEBUTS AT SAINT JAMES, BRINGING  
THE MAGIC OF DR. SEUSS TO LIFE

## THE MUMMER'S SOCIETY

This spring, Saint James School students brought the charming Broadway musical, *Seussical*, based on the books of Dr. Seuss, to the Kellam Auditorium on May 22nd and 23rd. The Mummer's Society production featured many favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in

the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie, and Jojo, a young boy with a vivid imagination.

In this fun-filled romp through the beloved author's classics, The Cat in the Hat served as host and emcee (and chief mischief-maker). Horton the Elephant found himself faced with two challenges—protecting his

tiny friend Jojo (and all the invisible Whos) from a world of dangers; and, guarding an abandoned egg, left to his care by Mayzie. Dr. Seuss's classic characters found themselves intertwined in an incredible adventure in which the power of imagination and a miraculous "think" saved the day!





## THE PLAYERS

Jojo	Andrew Shen
The Cat in The Hat	Noel Paterson
Horton	Nolan Peters
A Bird Girl	Sophia Abeles
A Bird Girl	Wei-Yi "Winnie" Chang
A Bird Girl	Emily Teale
Sour Kangaroo	Elizabeth Williams
A Wickersham Brother	Seok Hwan "James" Chang
A Wickersham Brother	Sean Tolton
A Wickersham Brother	Isayah Young-Burke
Gertrude McFuzz	Jun Hyun "Casey" Kwon
Mayzie LaBird	Giuliana Gentile
The Mayor	Yiduo "Andy" Zhang
Mrs. Mayor	Carissa Falanga
The Grinch	James McElroy
Vlad Vladikoff	William O'Leary
Yertle the Turtle	Thomas "Carter" Bruns, IV



## THE CHORUS

Nicholas "Cole" Douglass, Meredith Day, Jae Min "Alex" Kim, Hannah Lee, Linshu "Coco" Peng, Dylan Reynolds, Nicholas Tiches, Alexia Tiches, Victoria Vando, Sarah "Liz" Worth.



## THE DANCERS

Annette Abu, Kofi Agyeman, Noah Cissé, Heather Deiner, Aimée Egwudobi, Melinda Kan-Dapaah, Eun Sol "Tiffany" Lee, Lydia Radley, Alexandra Slaugh, Daria Smoliarchuk, Cameron Wilkerson, Olivia Windle, Jiuyu "Doris" Xiao.



## SENIOR ONE-ACT

This year's Senior One-Act, "The Other, Other Woman" was a comedy directed by Dylan Reynolds and Heather Deiner. The delightful performance showcased a talented cast, and earned rave reviews.



## SPRING ART COLLECTION

Mr. McDonald challenged his art students to design ceramic hand drums this spring. Each percussion instrument was unique and personal, reflecting something meaningful to each artist.



Kristen Deiner



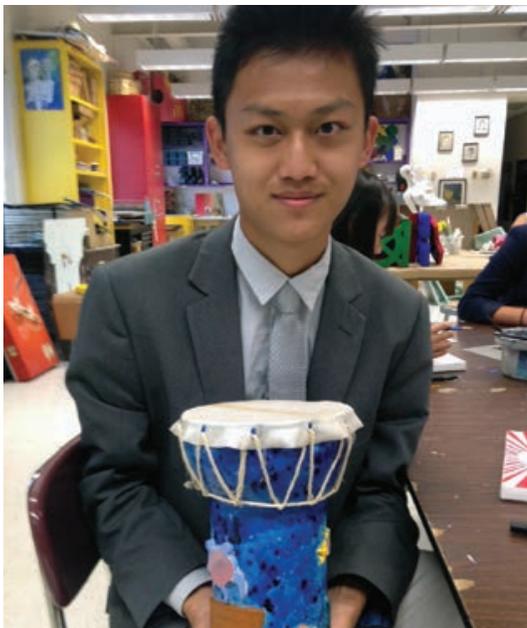
Grace Hotung



Lydia Radley



Kerr Ko



Hongdi Zhang



Sophie Shi



Tiger Hao



# MIDNIGHT RIDE

An evening on patrol with Officer Shannon Strange '06

by Nathan Trail '14

*"After banging on the apartment door for at least ten minutes—by this point around five other officers had shown up—the MPD determined that there was enough probable cause to breach the door."*

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As a rising sophomore at American University (AU), I enjoy the benefits of living in Washington, DC, a culturally diverse city with many fascinating faces and facets. For those unfamiliar with the nation's capital, Northwest DC (home to AU), is an established, fairly elite part of the District, characterized by wide streets lined with hundred-year-old trees, posh restaurants and shopping centers, and lavish embassies whose architecture is as unique as the countries that each represents. The low crime rate and implicit safety of this area allows me the privilege of walking to and from AU at nearly any time, day or night, feeling safe and secure. Yet, not all of DC is as safe as the area I now call home. Fortunately, we have an alumnus who is working to keep visitors and residents of the city safe and sound. This spring, I was able to interview Officer Shannon Strange '06, who works for the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) in Washington DC. It was an honor and a privilege to spend time with Shannon learning about this courageous graduate, and his dedication to the people and places he works to protect.

Shannon works in the city's Sixth District, which includes Northeast DC (east of the Anacostia River), and stretches down to just south of Pennsylvania Avenue. The area is predominantly residential, with detached single-family homes, row houses and public housing projects. He works a night shift, patrolling the city while most of its residents are safely tucked into bed. I rode along with Officer Strange during a night patrol.

What stands out most about Shannon is his strength and confident demeanor. A relative new-comer to the DC police force, this officer has worked for two years in the Sixth District since completing police academy training. Although young, Shannon has a commanding presence, standing just over six feet tall, with the kind of physical strength that you might associate with a professional athlete. But, he is as kind and modest as he is imposing looking; and, it was a surprise to discover that beneath the tough exterior is a gentle soul who is committed to keeping the peace in the district he calls home. What follows is a

summary of our interview conducted during his midnight shift on June 3rd into the early morning of June 4th.

**1. What attracted you to work in the MPD, specifically in the Sixth District?**

I've always wanted to be a police officer. I used to watch police-based TV shows like COPS when I was young. My father was a police officer; so, I was, in a sense, raised into being a police officer. I chose to work in the Sixth District because I grew up in Southeast D.C. I also needed some action

after getting out of college. I worked in accounting for a while; but, it was too boring for me, despite the fact that I majored in business. So that's another reason why I joined the MPD.

**2. What do you love most about your job? What are some highlights of working as an officer?**

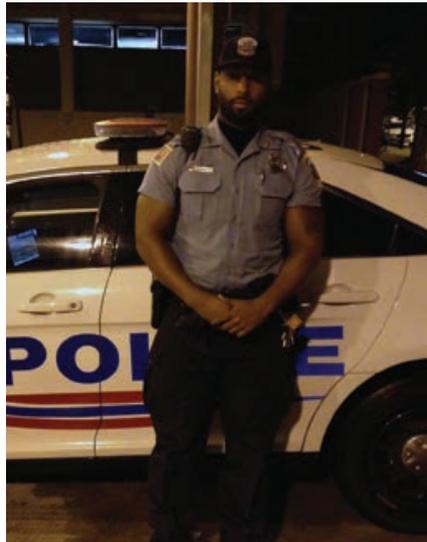
What I love most about my job are the people I can help and the difference I can make in the community. It really is rewarding. It's also a pretty cool job, apart from negative things such as drugs and seeing how locking up people affects the community around them.

**3. What have been some of the hardest moments in your career?**

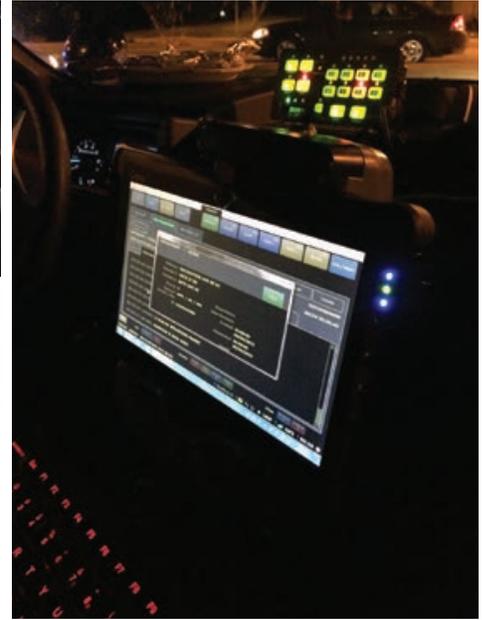
The hardest moment was rushing Jaydan Stancil to the hospital after he was shot in the head (the child was caught in the crossfire of a shootout) in October 2014. It was really rewarding to see him pull through. We have become so close; and, we see each other very often. (See sidebar on page 23 for details about this heroic act.)

**4. What have been some of the greatest moments in your career?**

Working with Community Outreach, which is a police-sponsored program that helps strengthen the relationship between the police department and the community by hosting various events, such as a turkey giveaway.



Officer Shannon Strange poses beside his squad car.



Images on left: In the first crime alert, we visited this apartment building. Right: Shannon's in-car computer displays various crime alerts.

*At this point, we were interrupted by the first “crime alert” of the night. In this instance, a mother was trying to get her child back from the father after he allegedly assaulted her. The mother was able to secure a court order ordering the child to be retrieved from the father by all means necessary. However, the father was not at home when we arrived. In this case, the MPD did not have the authority to breach the door to his apartment. Thus, in the end, this case was “left up in the air” until the mother could persuade the apartment leasing office to unlock the apartment.*

5. **Do DC police officers work with partners?**  
Officers normally ride with partners. We only ride alone when one officer has a ride-along for the night.
6. **What drew you to Saint James?**  
Basketball. Coach Smitty was recruiting kids; and, I was trying to get out of Southeast DC.
7. **What did you love most about Saint James?**  
I was treated well, like family. I arrived as a fourth form student (10th grade).
8. **Did Saint James prepare you for this job in any way?**  
Not entirely. Life prepared me for this job. However, Saint James did teach me how to be caring and accept people for who they are. Saint James showed me how to fit in.
9. **Do you still keep up with your fellow classmates?**  
Yeah, thanks to Facebook. For the most part, we still talk and hang out at bars when we can.

**10. Where did you go to college and what was your major?**  
St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York, and then Regis College in Boston. I majored in business and started to get into some computer science.

**11. Are you married and do you have any kids?**  
Nope. I’m living the single life.

**12. What do you like to do in your free time?**  
Sleep. Hang out with family—I’m a big family guy—and go to the gym.

*At this point, we were interrupted by the second “crime alert” of the night. In this instance, an anonymous 911 call was made advising the police of a potential assault in progress in an apartment. We arrived on the scene after racing through empty streets with lights flashing and sirens blaring. After banging on the apartment door for at least ten minutes—by this time, five officers had arrived—the MPD determined that there was probable cause to breach the door (primarily due to the 911 call). After entering, the officers found several adults and children inside. Ultimately, no arrest was made because it would have been extremely difficult to prove what had happened behind closed doors.*

**13. What are some of your favorite TV shows and movies?**  
*Love & Hip Hop* and other reality TV shows. I also love action movies like the *Spider-Man* series.

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At this point, we were interrupted by the third “crime alert” of the night. In this instance, an object had been thrown at a woman, causing moderate bleeding. The person responsible fled the scene by the time we arrived. Because of the severity of the wound, in addition to the fact that the woman was not coherent enough to answer simple questions, an ambulance was called and the victim was transported to a hospital. Detective and crime scene units were called to the scene to help classify the crime as either a felony, or a misdemeanor (simple assault). In the end, the crime was classified as a simple assault.

**14. What do you love most about DC? What are some of your favorite things to do in the city?**

Going out to watch games. Also, DC is very diverse and there is a lot of culture; so, there are a lot of things to do in general.

**15. If money were not an object, where would you live?**

Brazil or Costa Rica, mainly because of climate. I would love to just build a house and relax on the beach.

**16. What are some challenges—personal or work related—you will face this summer; and, are any of them particularly unique to being in the Sixth District?**

Proving myself for another year. In addition, the crime rate always goes up a lot in the summer due to the warmer weather. That in itself poses a challenge.

**17. What inspires you?**

I would say money; but, I don't make that much. Therefore, I guess I would say doing something positive every day to change the community inspires me.

**18. What causes/issues are you passionate about?**

I am passionate about protecting children, preventing domestic violence and sexual abuse of kids, and bullying. Working in the Sixth District has made me passionate about these things.

**19. What is your opinion on the recently passed marijuana laws? Do you think it will affect your job in any way if it has not done so already?**

In one way, I don't think they should have passed the law because it leads to other drugs. But, it is so common—so, why not pass it? It hasn't really affected



The left photo shows Shannon preparing to breach a door. The right photo shows police officers working with EMTs.

my job because it doesn't impact the community like other, harder drugs do.

**20. Have you ever had to use your gun?**

Nope.

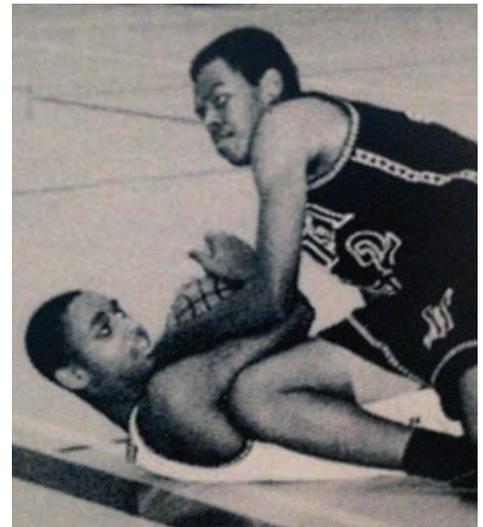
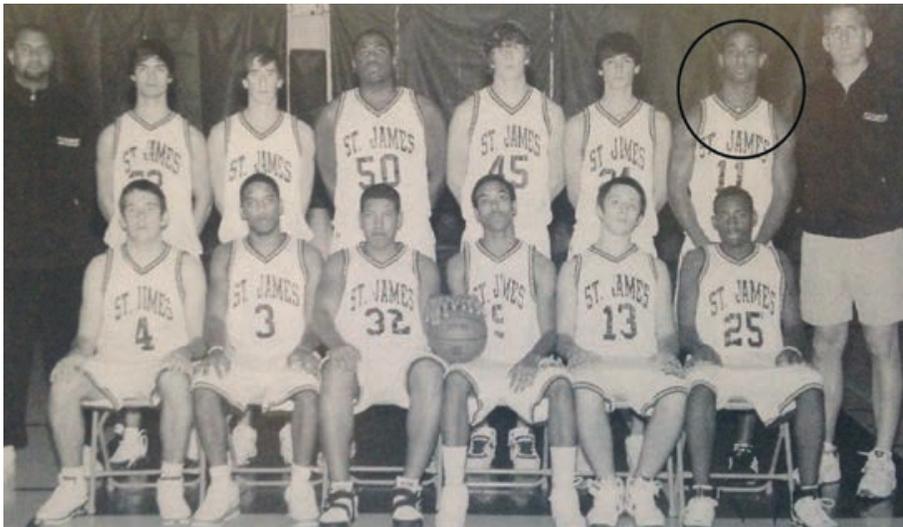
At this point, we were interrupted by the fourth “crime alert” of the night. In this instance, a transgender prostitute was robbed at gunpoint on the street. We were waved down by the woman, and attempted to locate her stolen belongings, which included her phone and purse. To locate the perpetrator, we used the “find my phone” feature on Shannon's phone. However, the app showed that the phone was transported into Maryland. We were unable to pursue the crime since we did not have the proper jurisdiction to do so. The case given to a Maryland police department.

**21. How much detective work do you do before a case is handed off to an official detective?**

First, we find out if the case is a felony. If the case is determined to be a felony, an official detective is called in—but, not for something like a simple assault, as we just witnessed. However, officers can take initiative to do as much work as they want. The “find my phone” app has also helped solve many cases.

**22. How did the Baltimore riots affect you and your job?**

The Baltimore riots have most likely increased crime rates (crime has increased by over 107 percent in at least one area in the District). We are also coping



Shannon was a member of the varsity basketball team. Here, he is shown during his Sixth Form year.

with a greater degree of disrespect and hostility towards officers. There have been no subsequent protests that I know of.

**23. What do you do when you are bored on the job?**

Ride around, look for anything unusual, talk to citizens, talk to kids. I work five days a week on the midnight shift.

**24. How does working in the nation's capital—surrounded by politicians, diplomats, the President, and Secret Service—impact your job?**

It makes everything so liberal. The police department is more for citizens than officers. For example, dispatch won't let officers pursue a car (whose driver is suspected of committing a crime), in case the officer accidentally hits an innocent bystander. In addition, whenever a police pursuit takes place, dispatch must fill out "pursuit" forms and other necessary paperwork. As you can imagine, it's much easier for a dispatcher to say no to a pursuit than to have to go through all the paperwork.

**25. Sloth or puma?**

Puma.

**26. Favorite place in the world?**

Costa Rica.



Lastly, Shannon asked me to include this final note: "I have greatly appreciated everything Father Dunnan, Coach Brooks, and Father Gahan have done for me. They helped me become the person I am today; and, I wouldn't be here if it weren't for them." †

**OFFICER SHANNON STRANGE RECEIVES HONOR FOR HEROIC ACTION**

On the night of October 3, 2014, while Shannon was on duty, a nine-year-old resident named Jaydan Stancil was shot in the head when he was caught in the crossfire of a shootout in a neighborhood in Northeast DC. Shannon and Officer Stephen Giannini knew that they could not wait for an ambulance to arrive to transport Jaydan. So, they took it upon themselves to rush him to nearby Prince George's Hospital Center. Shannon cradled Jaydan in the back seat while a colleague drove the cruiser. The child survived because of his intervention.

As a result of this heroic act, on February 19, 2015, Shannon was one of several officers to receive police department honors at an awards ceremony at Gallaudet University. He was honored for "his quick thinking and heroic action [that] saved the young boy's life." As if this weren't impressive enough, Shannon was also named "Officer of the Year" for the Sixth District station.

# A Sermon

for Alumni Weekend, April 26, 2015  
In the Chapel of Saint James

The Revd. Dr. D. Stuart Dunnan, Headmaster

*“Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” (1 John 3:18)*

## In nomine . . .

Recently we lost and will remember at this Eucharist two alumni who were active and important in our life as a school, personally interested, engaged, and generous: Jeremy Biggs and Rick Wagner. Jeremy was a member of the class of 1954 and Rick the class of 1963. Both were active and successful while they were at school, involved in sports and clubs, very strong students, and prefects. Interestingly, neither was as successful before he came to Saint James, so both credited Saint James with the beginning of their adulthood.

Both also came from prominent families which were firmly established elsewhere: Jeremy's in New York, although his parents were then living in Washington, and Rick's in Cincinnati. And both returned to their native cities where they became leading and philanthropic citizens in their own right.

And yet, unlike the majority of our alumni who come through Saint James and then forget about it, neither Jeremy nor Rick ever forgot what they owed this place: where they grew up and how they grew up, the friends that they made here, the lessons that they learnt, the people they became.

And they were grateful.

And being grateful, they were joyful. As both were trustees, they returned to campus often, and they were excited to be back. They made new friends on the Board, in the faculty, in other classes, and amongst the parents. They also came to know individual students and took a real interest in their journeys here, remembering their own. They were interested in the progress of the school and full of ideas about how to make us better. They loved to look at drawings of new buildings, new brochures and school videos. They applauded at concerts and cheered at games; they even cried in Chapel. Our problems and challenges did not discourage, but intrigued and engaged them, and they rejoiced in our successes.

They never refused my phone call, answered every note or email, and loved to have me visit. When they called me, they never wanted to interrupt me if I was meeting with a student; I could call them back, because they never forgot that they were once that student, so I was Dr. Kellett to Jeremy and Father Owens to Rick.

We have, thank God, many alumni like Jeremy Biggs and Rick Wagner,

sons and now also daughters of Saint James who are very grateful to this place and therefore eager to help us improve, to be more and more remarkable and more and more available to all who might come to us from cities and families now all over the world to grow into their promise.

When I spoke at the celebration of Jeremy's life at the City Museum of New York, I began by introducing myself, saying that I was the headmaster of Saint James. The universal look on the faces of his friends and admirers said it all: they expected to see me, as they had all heard about “Jeremy's school.” I have seen this same look on the faces of those gathered for many of our alumni before; it is always a great encouragement to me, a powerful reminder of what Saint James meant to the one we are celebrating.

When I heard that Rick Wagner had died just a week after I had spoken to him on the phone, I remembered my conversation with him, how it was mostly about Saint James and only very little about him. “Oh, I am fine, Father, just tell me about school.” Thinking of that, I remembered one of my very

first visits as headmaster. I was in Charleston, South Carolina, visiting Andy Drury, and he took me to see his cousin Richard Salmons, who was dying. They had been at Saint James together, and Andy said that “Richard will want to see you.” And sure enough, he did, and after I was ushered into his room and his wife had told him who I was, he whispered from his deathbed: “Tell me about Saint James.”

I have often thought that many of our alumni return to Saint James at the end of their lives to see again the home that they knew here and thus to feel again the love that they felt here, as a foretaste of that better home and greater love which awaits them.

And I would offer you this thought: grateful alumni are joyful alumni, because they live their lives with gratitude.

And here, I try not to think of all those alumni who journey on and forget us, but I do worry about them. I worry about them obviously because we could use their help, although I have come to believe that others will help instead of them, but I really worry about them because at least in their relationship with us, they have not found real gratitude, so that they have yet to embrace real life. My prayer is that they will, if not in relationship with us, then in relationship with others, in gratitude to others who have helped and believed in them at other stages in their lives.

For it is in others and by others that Christ loves us, and therefore in us and by us that he loves others. To quote St. John, “How does God’s love



abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?” (3.17)

For indeed, none of us have done anything on our own, and our individual journeys at Saint James provide very clear and well-defined snapshots of our lives, chapters perhaps, for us to perceive this grace in life. Think of all who have raised, taught and given to us here, teachers and students alike; forgiven, challenged and directed us; joined us on our adventures, shared in our challenges, contributed to our achievements. How can we not be grateful?

Surely then, we must choose not to be grateful, or even refuse to be grateful, and keep it all about ourselves.

And so, in this class to come, the class of 2015 spread throughout this Chapel, all of whom have enjoyed the same benefits and blessings, opportunities and community here, some will be grateful and some will not. Some will forget and move on; some will remember but only remember selectively, bear a grudge perhaps or carry some resentment. But some will be grateful, and these will be the joyful ones.

And they will not necessarily be

the ones who received financial aid to be here, or were the best students or the best athletes, held high office or received any prizes on Commencement Day. Most of these will forget us; some will even still resent us, clinging to the self-centered perspective of youth.

But the good will just be grateful. Like Jeremy Biggs and Rick Wagner and so many others we have come to rely on, they will remember all that they owe this place, how they grew and improved here, developed into their praise. They will remember everyone who helped them, and they will forgive the rest. And they will do their best to help all who follow them, so that they may be blessed even as they were blessed, even more than they were blessed, which is indeed truly generous.

And they will be like this for the rest of their lives, and again, not just in relationship to Saint James. They will be grateful people, and being grateful, they will make everything they do that much better, everyone they know that much happier by their encouraging example and generous, enlivening spirit.

For surely, this is the whole point of the Christian Gospel with which this Eucharist so especially challenges us: just choose to be grateful, for with this choice and from this choice comes all the miracles of Christ. And we at Saint James know this well; just look around and see what gratitude has done for us.

Amen. †



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# *The Bonds That Tie*

Two Brothers Travel Two Interesting Paths



This spring, we had the pleasure of interviewing two young alumni: Peter '06 and Andrew '08 Bonds. The brothers, who hail from North Carolina, are both pursuing their dreams. One found himself on Wall Street following college, working for

an investment giant, while the other settled in Virginia, accepting a teaching position at Blue Ridge School. On the following pages, these two engaging siblings share a bit about their latest adventures. Enjoy!

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# Peter Bonds '06

1. **Where did you grow up?**  
Chapel Hill, NC.

2. **How many siblings do you have?**  
I have one brother, Andrew, SJS class of '08.

3. **What brought you to Saint James School?**  
The first time I ever stepped foot on the campus of SJS was my orientation day. I had spent my ninth grade year in Germany because of my dad's work. So, I never actually saw the campus before I enrolled. Two family friends from home (Bitsy and Kappie Kopp '04) were already sixth formers at Saint James; and, they loved it. That is how my parents found out about the school. I was super nervous about going to a boarding school so far away from home. It was hard to get used to the schedule and to the rigorous classes at first; but, I was lucky to have Bitsy and Kappie looking out for me, and lucky to have made great friends so quickly, like my roommate from my first year, Gideon Dodge.

4. **Could you share a favorite Saint James moment or memory?**  
In my sixth form year, my classmate Caroline Combs and I directed a one-act play. I don't even remember what it was called; but, we had so much fun trying to get our classmates



to remember their lines and simultaneously move to the correct places on stage! We gained a whole new level of appreciation for what Mr. Collin does year after year.



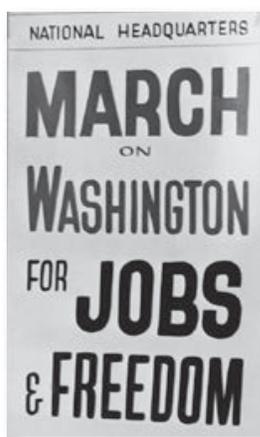
5. **Looking back, what did you learn as a Saint James student?**  
A lot of what I know about teaching today comes from my time at Saint James. For example, at Saint James I discovered that teaching is all about relationships; and, when you know that your teachers genuinely care about you, you really want to work hard and succeed. Father Dunnan also taught me how to properly use a semicolon; and, that was enlightening.

6. **What was it like to attend Saint James with a sibling?**  
My brother and I were together at SJS for one year; and, it was a lot of fun. Whenever I felt a little homesick, it was nice to have him around. It was also great that he finally understood everything I'd been talking about for the last couple of years!

7. **What sports or extracurricular pursuits were you engaged in as a student?**  
I was most involved with the drama program at Saint James. I had never acted before. But, my advisor during my first year told me I should try out for the fall play; so, I did. I am pretty sure that I only had one line, and then appeared on stage again holding a candle for less than a minute. But, I loved it and acted in every subsequent play. In a lot of ways it prepared me well for my current career. You sort of have to be an actor to hold the attention of high school students for an hour at a time.

8. **What do you love most about teaching?**  
The students! They are hilarious. One day, I plan to write a sitcom about a fictional boarding school loosely based on Blue Ridge and Saint James, and sell it to Netflix. The fictional headmaster might be an Episcopal priest named Father Duncan. There

will be story lines focused on the students and others revolving around the lives of the teachers; and, when the two worlds collide, you will see Emmy-winning comedy and drama!



is a great basketball team, and a good mix of new and experienced teachers. I once tried to get my students into the Saint James habit of standing when a visitor comes into the classroom. They were pretty good about that. When I told them they should also stand up for me when I enter the classroom, they had a good laugh.

got to know while I was a student at Saint James. Because my own students will probably never meet Mr. Camp, Mr. Yergey, or Father Dunnan, they have no idea how much they benefit from the work of these SJS history teachers. I am pretty sure that I am some freakish amalgam of all three. On their tests, my students need to know dates (courtesy of Father Dunnan). They also need to explain, in extreme detail, the significance of historical events (Mr. Camp); and, I have a few weird blazers that I wear to class sometimes (inspired by the Karl Yergey collection).

**9. Which subject are you most passionate about and why?**

Definitely U.S. history, and particularly the second half of the 20th century. So much of what took place during that period directly impacts the lives of my students today. One of my goals is to make them realize that. I am currently working on a master's degree in U.S. history at James Madison University. My thesis is about the civil rights movement in Washington, DC during the 1970's.

**10. Can you share a little about Blue Ridge School? What do you enjoy about working there?**

**Is it at all like Saint James?** Blue Ridge is a great place to work; and, in a lot of ways it is like Saint James—except, of course, that it is all boys. When my students ask me what Saint James was like, they are often jealous that I went to a co-ed school. But when I tell them that we had chapel every day, they are not quite as envious. They only go twice a week for 15 minutes. Just like Saint James, Blue Ridge has prefects and work squads, and Lessons and Carols. Students are required to wear coat and tie to class; there

**11. What are some of the most memorable moments of your career so far?**

In May, the students who were freshmen when I started teaching, graduated. Many of them had been my students in their first year. It was incredible to see how much they had matured as students, and as people over their four years at Blue Ridge. It also made me realize how quickly time flies!



**12. What do you enjoy doing in your free time?**

I love living in Central Virginia. There is so much to do. I like to visit the many vineyards and breweries in the area; and, Charlottesville has a great live music scene. I try to get to as many concerts as I can. It is the perfect mix of a city and a college town.

**13. What do you want people to know about you?**

That I definitely would never have become a teacher if it had not been for the incredible faculty I

**14. Do you enjoy traveling? If so, where? I love to travel! For the last two years, I have led**

trips to Europe with my students. During this past spring break, we went to Berlin, Prague, Budapest, and Krakow. The year before, we were in Paris, Amsterdam, and Copenhagen.

**15. Any favorite musicians or songs?**

Yes. My brother tells me I should keep this to myself; but, I have seen "The Boss," Bruce Springsteen in concert 19 times. He is undoubtedly America's greatest natural resource.

**16. Sloth or puma?**

When I am running with the cross-country team that I coach here at Blue Ridge, I imagine myself to be a puma. But in reality, my 5K times are increasingly sloth-like.

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# Andrew Bonds '08

**1. What were you like as a kid?**

I would say pretty normal. I grew up in Chapel Hill and spent a lot of time on the UNC campus, and with friends. I was young for my grade since I have a September birthday.

**2. What brought you to Saint James School?**

My older brother, Peter, went to SJS as a tenth grader after we lived in Berlin for a year. I went to school for two more years in Chapel Hill before touring the campus. I liked the people and the feel of the place immediately.

**3. Could you share a favorite Saint James moment or memory?**

I think playing lacrosse in 2007 with Coach Salit. We went to Florida in February as a team and ended up winning part of the league championship that year. There were some quality games and very good players; but, most memorable was the great group.

**4. Looking back, what did you learn as a Saint James student?**

Outside of the classroom, I would say how to interact with different types of people, and to have the confidence to try new things.

**5. What was your favorite subject?**

I liked my U.S. and European history classes with Mr. Camp and Father Dunnan, respectively.



Mr. Batson's English class my senior year was impactful as well; and, I revisited some of the books later on.

**6. What was it like to attend Saint James with a sibling?**

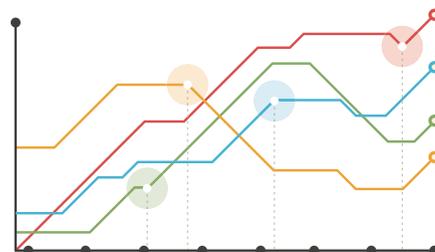
We were only there together for one year; and, I lived in Hershey Hall (now Mattingly Hall) that year. So, we didn't see each other all that much. He was definitely helpful in getting me used to a new school, and gave me good advice throughout my time. I think it was easier for me because people already knew him. He did cut me from the senior play he directed (it was probably smart of him); so, I still give him a hard time about that. I ended up living in the same rooms he lived in junior and senior year by coincidence.

**7. What sports or extracurricular pursuits were you engaged in as a student?**

I played football for Coach Meehan, as well as lacrosse. My senior year, I was the prefect on Claggett III with the juniors.

**8. What drew you to Washington and Lee University? Why did you major in Economics?**

It reminded me of Saint James in some ways—a smaller-sized, liberal arts institution, south on I-81 in the Shenandoah Valley. Economics applies a broad range of subjects; and, it combined some of my interests. Getting an Econ degree at W&L exposed me to a lot of different ways of thinking about the world.



**9. When did you know you wanted to work in the investment community & what drew you to this profession?**

I joined the Williams Investment Society at W&L, which allows students to manage part of the endowment in stocks. It seemed like there were jobs in the industry available for graduates, and worked well with economics.

10. **Where do you live now?**  
Nashville, Tennessee.

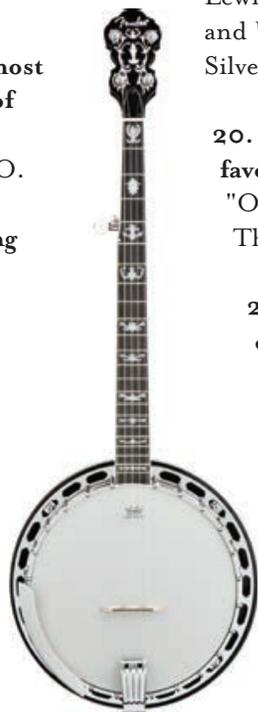
11. **What did you do for Goldman Sachs & Company?**  
I worked on the U.S. Algorithmic Trading desk as an analyst. We helped our clients trade stocks and derivatives.

12. **How do (or did) you enjoy working and living in NYC?**  
It was a lot of fun, and hard work at the same time. I got to ride a bike down the West Side Highway to, and from, work, which was nice. It was a fun place to be for a few years.

13. **What do you enjoy about your work? What makes it meaningful to you?**  
I enjoyed getting to know my coworkers, and relationships with clients. Also, learning more about the markets was interesting.

14. **What are some of the most memorable moments of your career so far?**  
Probably the Twitter IPO.

15. **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?**  
I like to play a couple different stringed-instruments, primarily bluegrass banjo. I also enjoy the outdoors and exploring new places as much as I can.



16. **What causes or issues are you most passionate about?**  
I would say, generally speaking, our need to improve the nation's food and agriculture system.

17. **What do you want people to know about you?**  
I'm grateful for my time spent at Saint James; and, I'm a New England Patriots fan.

18. **Do you enjoy traveling? If so, where?**  
I do. Berlin is probably my favorite city to visit. I went there, and through Switzerland and Spain last summer. Currently, I am driving out to a rafting/fishing trip with my Dad in Idaho.

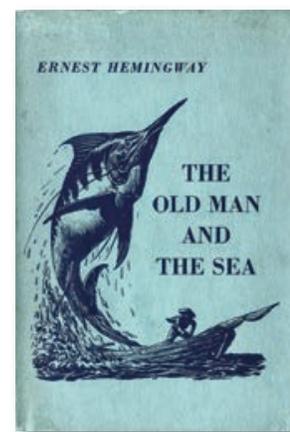
19. **Could you share a few favorite books?**  
*The Odyssey*, *One Summer* by Bill Bryson, *The Big Short* by Michael Lewis, *The Old Man and the Sea*, and *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein.

20. **What are some of your favorite movies?**  
"O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

21. **Any favorite musicians or songs that inspire you?**  
Too many to count really: Doc Watson, Earl Scruggs, Muddy Waters, Tony Rice, Joni Mitchell, Charlie Parker, Steely Dan, the original Lynyrd Skynyrd.



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22. **Sloth or puma? (Have to ask at least one goofy question.)**  
Puma. I don't think it would be much of a fight.

23. **Is there anything else you'd like to share about yourself? Is there something most people don't know about you that would surprise them? Or, something they don't know, but should?**  
Maybe that I'm pursuing my MBA and opening a food truck in Nashville, TN.



# CONGRESSMAN JOHN K. DELANEY (MD) DELIVERS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS TO CLASS OF 2015

We were honored to welcome U.S. Congressman John K. Delaney (D-MD, 6th District) to the Commencement ceremony held on May 31, 2015. Mr. Delaney delivered a thoughtful, inspiring and cogent address to the Class of 2015. Highlights from his talk are below.

“God is smiling down on Saint James School today.” These words marked an auspicious beginning to the Commencement speech delivered this year by Congressman John K. Delaney and set the tone for a winsome address measured with equal parts optimism, admonition and wisdom. The politician and businessman was both succinct and sensitive (promising brevity to the graduating class and faculty members who sat dauntlessly under full sun in 90-degree weather).

The politician and father of four acknowledged the trustees, parents and faculty members in the audience for their role(s) in shaping the lives of students, and for positioning them for success. He then challenged members of the graduating class “to be men and women for others,” emphasizing three guiding principles that have informed his own life.

*The first:* “Think about where the world is going.” The world is changing rapidly, he said. We must think about the world deeply, no matter what our profession. “Where is the world taking us?” he asked the students. “And, how do you fit in?”

*The second:* “Be an optimist.” The Congressman advised students to see challenges as opportunities and



to look at the facts. “Facts,” he said “favor the optimist.” Billions have been lifted out of poverty thanks to the innovations of our time,” he continued. Never believe the naysayers; and, “hang out with optimists,” he smiled.

*The third:* “Take the hard path, and engage.” While it’s easiest to take the path of least resistance, Delaney reminded the graduates that this will soon be their world, and that they must actively participate in its challenges and opportunities, ultimately choosing the more difficult (but rewarding) path.

“If not you,” he concluded, “then who?” †

## FAST FACTS

*Did you know the following about this elected official and entrepreneur?*

### Congressman Delaney:

- Was elected in 2012 to Maryland’s Sixth District, which includes the Washington D.C. suburbs and Western Maryland (home to Saint James).
- Won scholarships to attend Columbia University (undergrad) and earned his law degree from Georgetown University.
- Met his wife, April while both attended Georgetown Law. The couple has four daughters.
- Is a voice for women’s equality, advocating for equal pay for equal work and ending workplace discrimination.
- Founded and led two New York Stock Exchange-listed financial services companies before the age of forty.
- Delaney’s company, CapitalSource, received the “Bank Enterprise Award” from the Treasury Department for lending to disadvantaged communities.
- Authored legislation focused on:
  - rebuilding the nation’s infrastructure,
  - protecting veterans,
  - improving government services,
  - protecting Social Security.



## Class of 2015 College Matriculation

Abu, Annette	Northeastern University	Holland, Benjamin	Florida Gulf Coast University	Pierce, Gregory	Baldwin Wallace University
Ali, Ramsey J	Purdue University	Hough, McKenna	College of Charleston	Puchkov, Denis	Pace University, New York City
Chang, Seok Hwan	Purdue University	Iqbal, Daanial	Georgetown University	Reynolds, Dylan	Salisbury University
Chang, Wei Yi	New York University	Jeon, Hui Bae	New York University	Robinson, Justin	Virginia Tech
Cisse, Noah	Pitzer College	Ji, Youce	Carnegie Mellon University	Thrasher, Kaelin	James Madison University
Collins, Chester	University of Virginia	Liu, Fangze	Case Western Reserve University	Tiches, Nicholas	Pennsylvania State University
Deiner, Heather	Elon University	Marshall, James	Kalamazoo College	Tolton, Sean	Ernest Hamilton College—NY
Dutton, Benjamin	Whittier College	McElroy, James	The College of Wooster	Treger, Ian	Washington and Lee University
David Emma-Makeri	St. John's University— Queens Campus	McEvoy, Kathryn	Washington and Lee University	Tribble, Grant	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Fayemi, Christelle	Northwestern University	McFillen, Mary	College of Charleston	Watson, Cameron	Washington College
Fishkin, Jacob	Babson College	Meehan, Henry	James Madison University	Wilkerson, Cameron	Carnegie Mellon University
Fulton, Grace	Sewanee: The University of the South	Muys, Wesley	Franklin and Marshall College	Williams, Elizabeth	Temple University
Gentile, Salvatore K.	University of Southern California	Novak, Robert	Rochester Institute of Technology	Xiao, Jiuyu	Davidson College
George, Tyler	Roanoke College	Ntim-Addae, Nana	Queen's University	Young-Burke, Isayah	Susquehanna University
Goodie, Caleb	Colgate University	Ohm, Gi	New York University	Zhang, Hongdi	New York University
Hammer, Evanthea	Georgetown University	Pajer, Elliot	Gettysburg College	Zhou, Jing Yi	University of California, Los Angeles
Han, Jeong	Indiana University at Bloomington	Peters, Nolan	College of William and Mary		

# COMMENCEMENT DAY PRIZES

Non-scholastic prizes are awarded to members of the student body who, during their years at Saint James made noteworthy contributions to the life of the School, or who have exhibited outstanding qualities of leadership and characteristics such as integrity, cooperation, loyalty, and seriousness of purpose. Most prizes are awarded on the basis of a two-thirds vote by the faculty.

The Onderdonk Headmasters' Prize, endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Onderdonk, class of 1935, in memory of Henry Onderdonk, headmaster of Saint James School from 1869-1895 and Adrian Onderdonk, headmaster from 1903-1939, is awarded to a member of the Fifth or Sixth Form who has served the wider community beyond Saint James School well beyond the School's expectation or requirement. The award was given to:

**Caleb John Goodie**  
Middletown, MD

The G. Dudley Acker Award is awarded to a Fifth or Sixth Form student, who during his or her years at Saint James School has overcome adversity and has achieved a measure of success. This award, made possible through gifts from Dudley, his classmates and friends, was presented to:

**Dylan Reynolds**  
Annapolis, MD

The Chaplain's Prize is awarded to the student who best exemplifies the primal purpose of Saint James School in training Christian gentlemen and ladies, as shown by quiet devotion to church life, courteous consideration of other people, and a high sense of personal integrity. The award was presented to:

**Elliot Quang Pajer**  
Gibsonia, PA



James Bliss Marshall receiving The A. Smith Bowman Award

The Simms A. Jamieson Prize, endowed by Mr. Jamieson to the Sixth Former who has shown the most improvement in his or her years at Saint James, was awarded to:

**James Vincent McElroy**  
Lexington, VA

The A. Smith Bowman Prize, given to the Sixth Former who best exemplifies the qualities of a gentleman, was awarded to:

**James Bliss Marshall**  
Rock Hall, MD

The Margaret Aitken Pennington Prize, given by Mr. and Mrs. William Pennington, Jr., Class of 1970, in memory of Margaret Pennington, long time librarian and advisor to the first class of girls at Saint James, is given to a member of the Fifth or Sixth Form who best exhibits the qualities of a lady. It was awarded to:

**Fangze "Helen" Liu**  
Shanghai, China

The Charles G. Meehan, Jr. '65 Prizes for All-Round Athletic Ability in the Sixth Form were awarded to:

**Grace Ann Fulton**  
Hagerstown, MD

**Sean Ernest Tolton, Jr.**  
Ft. Washington, MD

The David I. Barr Prize for Sportsmanship and Leadership in Athletics was awarded to:

**Caleb John Goodie**  
Middletown, MD

The Donn Porter Prize, given in memory of Donn Porter, class of 1949, is awarded to a member of the Fifth or Sixth Form who has shown genuine courage and real devotion to the team, above and beyond the call of duty, during his or her time as an athlete at Saint James School. It was awarded to:

**Leanne Taylor Ludwick**  
Chambersburg, PA



Heather Pace Deiner receiving The 50th Anniversary Alumni Award

The Class of 1950 Award for Creativity, supported by the Class of 1950 Fund, is given to a member of the Fifth or Sixth Form who has shown him or herself to be creative and original through a significant achievement or work which enlivens the spirit of the School. This achievement or work can be in any field: academic, artistic, dramatic, musical or athletic. The award was given to:

**Nolan David Peters**  
Alexandria, VA

The Noble C. Powell Prize is awarded each year to a Fifth or Sixth Former, who by the creative exercise of imagination and initiative, has made an outstanding contribution to change, development, and progress at Saint James School, while remaining faithful to its fundamental principles and purposes. It was awarded to:

**Jacob Matthew Fishkin**  
Hagerstown, MD

The School Prize is given on occasion by the Headmaster to a member of the Sixth Form who has shown faithful devotion to Saint James School. It was awarded this year to:

**Ian Thomas Treger**  
Lexington, VA

The Mary Latrobe Onderdonk Memorial Prize for Sound School Citizenship was awarded to:

**Caleb John Goodie**  
Middletown, MD

The 50th Anniversary Alumni Award, initiated by the Class of 1928, is given to a Sixth Former who exhibits outstanding leadership ability. It was awarded to:

**Heather Pace Deiner**  
Snohomish, WA

The MacLeod Prize in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Colin MacLeod, endowed by Mrs. MacLeod and her daughter Mary Woodruff, is given to a member of the Sixth Form who by high ideals, faithfulness to duty, earnest endeavor, and sound character has made a contribution worthy of praise. It was awarded to:

**Grace Ann Fulton**  
Hagerstown, MD

The "Multum Profecit" Prize in memory of Dr. Lawrence Hoyer, endowed by his wife Phyllis Hoyer, is awarded to a member of the Sixth Form who, with broad interests and with participation in a wide range of activities, has achieved in all a commendable success. It was awarded to:

**Sean Ernest Tolton, Jr.**  
Ft. Washington, MD

The Centennial Prize (in memory of Evelyn Richardson Onderdonk), is awarded to a member of the Sixth Form who has made an outstanding contribution to the immediate general welfare of the School along one or more lines. It was awarded to:

**Henry Robinson Meehan**  
Still Pond, MD

The Trustees' Prize for Scholarship is given in recognition of the highest achievement in the Upper School maintained over a two-year period. It was awarded to:

**Kathryn Sinclair McEvoy**  
Middletown, MD

The Headmaster's Prize is awarded to the member of the Sixth Form who best exemplifies the qualities of a gentleman or lady and a scholar. It was awarded to:

**Nana Kerse Ntim-Addae**  
Adenta-Accra, Ghana



Sean Ernest Tolton, Jr. receiving The Charles G. Meehan, Jr. '65 Prize for All-Round Athletic Ability



Daanial Shaheen Iqbal receiving The Bishop's Prize

The Bishop's Prize, by tradition the School's highest prize and greatest honor, is awarded to a member of the Sixth Form who has contributed the most to the long-range, long-term welfare of the School, either by accomplishment or by personal example, was awarded to:

**Daanial Shaheen Iqbal**  
Boonsboro, MD

The Albert L. Watson III Memorial Prize for Poetry, endowed by Neale Watson in memory of his brother Albert, distinguished English teacher and Department Chair at Saint James 1964-1987, is awarded to the Sixth Former whose poem is selected to be read at Commencement, earning him or her the title of "Class Poet." The recipient was:

**Nolan David Peters**  
Alexandria, VA

The Holloway Prize Scholarships endowed in honor of James L. Holloway III, Class of 1939, and in memory of James L Holloway IV, Class of 1963 are given to two incoming members of the Sixth Form who have distinguished themselves as scholars, athletes, and examples for good within the Saint James community. The prizes are awarded by vote of the faculty. In order to be eligible, a student must be a varsity athlete in three sports, have achieved honors or high honors in the Fifth Form, and viewed by the faculty as generally positive and helpful in his or her relationships with other students. The \$5,000 scholarships afforded by this endowment are applied towards boarding tuition in the Sixth Form year, reflecting the Holloways own experience as boarding students at Saint James. They were awarded to:

**Sophia Zell Abeles**  
Hagerstown, MD

**Leanne Taylor Ludwick**  
Chambersburg, PA

The Fields Prize Scholarships, endowed in memory of Ambassador Louis G. Fields, Jr., are given to two incoming members of the Sixth Form who have distinguished themselves as scholars, persons of high character and courage, and examples of good within the Saint James community. The prizes are awarded by vote of the faculty. In order to be eligible, a student must have achieved honors or high honors in the Fifth Form, participated in a well-rounded program of extracurricular activities, and be viewed by the faculty as generally positive and helpful in their relationships. The \$5,000 scholarships afforded by this endowment are applied towards

boarding tuition in the Sixth Form year. They were awarded to:

**Nicholas Howard “Cole”  
Douglass**  
Hagerstown, MD

**Hong Jae “Paul” Jin**  
Seoul, Korea

The Lee Prizes, endowed in honor the Robert E. Lee IV, in recognition of his long service to Saint James School as trustee, are awarded by vote of the faculty to five incoming Sixth Formers whose earnest endeavor and polite manner make them a credit to the society of the School. The \$5,000 scholarships afforded by this endowment are applied towards boarding tuition in the Sixth Form year. They were awarded to:

**Louise Christine Dickinson**  
Hagerstown, MD

**Lydia Mary Radley**  
Hagerstown, MD

**Levi Joseph Schindel**  
Hagerstown, MD

**Mitchell Aaron Wilson**  
Hagerstown, MD

The John Ross Fulton Award, endowed by Mark '85 and Ann Fulton in memory of their son, is given to an incoming member of the Sixth Form who has overcome



Kathryn Sinclair McEvoy receiving The Trustees' Prize for Scholarship

a significant obstacle, and through courage, determination, and perseverance has made the most of his or her situation and is a positive example to others. The \$5,000 scholarship afforded by this endowment is applied towards boarding tuition in the Sixth Form year. It was awarded to:

**Madeline Belle Craft**  
Frederick, MD

### College Scholarships

Several members of the Sixth Form have received merit awards at their matriculating colleges and universities. Most notably, **Kathryn McEvoy** received the Johnson Scholarship at Washington and Lee University, which covers the full cost of all four years at W&L with a substantial grant every summer for additional study and research.



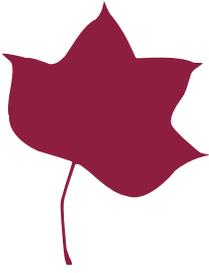
Petty Officer James Kearley presented **Grant Tribble** with a generous NROTC scholarship for \$180,000. Grant's uncle, Retired Army Colonel Timothy Tribble, also participated in the presentation.

### Class Agents

Class of 2015

The following two members of the graduating class were appointed Class Agents:

**Nicholas Tiches**  
**McKenna Hough**



# Poplar Boughs

by Nolan David Peters '15



If I could inquire of a falling leaf,  
What whispered wisdom would that leaf say?  
As it is falling, thinning, and spinning  
Would it thank the tree for its stay?

I think it would, whether it's said or not  
The thanks of long lost leaves last  
In the red rings; even The Knots have rings,  
So their mark is left, though their time is past.

Now they are blown by a cold winter wind,  
Shattering and scattering, sailing the expanse,  
Wondering what lies in the great blue open,  
Leading for good life's knife's edge dance.

Each far blown leaf contains a pattern,  
a far blown blueprint of a future tree.  
So do I contain a destined pattern  
For the far blown wayfarer I am bound to be.

I am guided by a noble sextant  
A holy albatross of sacred vows.  
Though my ship is blown and battered,  
It is built of poplar boughs.

I, from my place on a far wave's crest  
See that mosaic of leaves sailing free,  
Best seen from afar, a clear picture now  
Of four years well spent by this poplar tree.

Saint Cecilia in that tree's sweet boughs  
Sings of days past and days to come and  
of my present which is a gift  
given as fruit and enjoying rain and sun,

Will blossom, bearing a new tree, my tree  
Made in that poplar's image, tall and proud;  
Cecilia will sit in its limbs still  
Singing, like the Sunday bells, clear and loud.

Once again will she guide her leaves, give thanks,  
and raise a prayer to the father, the son;  
and a holy toast to her children who,  
at her table, will always be welcome.

As the leaves fly away time after time  
They will remember their bounteous spring  
On Cecilia's tree, and will give thanks.  
And so the tree will grow ring after ring.

# SPRING ATHLETICS AWARDS

Please join us in congratulating the following student athletes for an exceptional season.

## Baseball

- Mitch Wilson:** 1st team All County, All IPSL, All MAC  
**Ryan Brown:** 1st team All County, All IPSL, All MAC  
**Tyler George:** 2nd team All County, All IPSL, All MAC  
**Myles Nicholson:** 2nd team All County

## Softball

- Trinity Schlotterbeck:** 2nd team All County, All IPSL  
**Ellie Williams:** All IPSL

## Boys' Lacrosse

- Tucker Albany:** 2nd team All County, All IPSL  
**Teddy Batson:** 1st team All County, All IPSL, All MAC  
**Jaret Mahoney:** 2nd team All County  
**Luke Thompson:** 2nd team All County  
**Sean Tolton:** 1st team All County, All IPSL

## Girls' Lacrosse

- Sophie Abeles:** 1st team All County, All IPSL  
**Grace Bowers:** 2nd team All County  
**Louise Dickinson:** 2nd team All County  
**Elizabeth Fahey:** 1st team All County, All IPSL  
**Claire Fulton:** 2nd team All County  
**Grace Fulton:** 1st team All County, All IPSL  
**Leanne Ludwick:** 1st team All County  
**Alexia Tiches:** 1st team All County, All IPSL  
**Emerson Younger:** 2nd team All County

## Girls' Tennis

- Evie Hammer:** All IPSL  
**Kathryn McEvoy:** All IPSL  
**Melissa Carter:** 2nd team IPSL

## Boys' Tennis

- Victor Gomez:** All IPSL  
**Bill O'Leary:** All IPSL

## Player(s) and Coach of the Year

### Mitch Wilson

*Baseball Player of the Year*

With a 1.65 earned run average (ERA) in 42.1 innings and 60 strikeouts, Mitch helped lead Saint James

to an impressive season score of 15-11 and earned The Herald-Mail's 2015 Washington County Baseball Player of the Year.



### Chris Abbott

*Baseball Coach of the Year*

With a coaching philosophy of "pay attention to the details and you will persevere,"

Coach Abbott led Saint James to a 15-11 record and earned The Herald-Mail's 2015 Washington County Baseball Coach of the Year.



### Elizabeth Fahey

*Girls' Lacrosse Player of the Year*

With an impressive 58 goals and 17 assists, Elizabeth led Saint James (13-2) to the Independent-Parochial School League title and earned The Herald-Mail's 2015 Washington County Girls' Lacrosse Player of the Year.



Please note: JV and Junior Sports Summaries are available on the website

## College Athletes

Noah Cissé	Football	Pomona-Pitzer College	Div. III	Justin Robinson	Basketball	Virginia Tech	Div. I
Jake Fishkin	Cross Country & Track	Babson College	Div. III	Sean Tolton	Football & Lacrosse	Hamilton College	Div. III
Grace Fulton	Field Hockey & Lacrosse	Sewanee, The University of the South	Div. III	Grant Tribble	Football	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)	Div. III
Tyler George	Baseball	Roanoke College	Div. III	Cam Wilkerson	Football	Carnegie Mellon University	Div. III
James Marshall	Soccer	Kalamazoo College	Div. III	Isayah Young	Football	Susquehanna University	Div. III
James McElroy	Lacrosse	The College of Wooster	Div. III				

## VARSITY GIRLS' SOFTBALL

### Coach Jim James

**MVP:** Trinity Schlotterbeck

**MIP:** Joelle Schultz

**Coaches' Award:** Ellie Williams

This year's softball team finished the season with a winning record, a truly significant achievement. Our record, 7-5, is a noticeable improvement over recent years, and is indicative of a program that is poised for great things to come. This year's team was a wonderful mix of girls, both inexperienced and experienced. In addition, the fact that the team is young bodes well for the future of softball at Saint James. Ms. Goolman joined the coaching staff this year as assistant coach, bringing a wealth of softball experience and lots of enthusiasm.

Some season highlights include: beating Gorette twice, some decisive wins over Bishop Walsh, Trinity's Grand Slam, almost beating Hedgesville, Trinity's no-hitter early in the season and a perfect game against St. Andrew's, and 2015 IPSL All League Softball Team: **Ellie Williams** (sixth form) and **Trinity Schlotterbeck** (second form).

In addition to the team welcoming several new players, many of whom had never played softball before, the team improved substantially during the

course of the season, and every player improved her skills.

**Jenny Duan** (third form), **Max Adjei-Dadson**

(fourth form), **Joelle Schultz** (third form), **Daria Smoliarchuk** (fifth form), **Emma Ober** (third form), and **Kayla Brown** (fourth form) all made great strides during the season as they became more confident in their play.

Players with more softball experience enhanced the experience of the team. **Carissa Falanga** (fifth form) improved greatly during the year. **Kira Davis** (fourth form) had a good eye for pitches and did a nice job in the outfield. **Hannah Lee** (fourth form) had 5 hits and 6 RBI's and was steady at 2nd base. **Chandler Marshall** (fourth form) had 33 plate appearances as lead off hitter and had many RBI's; she was a pivotal infielder. **Nadia Rowe** (fourth form) was dominant with her bat earning 7 hits, 3 doubles, and 10 walks; she was a huge defensive asset.



**Claire Zimmermann** (fourth form) had 5 RBI's and was a force to be reckoned with in the outfield.

Trinity Schlotterbeck joined the team as a Second Former and was dominant in all areas. With a batting average over 500, 14 hits, and 17 runs batted in, Trinity was the best hitter on the team. In addition, she pitched 54 innings and stuck out over one hundred batters. She will be a cornerstone on this team in the coming years!

Ellie Williams, the team captain, was our catcher this year and developed into an excellent player in this very challenging position. As the team's clean-up hitter, she made things happen at the plate and was a speed demon as she racked up many stolen bases.

Needless to say, I am very proud of all the players on this team. Accolades to them for their hard work, positive approach, and excellent sportsmanship!



## VARSITY BOYS' BASEBALL

### **Coach Chris Abbott**

**MVP:** Ryan Brown

**MIP:** Tyler George

**Coaches' Award:** Mitch Wilson

### *Junior Varsity Baseball Award Winners*

**MVP:** TJ Quelet

**MIP:** Mark Spicher

**Coaches' Award:** Joe George

The varsity baseball team enjoyed another successful season after advancing to its 3rd consecutive IPSL Championship game and 2nd consecutive MAC Championship game with a 15-11 record (regular season records of 6-6 MAC and 2-1 IPSL). The team firsts this season included: first win at Maret, first recent win vs. Clear Spring and first sweep of season series vs. Maret (won all 3 games). Our baseball team now has a 13-game winning streak vs. county competition dating back to April 2014. This is also our second graduating baseball class to have never lost to Goretta in four varsity years. Other successes included winning 2 of the 3 games played vs. Flint Hill, including the biggest win of the year in the MAC tournament semifinals by a score of 8-1. The team enjoyed a blend of Sixth Form leadership and a strong underclassmen

contingent. A continued ingredient to the success was the annual Florida Spring Training (4th annual) in reinforcing fundamentals and strengthening team communication. The 2015 trip tied our best Florida effort yet as the Saints went 3-1 while in St. Petersburg and Bradenton, including a win over the Canterbury Episcopal varsity team. The Saints were led by 2015 MVP, **Ryan Brown** (fifth form), who is now #2 on the all-time Washington County career base hits list with 108 (21 in 3rd Form, 45 in 4th Form and this year 42 in the 5th Form). Brown also led the Saints with 13 stolen bases, 31 RBI, 6 triples (county single season record), 32 runs, .462 batting average and 18 extra base hits. On the



mound, Brown notched a 3-1 record and had a MAC best 1.000 fielding percentage in Centerfield and also earned selection to the All MAC and All IPSL teams. The Most Improved Player was **Tyler George** (sixth form), who earned pitching wins vs. Maret twice, Washington and Flint Hill (the first time we played Flint Hill). He also more than tripled his hits total from the prior year to 23 hits this 2015 season. Offseason work with hitting instructor Mike Conway proved valuable. His batting average also jumped more than 100 points to .319 this season. George earned selection to the All MAC and All IPSL teams. The Coaches'

Award winner was **Mitch Wilson** (fifth form), who embraced the concept that he would man the mound in the most critical games vs. challenging competition. While doing so, he put up eye-catching numbers of 60 strikeouts in 42.1 innings pitched and a 1.65 Earned Run Average. At the plate he was one of our top two hitters with 32 hits in 84 at bats for a .381 batting average and 26 RBI. He also had seven extra base hits and 10 stolen bases. Wilson earned selection to the All MAC and All IPSL teams.

On any team, leadership is critical; and, this team had that in Co-Captains Tyler George, Caleb Goodie and Mitch

Wilson. **Caleb Goodie** (sixth form), not only communicated as a leader in his captain role, but he also played like a leader. Embracing his role in the 9-hole, Goodie had one of those seasons that will be talked about for years. He was #4 on the team in RBI while batting in that last spot in the order, putting up the following numbers: 16 hits, 18 RBI, 18 walks, .286 batting average and a .468 on base percentage. That production set the table for the top of the order on numerous occasions. Goodie was selected for the Mid-Atlantic Baseball Classic, as was George.

Another two-year starter, **Justin Robinson**

(sixth form), made a significant contribution in the late season after his return from an injury. He finished his two years of Saints Baseball with a .462 on base percentage. That ranked in the Top 4 OBPs on the team during that time period. Two other contributing Sixth Formers were True Grit Award Winner, **Greg Pierce**, and **Nolan Peters**.

Some Fifth Formers matured into impactful 2015 roles. **Ethan Spicher** was a consistent contributor in the field at 2nd Base and 3rd Base, in addition to offensively at the plate. In his consistent fashion, Ethan heated up midseason and finished

the year with 15 hits and tied for #5 on the team in runs scored. Defensively, he was part of five double plays. **Colton Repp** filled a position vacated by a three-year starter this year in grand fashion. His .970 fielding percentage was second highest among MAC catchers. And Colton dedicated his offseason to injury recovery

and also frequent hitting work with instructor, Mike Conway. As a result, Colton tripled his hits total to 19 hits this season and raised his batting average by 56 points. Other Fifth Formers making contributions included **Paul Jin** and **Drake Marshall** in the outfield, **Grant Golden** at the plate and **Colin Sappenfield** on the mound prior to his foot injury.

The Fourth Form's impact far exceeded their years. **Myles Nicholson** built upon his Third Form single season school record of 26 base hits with another spectacular year at the plate of 30 hits and a .375 batting average. His skills are multi-dimensional as Myles can play any of the nine positions in the field; and frequently is moved around to fill the team's needs on defense. To fully appreciate Nicholson, look at the 56 hits he has compiled in his first two years on Varsity and consider that he has two years remaining. Another Fourth Former who burst onto the scene is **Isaac Schlotterbeck**. Isaac rounded out the Saints pitching staff and tied for the most pitching wins on the team this year with a 4-2 record and one save. He also belted 21 hits, which was #5 on our team.

In the Third Form, **Colin Williams** was the only player to make varsity this season and earned his time in the outfield with range well beyond his years. He was a fixture in the Saints' outfield making play after play and building a .939 fielding percentage.

Overall, Saint James baseball continued its upward trajectory of the past five years as the 2015 graduating class finished four varsity years with the most baseball wins yet, at 53, surpassing last year's class, which had the previous best of 42 wins. In review, the Saints earned one win in 2010, four wins in 2011, eight wins in 2012, 13 wins in 2013, 17 wins in 2014, and now, 15 wins in 2015. The future is as bright as ever for SJS baseball as the 2016 team will return 11 of 16 players while potentially adding eight new capable players as well. Hats off to the graduating Sixth Formers for continuing to build the foundation of a strong program. This strength is not just measured in victories, but more importantly, with the positive team culture they pass on to the next class. Looking forward to a promising 2016. We believe the best is yet to come!



## VARSITY GIRLS' LACROSSE

### **Coach Megan Wilberton**

**MVP:** Grace Fulton

**MIP:** Louise Dickinson

**Coaches' Award:** Leanne Ludwick

### *Junior Varsity Girls' Lacrosse Award Winners*

**MVP:** Tessa Douglass

**MIP:** Cylie Repp

**Coaches' Award:** Bailey Adams



Coming off a successful 2014 season where the Saints earned first place in the IPSL championship, the 2015 girls varsity lacrosse team had a lot to live up to. New head coach **Megan Wilberton** and returning assistant coach **Elaine Thurman** chose a team of hard working, skilled lacrosse players, a team with potential for substantial success. With only two losses in the middle of the season, the Saints finished with an outstanding winning record of 13-2 and as 2015 champions of the IPSL.

The team this season consisted of 17 determined young women—11 returners and six newcomers, including two second formers. This year, the team's attack relied on some set plays, but most of the Saints' offensive success resulted from driving to goal. Sixth form captain, **Heather Deiner** and fifth form captain, **Sophie Abeles** were two of the major vocal leaders on offense. Heather was a reliable member of the offense. She tallied 8

goals and 6 assists over the course of the season. Sophie Abeles also helped manage the attack, leading the team in assists, with 33, and scoring 22 goals. Fifth former, **Lydia Radley** (14 goals), second former **Grace Bowers** (13 goals), and fifth former **Debbie Otenaike** (1 goal) also contributed to the attack. Lydia, a positive voice and hard worker, scored several critical goals throughout the season. Grace Bowers was one of the youngest girls on the team, but her grit, skill, and enthusiasm earned her a starting position. She scored 13 goals, had 11 assists, and scooped 41 ground balls. Lastly, Debbie Otenaike was a force on the field and was especially successful at re-defending after a loss of possession, or a shot.

Heather, Sophie, Lydia, Grace, and Debbie worked well on the attacking end; but, they owe part of their success to our midfielders **Emerson Younger** (fifth form), **Elizabeth Fahey** (fourth form), and **Grace Fulton** (sixth form). Fifth form captain, Emerson

Younger was an aggressive, vocal defender and a force on attack (13 goals). A similarly determined player was Elizabeth Fahey. She led the team in points with 58 goals, 17 assists, and 46 ground balls. Sixth form captain, Grace Fulton led the Saints in ground balls (61 in total), scored 30 goals, and had 13 assists.

On the defensive end, our midfielders joined our low defenders to create a cohesive unit. A returning starter and enthusiastic leader, fifth former **Leanne Ludwick** (Coaches' Award) helped organize the defense. Thanks to her speed and confidence, she was also pivotal to the Saints' success in transition. In addition, returners **Meredith Day** (fourth form) and **Louise Dickinson** (fifth form) helped keep the defense composed and the communication flowing. Even though she was nursing a recent hand injury, Meredith's height and field sense led to several interceptions in the eight-meter. Louise, MIP winner of the team,

developed her defensive footwork and positioning, and became a more confident player overall. These returning players served as guides for our defensive newcomers: starting second former, **Maddie Sappenfield**, sixth former, **Winnie Chang**, and third former, **Aimée Egwudobi** (who played both attack and defense). Our lowest defenders were our goalies: starting third form goalie, **Alexia Tiches** (114 saves), and fifth form goalie, **Kristen Deiner** (14 saves). Most notably, Alexia was the key contributor to our first victory against Mercersburg Academy. She made 17 saves and gave the girls the confidence they needed to pull out the win!

With this passionate and skilled team, the Saints were bound to succeed. The Saints secured the IPSL title for the second year in a row. The coaches are excited to watch them grow in future years. The team is thankful to all the faculty, staff, students, families, and friends who support this sport—you are greatly appreciated.

## VARSITY BOYS' LACROSSE

### **Coach Steve Lachut**

**MVP:** Sean Tolton

**MIP:** James McElroy

**Coaches' Award:** Bobby Novak

### *Junior Varsity Boys' Lacrosse Award Winners*

**MVP:** James Carden

**MIP:** John Metchie

**Coaches' Award:** Ben Herrera



The boy's varsity lacrosse team may not have ended with a record, or the rewards that were set out for in the beginning, but as we often find in life, the journey is more important than the destination. This year, the Saints finished with a 6-11 record overall, 2-4 in the MAC regular season, and a perfect 2-1 in the IPSL.

Although there were not as many wins to highlight as we would hope, a few were special. A season opening victory against cross-town and IPSL foe, St. Maria Goretti proved to be quite the contest. On what started off as a normal early spring day, the Saints found themselves in a see-saw battle with the Gaels. As the game closed in on the end of the third quarter, the Saints took the lead 11-10 on a fastbreak goal by attackman **Bobby Novak** (sixth form), which was assisted by long stick midfielder, **Parker Tribble** (third form). Immediately following the goal, the game was postponed for

an hour due to weather. When play resumed, the Saints rattled off transition goal, after transition goal to secure a 16 - 11 victory. Another highlight was a defensive battle with Mercersburg Academy, in which the Saints held on despite several fouls, and near costly mistakes in the waning minutes to defeat the Blue Storm 6-5.

The season was not without individual highlights: 15 different Saints registered points this season. Of those 15, 8 were able to score in the double



digits. Those included sixth formers: **Sean Tolton** (24g, 13a), **Grant Tribble** (11g, 10a), **Bobby Novak** (17g, 4a), **Noah Cisse** (14g, 4a), **Ryker Dutton** (8g, 3a), and **James Marshall** (6g, 4a). Although the number of sixth formers scoring may appear daunting, many younger players also contributed. Fifth former **Levi Schindel** had 17 goals and 6 assists to finish third on the team in scoring. Fourth formers **Jaret Mahoney** (14g, 11a) and **Cole Menas** (11g, 11a) were also forces to be reckoned with this season.

On the defensive half of the field, contributions came in (and from) many forms. In goal, **Tucker Almany** (fourth form) had a commendable season, ending with a save percentage of 56 percent in his first season as a starter. On close defense, **James McElroy** (sixth form, 17 groundballs) **Luke Thompson** (fifth form, 41 groundballs, 15 caused turnovers and 3 assists), and **Teddy Batson** (fourth

form, 74 groundballs, 38 caused turnovers, and 6 assists) all returned with at least some starting time from the prior year. Two sixth formers changed positions from 2014. **Henry Meehan** moved from goalie to close defense, and **Cam Watson** moved from midfield to long-stick midfield. Both players deserve recognition for their team-first attitude, as well as their play. Rounding out the defense was third form faceoff man and long-stick midfielder, **Parker Tribble**. Parker was a jack-of-all-trades, taking face-offs, covering the opposing team's top midfielder, and playing some short-stick defense in man down situations.

Although there is a lot to be missed next year with the graduating sixth form, the future is still bright. The Saints will return six players who were full time starters, and have several returning players ready to make in impact.

## VARSITY GIRLS' TENNIS

### **Coach Sabina Spicher**

**MVP:** Melissa Carter

**MIP:** Yusra Ahmed

**Coaches' Award:** Kathryn McEvoy

### *Junior Varsity Girls' Tennis Award Winners*

**MVP:** Roula Hammer

**MIP:** Lilly Noel

**Coaches' Award:** Sophie Shi



This year's tennis season was the busiest in many years thanks to cooperative weather and the excellent coordination of our Athletic Director, Jim Fahey. Despite the chilly spring, we completed 15 matches, finishing the season at 7-6, and took second in the IPSL tournament. The season began with a very organized plan designed by our tennis coordinator, Leigh Sappenfield '85, our assistant coach, Shana Ruff, and myself.

Strategies were developed for our singles and doubles players to specifically address their weaknesses. Despite the inexperience of some of our players, their natural athleticism and dedication contributed to great strides in their game. It was not long before we could aggressively encourage them to "attack the net" in doubles play. Moving in and taking the shot early was key to our success in many matches. Our tough competition and the number of matches scheduled also added to

our amazing improvement in just a few weeks. Singles players had to move from their comfort zone of just pushing the ball over the net to hitting to the open court to adopting the most intimidating of strategies—aggressively moving to the net.

Our doubles players were: **Kerr Ko** (fourth form), **Sissi Yang** (fifth form), **Madeline Craft** (fifth form), **Vivian Meng** (fifth form), **Coco Peng** (fifth form), **Olivia Zhou** (sixth form), **Emily Teale** (fifth form) and **Yusra Ahmed** (fifth form).

Yusra Ahmed's passion to be perfect and to do the right thing was inspiring to her coaches. She played doubles 3 last year and moved up to doubles 1 with Emily Teale this year. Her natural speed and strength, teamed with her formidable forehand and aggressive net play anchored our doubles team's success. Ahmed's talented doubles team went 6-3 taking the only huge win during the IPSL against Mercersburg.

Without a doubt, she is this season's Most Improved Player.

Singles players were: singles 1, **Evie Hammer** (sixth form), singles 2 **Kathryn McEvoy** (sixth form), singles 3 **Melissa Carter** (fifth form), and singles 4 **Carter Pennington** (fourth form). Evie Hammer's tennis experience has anchored our singles for four years. Her exemplary work ethic during practice set the bar for all younger players on the team.

Singles 2 player was played most often by Kathryn McEvoy. She earned this year's Coaches' Award. This award is about leadership, encouragement and feedback to (and from) coaches. It's also about being the first to help, and often the last to leave. McEvoy was awarded MIP in 2012 and awarded MVP in 2014. It is with great pride that she earned the 2015 Coaches' Award.

Singles 3 player, Mel Carter finished 9-3 (some doubles matches included), and has been a total impact

player. Her confidence on the court and ability to adjust her game for the win was inspirational to her coaches. While her record alone could have earned her MVP, Carter earned this title because of her attitude, her game and the respect she earned on the court.

Singles 4 was Carter Pennington. She is a very unorthodox player whose natural ability to place the ball, and singles consistency allowed her to dominate in singles. Pennington's naturally aggressive play on the doubles court is testament to her growth in confidence.

Many thanks to each member of our varsity tennis team. All of the girls gave it their all this season. I am proud of their hard work and determination. In addition, I am grateful to our hard working athletic staff, including Leigh Sappenfield and Shana Ruff, whose guidance and encouragement helped us achieve success.

## VARSITY BOYS' TENNIS

### **Coach Jim Shaffer**

**MVP:** Victor Gomez

**MIP:** Sean Choi

**Coaches' Award:** Kaelin Thrasher

### *Junior Varsity Boys' Tennis Award Winners*

**MVP:** William Chiang

**MIP:** Daisuke Negishi

**Coaches' Award:** Noel Patterson

This was my first year as head coach of the boys' varsity tennis team.

Coaching has been a dream of mine that came true by leading these young men through their 2015 spring season.

We began the season with three days of practice, team selection on day two, and a scrimmage match on day three. The season was hampered by snow and rain, resulting in several match cancellations.

The young men finished 2nd in the ISPL by defeating Saint John's of Frederick 7-0, and lost in the first

round of the MAC Championship to the Potomac School of McLean, VA.

The overall season record was 5 wins, 6 losses and 4 matches never played because of weather and scheduling conflicts.

The team was led by returning sixth form veterans: **Ramsey Ali, James Chang, Chester Collins, Daani Iqbal, Wesley Muys, Ian Treger, Kaelin Thrasher, Andy Zhang and Hongdi Zhang.**



The Most Valuable Player award went to **Victor Gomez** (third form), who alternated between being the #1 or #2 singles player throughout the season. His wins, consistency at the base line, strong hitting, support to the team and willingness to be coached made him this year's MVP.

The Saint's Most Improved Player this year was **Sean Choi** (fifth form). During the 2014 season, Sean played mainly exhibition games. This year, Sean was the go-to player, winning at singles and doubles when needed. Sean will be a great asset to the team in 2016.

The Coaches' Award for 2015 went to Kaelin Thrasher (sixth form). Kaelin played mostly singles, and sometimes

doubles when needed by his coach and team. His positive mental attitude to win was apparent against Georgetown Day and Saint Andrews. In addition, he was always there to rally the team and support his coach, which makes him this year's Coaches' Award recipient.

The 2016 season should be just as exciting with several Saints returning to the varsity lineup to include: Sean Choi (fourth form), Victor Gomez (third form), **Hayden Lyles** (fourth form), **Bill O'Leary** (fifth form), **Efim Oykhman** (fifth form), **Lev Oykhman** (third form), and Andy Zhang (fifth form).



## Run for Memories

The second annual Run for Memories: A 5K for Alzheimer's Disease, was held this year on the campus of Saint James School on May 9th. The event was a huge success, drawing dozens of runners and walkers from the surrounding area.

Sixth form student, **Jacob Fishkin**, the race coordinator and founder, came up with the idea for the race in his fourth form year at Saint James.

Jake saw the effect that Alzheimer's disease can have on a family when his paternal grandmother was diagnosed in 2009 with the disease. The student was inspired to volunteer at the Williamsport Retirement Village in its Alzheimer's unit, which made him want to do more. He came up with the idea of a race in order to raise awareness about the disease.

After a year of planning, Jake hosted the inaugural race in early April 2014, drawing more than 75 runners and raising close to \$4,000 for the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Maryland. We hope this special race will become a tradition. Congratulations to Jake and to all of the runners and volunteers who made this year's race possible!



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## Announcing the Senior Prefect and Prefects for 2015-16

1. Levi Joseph Schindel
2. Yiduo "Andy" Zhang
3. Drake Donovan Marshall
4. Ryan Joseph Brown
5. Sophia Zell Abeles
6. Madeline Belle Craft
7. Louise Christine Dickinson
8. Leanne Taylor Ludwick  
(*Senior Prefect*)
9. Hong Jae "Paul" Jin
10. Mitchell Aaron Wilson



## Betty Barr Passes Away

Betty Barr, age 84, passed away on the morning of May 8th, 2015, after a brief hospitalization. This devoted and enduring staff member (who first set foot on campus in 1952 with her husband, Dave), was a prominent fixture in the Saint James School community for many decades. An assistant librarian, dorm head, receptionist (during her later years), and surrogate parent to many of our alumni, Betty dedicated most of her career, and life, to Saint

James. Such a record of loyalty and service is nearly unheard of in this day and age.

Father Dunnan delivered the following homily (pg. 48) during a memorial service held for Betty in the Saint James Chapel. The mother of three, grandmother of four, and great grandmother of four, was honored by her loving family and many friends. We will never forget this iconic grand dame of Saint James.



Pictured: Jordan Barr '09 , Ellen Barr '10, Scott Barr '78, Father Dunnan, Robert Garner '69, Jamie Garner '96  
Seated: Dave Barr, Dr. James Thorp '49

# A Sermon

## at the Funeral of Betty Barr In the Chapel of Saint James The Feast of the Ascension, 2015

The Revd. Dr. D. Stuart Dunnan, Headmaster

*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”*

(1 John 3.1)

### In nomine . . .

Like all of you, I have many strong memories of Betty Barr. She was that kind of woman, full of love and humor and insight, and therefore a great presence in our lives.

But as I sat down to write this homily, I found myself remembering especially those times when I would write a homily for the funeral of someone well known to her, and let's face it, who wasn't well known to her?, and ask her to come into my office to hear what I had written.

If memory serves, I had just finished my homily for Robert Grab, whom she most especially loved, and I was reading what I had written on my computer screen, but did not get very far because I started to cry, and she came over to where I was sitting and gave me a big hug, and told me “You are such a sweet man. These talks are never easy for you.”

No Betty, they are not.

I hesitated to write this text because I knew that I would be following others who are remembering Betty and did not want to repeat what had already been said, but I did want to collect my thoughts ahead of time so that I could deliver them without falling apart because

she was so very good to me, and I, like you, will miss her very much.

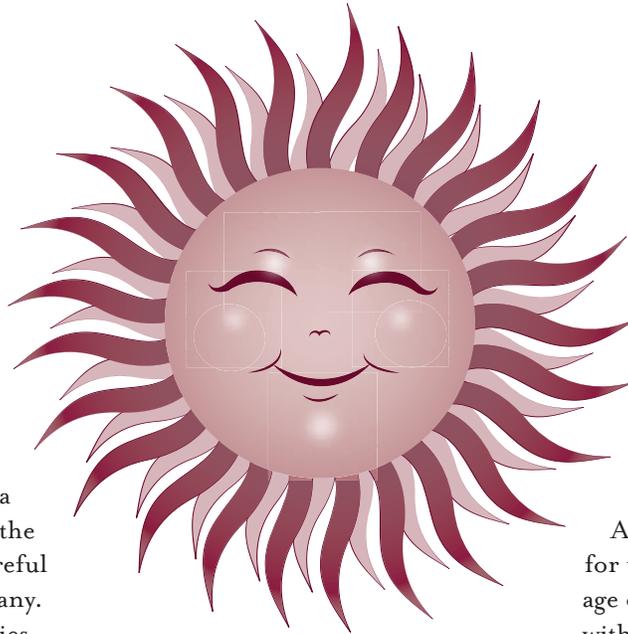
If someone were to describe Betty's life as the world would see it, the description might be this: “a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who came to Saint James in 1951 as a faculty wife, worked in the library and as the receptionist, and retired in 2014,” but this would not at all describe her impact on our lives or in any way acknowledge the statement of her life, which was of course very substantial.

And there were, I think, two reasons for this: first her qualities as a person, how remarkable she was; and secondly, the faithfulness of her life, the way she kept her promises and honored her commitments, how loyal she was to those she loved and the school she loved, how she was able to stay in one place, assume different roles as the years went by, two paid but countless more unpaid, and thus make an even deeper impact as the years, and indeed the decades, rolled by. After all, 64 years is a very long time.

Let's face it, there was nothing shy about Betty Barr. She had a big personality and always took charge of the room. Intelligent

and quick-witted, she was blessed with a powerful memory. She never forgot anyone: students, parents, alumni, past parents, former teachers, everybody. She had a story for everybody, and she always remembered the nickname. She was like a human computer, a living databank, and so was a tremendous resource when I was returning a phone call or sending a thank you note. It was particularly amusing when someone called. Before she would connect me, she would provide the background: “This is so and so, his father was a banker, and he wasn't much of a student, but he has done very well. You sat next to him at the Alumni Dinner last year; that was his third wife.”

Betty was also very self-confident, which made her entirely comfortable with a wide range of people whatever their age or background. She was “without airs” as my grandmother would say, and as close to George Shank on the maintenance crew, because he was her friend, as she was to Jeremy Biggs and Henry Davenport on the Board, because they were and remained two of “her boys.” No one was beneath her and no one



intimidated her, and she could speak her mind, as we all know.

And boy, was she funny. She loved a good joke, very few of which I could repeat in this Chapel. And she loved to laugh. She was a natural raconteur and a gracious hostess; she could keep the conversation running, always careful to include everyone in the company. I have particularly happy memories of New Year's Eve parties in her living room; the company was varied, and the conversation animated and hilarious, especially when she would prod Eddie Hoyer into telling his "Bob the Blob" stories.

She and Dave were a great team, except when it came to training dogs. Their cocker spaniel Angus was a disaster, but she always blamed Dave for that. They were completely honest with each other and about each other, although she did maintain a secret credit card for "Christmas shopping," and they were devoted to each other. They complimented each other wonderfully: Dave would calm her down, and she would keep him connected.

Dave was a natural with the athletes, and Betty was a natural with the sensitive ones, the homesick ones, the ones who needed a mom. She was drawn to the underdogs, the students on the fringe who did not quite fit the mold, but she liked the achievers too, and admired them for their contributions and their leadership. She was amused by the scoundrels; she liked their spirit and was entertained by their antics, as long as they were "good kids," honest and decent, loyal and grateful. She hated ingratitude.

But most importantly, Betty was a broadly and deeply loving person. She really cared about people and took good care of an ever-expanding company of family, students, colleagues, neighbors, and friends. It really is remarkable the expanse and depth of her influence.

So, she was, as we know, a great gift to us, a remarkable gift from God, whose life reminds us just how extraordinary ordinary people can be, how God can use us for his purposes if only we will live our lives as joyfully, as honestly, and as selflessly as she did.

For this is what she did for us: she loved us, and by loving us, she taught us a great deal about love itself. Personally, I will always remember with great gratitude her constant support and her powerful protection.

But let us note how she did this: she was faithful. She was faithful to her marriage and to the school her marriage gave to her. She loved Dave Barr to the end; she loved Saint James to the end; and she loved all that came with the package, not just her biological family, which she loved deeply, but also her wider family, the whole community of Saint James: all of us.

And just consider this: she could not have done all that she did for us if she had moved on. She could not have loved us as substantially and as deeply as she did if she had left us. Her greatest gift is that she stayed.

And this is a challenging thought for us to consider in our transient age of "moving up and moving on," with our self-centered agendas of self-improvement, self-fulfillment, and self-advancement. She lived her life for others. And I am not claiming that she was a saint about it, because Lord knows she could be fierce with us, but she was always fierce for us, the people she loved. St. Paul says "speak the truth in love," and Betty did a lot of that.

So let us remember Betty Barr for this: for how much she loved us, all of us and each of us with our own particular stories now so blessed by hers. Let us remember how much she loved this school, and let us see in all that she has done for us just how powerful love can be: how sustaining, protecting, and enduring, just as Christ himself has taught us.

And let us try each of us to be that much more loving ourselves, as ourselves, just as she was: passionate, committed, and larger than life. For we are her school, and this is her company, and she herself has gathered us. So let us laugh and cry and truly appreciate God's great gift of her good presence with us, for she is safe now, without any pain or sorrow, and all the saints are laughing.

May she rest in peace, and may Light Perpetual shine upon her.  
Amen. †

# ALUMNI WEEKEND 2015

This time-honored spring ritual brought back alumni of all ages who returned to campus for a weekend of celebration, community and camaraderie. Our alumni and their families enjoyed events including: the student art show, chipping and putting, pony rides, face painting, ice cream, Chick's reception, a book signing by David Hume '62, athletic events, an awards dinner and a musical performance.

## Half Century Club Reception Held in Honor of Class of 1965

Members of the Class of '65 celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! The event, held at the Biggs Refectory, brought members of this close-knit class together to honor this momentous event. Alumni from previous classes also gathered to catch up and to swap stories about the glory days. This special evening also presented an opportunity for alumni to renew cherished friendships.

## Alumni Dinner Awards

We are most grateful to everyone who submitted nominations for this year's Alumni Awards. We were delighted to read so many heartfelt and touching nominations for individuals who made a real and lasting impact on the Saint James community.



Half Century Reception, Class of 1965. Pictured: Father Dunnan, John Overington, Greg Abeln, Chick Meehan, Jim Rutherford and Skip Windsor (Trustee).

## Outstanding Alumni Award

Each year, a member of the community is honored with the Alumni Award. This award goes to an alumnus or alumnae who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the School. The 2015 award was given to Mark Fulton '85.

Mark was born in 1967, in Hagerstown, Maryland. He grew up on the Fulton family farm near Boonsboro, MD, and came to Saint James as a Second Form student. During his time at Saint James, he played football and lacrosse, and belonged to the ski club. He was a tour guide, and worked on the *Jacobite* and the *Bai Yuka* staffs. He served as an Acolyte for all five years at Saint James, and in the Sacristans' Guild for two years. During his Sixth Form year, he was a Prefect and a member of the Honor Council.

He attended James Madison University and graduated in 1989

before moving to Richmond, VA to begin his career. Not long after, he met and married



Awardee Mark Fulton

his wife, Ann. The couple lives in Hagerstown, MD, and has two lovely daughters who attend Saint James School. (The eldest, Grace '15, graduated this spring.)

Mark is dedicated to his family's business. He also enjoys skiing, running and cycling. He and his family enjoy traveling to exotic locales.

This accomplished alumnus has demonstrated exceptional dedication to Saint James School for many years, and is a cherished member of the community. He is richly deserving of this honor.

# ALUMNI WEEKEND 2015

## Kerfoot Award

The Alumni Council selected Don and Mary Woodruff for induction to the Kerfoot Society for Distinguished Faculty for 2015. The Woodruffs were dedicated members of the Saint James faculty from 1967 to 1987, and have remained active and dedicated supporters of Saint James. During their time at Saint James, Don served as Director of Admissions and Development and Head of the History Department.

Mary served as Head of the Art Department.

Don grew up in Baltimore and graduated from St. Andrew's School (DE). He earned a BA in History and Philosophy from Trinity (CT), a F.B.S. in History from the University of Edinburgh, and attended the University of Virginia Law School. He spent three years in the Coast Guard and earned a MA in American History. Don taught at Saint James for twenty years, served as Headmaster of Hampton Roads Academy in Newport News, and was the

founding Head of School at the Fredericksburg Academy.

He has been honored as Maryland History Teacher of the Year, and for his work with the Presidential Task Force on History Teaching and Standards. In 1988, he was elected to the Century Club of the Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a coach. He and Mary share their townhouse in Middleburg with their dog Glen, are the parents of two adult children, and the proud grandparents of

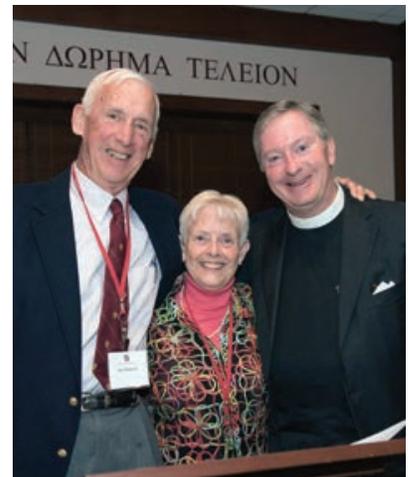
MaryAnn and Donnie.

Mary grew up in New York City, the daughter of Colin MacLeod, one of the three men who isolated DNA in 1944. After graduating from the Lenox School (NY), Mary studied in Florence, Italy for two years. She earned a BA from Shepherd College (WV) and an MFA from Antioch University (OH). She has taught Studio Art, English History, Art History, World History, and developed a course in Western Art, Music, and History for which she received a Home Library Foundation grant.



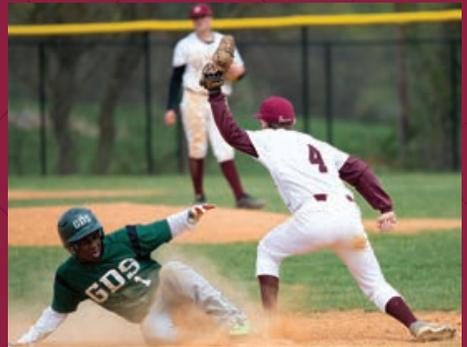
In their nomination forms, alumni cited Don and Mary's enthusiasm and dedication to Saint James, their kindness to their students, and above all, their excellence as teachers. As one alumnus explained, "they showed me how to be asset to society, how to believe in yourself, and how to be of good character. They made my four years as Saint James ones that I will always remember."

Father Dunnan presented the couple with this honor during the Alumni Awards Dinner. Don and Mary accepted their award(s) with their usual warmth and good humor. They were surrounded by their proud family members.



Don and Mary Woodruff with Father Dunnan

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## CLASS NOTES

### 1958

Rita Peters Zeiler wrote to share that husband, **Van Iden Zeiler, Jr.**, passed away in May (noted below). She also said that he was very proud to be an alumnus of Saint James. The Zeilers resided in Big Canoe, GA, their home for 17 years. Van Iden Zeiler enjoyed a long career in the insurance industry. He worked for Chubb & Son for many years before coming to Atlanta, where he was vice-president at Duncan Peek/Sedgwick/Marsh & McLennan until he retired and moved to Big Canoe. He volunteered with the Big Canoe Emergency Response Team and the local Animal Rescue, and enjoyed golfing, woodworking, spending time with his friends and sharing his love of the outdoors with his three granddaughters.

### 1991

**Andrew H. Sargent** and his wife, Tara have moved to a new house in the north end of Hagerstown. Andrew continues to enjoy the challenge of working to revitalize the downtown, working in economic development for the city. Tara is thriving as the executive director of Leadership Washington County, the leadership development program for the county.

### 1997

**Timothy Cailloux** and his wife, Robin welcomed Jude and Ellie on March 7, 2014. They join sister, Gracie born on June 12, 2012.

### 2000

**Dr. Jessica Beck** came home in June, although the Saint James family is usually scattered by then. She is teaching at Christ Church Canterbury, continuing her theatre directing and is very happy. She was married in London on January 11, 2014.



Dr. Jessica Beck

### 2003

**Ben Naylor** lives in Suffern, NY, about 25 miles northwest of New York City, in Rockland County, with his wife, Kathleen and their one-year-old son, Bill. He is working in a Chief of Staff capacity for the President of Rockland Community

College, which is a community college in the State University of New York system. He loves his job.

**Katherine Tuider** moved back to her childhood home of Honolulu, HI to co-found the Honolulu Biennial Foundation, a nonprofit that presents an international contemporary art festival, as well as ongoing public programs and educational workshops for the community.

### 2005

**Edward C. Pirolli** is now a physician and is a true beneficiary of his Saint James education, according to his grandmother. She also thanked Father Dunnan for the significant part he played in Ed's education.

**Heartie Dunnan** is currently a second year student at Harvard Business School. She was recently engaged to Mr. Colin Daddino of Greenwich,

CT. She is planning her wedding for July 2016, and will be married by her uncle, the Reverend D. Stuart Dunnan.

### 2013

**Jason Lee Park** is currently deployed as a senior airman in Korean Air Force Academy in Cheongju, a city 100 miles south of Seoul. He was enlisted on August 18, 2014, and is obligated to serve for 24 months. He wrote to say that the hierarchical lifestyle has taught him discipline (in both a physical and mental sense), a strict code of conduct, and strong principles. Among other things, the experience as a whole has reminded him to be grateful to his family, friends, and those who love him. From a boy in blue blazer to a soldier in uniform—that is some change.

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## SAINT JAMES PAYS TRIBUTE TO AN ICON: HONORING DONNY ANDERSON '58



### IN MEMORIUM

**Betty Barr** died on May 8, 2015. *See p. 48.*

**Van Iden Zeiler, Jr. '58**, died on May 12, 2015.

Mrs. Beverly B. Efird, the wife of **Jack W. Efird, Jr. '50**, died on June 15, 2015.

**Donny Anderson '78**, died on June 17, 2015. *See sidebar.*



Van Iden Zeiler, Jr.

The Saint James School community was stunned to learn of the recent passing of Cincinnati native, Donny Anderson '78 this June. While this great alum's life was far too short, his story will be remembered for generations to come.

This legendary alumnus is a proud part of Saint James School's history. Donny attended Saint James from 1975 to 1978, and was the first African American to graduate from the School. According to a recent tribute in the *Hagerstown Herald-Mail* newspaper, "Anderson set the future in motion at Saint James, opening the doors for other African-Americans to follow."

Classmates and basketball teammates, Paul Katinas '58 and Scott Barr '58 praised their friend, referring to Donny as a "soulmate," and "a terrific young man."

He was also one of the School's greatest basketball players. Donny set the school record for career points with 1,850 during the course of his high school career.

An impressive student and athlete, Donny also sang in the choir and served on the Prefect, Honor and Athletic Councils. He was Varsity Club President and played soccer, basketball (Captain), and lacrosse at the varsity level. His lacrosse skills were exceptional enough to earn the young student Division I offers from several colleges.

Donny attended Franklin & Marshall University, where he continued his basketball career, scoring 1,163 points.



He became the head coach at Gettysburg College from 1985-89, and held several other assistant coaching positions, including Mount Saint Mary's.

His most recent position was at Florida A&M. The school website also announced his death, with head coach Byron Samuels

quoted: "Don was a super human being. A gentle giant in many ways. He did a phenomenal job helping to mentor our student-athletes this year."

The alumnus was planning to return to the Mid-Atlantic to settle in the Northern Virginia area where his sister lives. He will be missed. He is also survived by a brother, James, and a son, Malcolm. †



# ANNUAL FUND

## *Annual Fund Reaches Goal: Thank You!*

We are so grateful to the many generous members of the Saint James School community who donated to the 2014-2015 Annual Fund. Your donations make a difference in the lives of our students and faculty, and enhance the quality of our programs.

Thank you for your support!

*The following statistics were generated on July 7, 2015.*

**949**

Number of  
Contributors/Donors

**Over \$1.1  
million**

Annual Fund Contributions

**SUPPORTS  
225**

Students

**Annual Fund provides 10% of School's operating budget**

**SUPPORTS  
32**

Faculty

**7:1**

student-faculty ratio

**11  
students**  
Average class size

# Swing for Scholarships

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint James Golf Classic

**REGISTER NOW**

**–SEPTEMBER 28, 2015–**

*Beaver Creek Country Club, Hagerstown, Md.*

All proceeds benefit the Saint James School scholarship fund.



Last day to register is

**MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

Register online at  
[www.stjames.edu](http://www.stjames.edu)

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED  
AND APPRECIATED!**

Please contact the  
Development Office  
if you can help:

**301-733-9330**

or

[jitell@stjames.edu](mailto:jitell@stjames.edu)

## SCHEDULE

11 am	Registration Opens
Noon	Luncheon
1 pm	Shotgun Start (Scramble Format)
5 pm	Reception
6 pm	Buffet Dinner and Awards Program

## FEES *(Golf Fees include Lunch and Dinner)*

Individual Golfer:	\$175
Pre-Arranged Foursome:	\$700
Reception & Dinner Only:	\$50

## PLAYER CONTESTS

Hole-In-One
Putting
Longest Drive
Double Your Money
Buy the Pro's Drive
Closest to the Pin

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# Swing for Scholarships

## PLAYER/SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Please assign me to a foursome

I would like to pre-arrange a foursome with:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Online: [www.stjames.edu](http://www.stjames.edu)

By Mail: Saint James School  
Office of Development & Alumni Relations  
17641 College Road  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

By fax: 301-739-0043

Last Day to Register: MONDAY, SEPT. 21, 2015

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

Enclosed is my check in the amount of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Saint James School.

Please charge my  Visa  MasterCard  Discover

Exp date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

## PLAYER REGISTRATION

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Golfer(s) @ \$175 each \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Foursome(s) @ \$700 each \_\_\_\_\_

Reception & Dinner Only @ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYER TOTAL**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(All sponsorship levels include name on sponsor board)

Friend of SJS: \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor a SJS Faculty Player: \$150 \_\_\_\_\_

Driving Range Sponsor: \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Tee Sponsor: \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Putting Green Sponsor \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Snack Sponsor: \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Beverage Station Sponsor: \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Sponsor: \$750 \_\_\_\_\_

Cart Sponsor: \$750 \_\_\_\_\_

Contest Sponsor: \$750 \_\_\_\_\_

Prize Sponsor: \$750 \_\_\_\_\_

Flight Sponsor: \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Sponsor: \$2,500  
(Includes golf for one foursome) \_\_\_\_\_

Silver Tournament Sponsor: \$2,500  
(Includes golf for one foursome) \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORSHIP TOTAL**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DONATION**

(Player total + Sponsorship total) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# 2015-2016

## SAINT JAMES SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 12 - Friday, August 14 .....	New Faculty meetings
Monday, August 17 .....	Full Faculty meetings begin
Saturday, August 22 .....	Opening of School / all students
Saturday, August 22 - Friday, August 28 .....	Welcome Week! (all students)
	Orientation / Academics / Preseason Athletics / Residential Life
Friday, August 28 .....	Orientation Day of Classes
Monday, August 31 .....	First Full Day of Classes
October 2, 3, 4 .....	Fall Parents' Weekend
Saturday, October 10 .....	Admission Open House
Thursday, October 15 .....	Fall Long Weekend begins 11:45
Monday, October 19 .....	Boarders return between 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20 .....	Classes resume
Wednesday, Nov. 18 - Saturday, Nov. 21 .....	Fall Exams
Saturday, November 21 .....	Fall Break begins 11:45 a.m.
Monday, November 30 .....	Boarders return between 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 1 .....	Classes resume
Saturday, December 12 .....	Service of Lessons & Carols (Forms II-IV and families)
Sunday, December 13 .....	Sixth Form Dinner; Service of Lessons & Carols (Forms V & VI and families)
Friday, December 18 .....	Christmas Vacation begins 11:45 a.m.
Monday, January 4 .....	Boarders return between 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 5 .....	Classes resume
Monday, January 18 .....	Admission Open House
Thursday, February 4 .....	Winter Long Weekend begins 11:45 a.m.
Monday, February 8 .....	Boarders return between 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 9 .....	Classes resume
Wednesday, March 2 - Saturday, March 5 .....	Winter Exams
Saturday, March 5 .....	Spring Break begins 11:45 a.m.
Sunday, March 20 .....	Boarders return between 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Monday, March 21 .....	Classes resume
Sunday, March 27 .....	Easter
Friday, April 1 .....	Admitted Student Overnight
Thursday, April 21 .....	Spring Long Weekend begins 11:45 a.m.
Monday, April 25 .....	Boarders return between 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26 .....	Classes resume
April 29, 30, May 1 .....	Alumni Weekend
Wednesday, June 1 - Saturday, June 4 .....	Spring Exams
Saturday, June 4 .....	Baccalaureate
Sunday, June 5 .....	Commencement (required of all students)

**Campus Weekends (may not sign out over night):**

Aug. 22 - 23, Aug. 29 - 30, Sept. 5 - 6 .....	First three Weekends
Fall Parents' Weekend .....	Oct. 3 - 4
Lessons & Carols Weekend .....	Dec. 12 - 13
First Weekend after Christmas Break .....	Jan. 9 - 10
First Weekend after Spring Break .....	Mar. 26 - 27
Last Weekend before Commencement .....	May 28 - 29

School will be scheduled for a total of 173 days. Academic classes will be held IF needed for make-up days on April 22 & 25.



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