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Commencement Day
CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2016

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first look

Commencement speaker Dorothy Bush Koch reminded the graduates of their responsibility as “leaders for good in the world” to bring mindfulness and compassion into every interaction, just as her father, U.S. President George Herbert Bush did throughout his career.
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SAINT JAMES INSTALLS ENERGY-EFFICIENT LIGHTS

This summer, we are upgrading the lighting on campus to energy-efficient LED lights. Workers began installing the new, environmentally-friendly lighting in Powell Hall the day after Commencement.

Bishop Sutton Confirms Nine Students

On April 20th, Bishop Sutton served as Celebrant in morning chapel. During this very special service, nine students were confirmed. Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which the candidates “express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.”

This year’s confirmed students are (as shown):

**Front row:** Diego Morgan, Will Hertel. **Middle:** Robert Dillard, Mark Spicher, Jack Guillard, Alex Romine. **Back:** Morgan Moseley, Robert Purnell, Bishop Sutton, Jordan Walendom

Please join us in congratulating each of these students and their families.

New Sacristans

Congratulations to these newly elected sacristans. They were invested for this office in the Chapel.

- **Senior Sacristan:** Philip Megruen
- **Marshall:** Armando Alvarez
- **Senior Thurifer:** Cole Menas
- **Sacrists:** Nicolette Ferris
  - Eun Sol “Tiffany” Lee
  - Elizabeth Worth
- **Senior Reader:** Claire Fulton
- **Senior Usher:** Hojune “Sean” Rhee
- **Senior Choisters:** Meredith Day
  - Noel Patterson
Campus Blooms
If “the earth laughs in flowers,” as Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, then these dazzling spring blooms have added beauty and merriment to campus gardens. The wet, cool spring has contributed to lush greenery and a particularly spectacular outburst of peonies, azaleas, roses, alliums and irises.

Classroom Moments
Students honored Ms. Cerruti (chair of the math and science departments) with t-shirts that celebrated their triumph in several of the School’s most rigorous courses.
To keep up with SJS news in, and outside of the classroom, visit: www.stjames.edu/news/
On Thursday, May 26th, certificates of membership in the Saint James Chapter of the Cum Laude Society were awarded to eight students. Please join us in congratulating these exceptional scholars:

**Fifth Form:**
- Youyang "Tiger" Hao
- David Hayden Lyles
- Shi "Sophie" Shi

**Sixth Form:**
- Sophia Zell Abeles
- HongJae "Paul" Jin
- Melinda Adjoa Kan-Dapaah
- In Mo "Grace" Kang
- Drake Donovan Marshall

Nicholas Howard "Cole" Douglass, Leanne Taylor Ludwick, Xiaochen "Vivian" Meng, and William Arthur O’Leary were elected members during their Fifth Form year.

**About Cum Laude Society**

Established in 1906, the 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.

The criteria include cumulative grade-point average, honors and advanced-placement courses, academic achievement across the curriculum, and academic enrichment activities outside of the classroom.
Good Morning.

"I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger
May you never take one single breath for granted
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens
Promise me that you’ll give faith a fighting chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance
I hope you dance."

Some of you probably know these lyrics. This song, “I Hope You Dance,” by Lee Ann Womack, has become very special to me over the years. My mom always used to tell me that this was her song to me. When I was little, I never fully understood, but I have begun to grasp the full meaning as I get older.

Although my mom is no longer here with me, her words still find their way into my heart in so many different ways. I specifically remember standing in the kitchen with her one day singing this song at the top of our lungs. It was that time between winter and spring when the plants are just starting to get their leaves and nature is beginning to come alive again. During this period, there are usually only one or two nice days a week. This was one of those days. The weather was absolutely perfect. I remember how content I was—singing and dancing with my mom around the island and bar stools in our pumpkin orange kitchen. “Today is a perfect day, mom,” I said as I held her hand and forced her to join in my imaginative dance party.

Of course I was talking about the weather outside, but now I would give anything to go back to that moment, regardless of the temperature or the colors of the leaves. Singing and dancing in the company of my mom without a care in the world and with the wonder only a child can possess, will always be one of my favorite memories. “I love days like this too, Madeline. Come here,” she said as she hugged me tight and told me again “I hope you dance.” Shortly afterwards, I ran outside, a blissfully happy eight-year-old, eager to enjoy the newfound spring sun.

Coming to Saint James was one of the last decisions my mom helped me make before she passed away. She visited with my dad early in my seventh grade year and I knew she liked it here. Although my mom will not physically be part of my graduation from Saint James, I know she will be smiling down on me from heaven. Saint James has helped me “dance” in many of the ways my mom wanted for me and I have had the ability to grow and change here more than I could have imagined four or five years ago. I am so grateful for everyone in my life here at Saint James who has helped me throughout my journey in one way or another. Whether it was sitting at my first lunch table with Ms. Cope, or sledding down the hill behind Claggett with Louise and Ms. Cerruti, all of the little moments at Saint James are what truly made my experience here worthwhile. Those moments and memories give me that same feeling I had with my mom several years ago when I was too naive to understand just how important it is to appreciate the limited number of days like this that we get to enjoy.

As I take the next steps in my life—graduating, moving to Tennessee, and going to college in North Carolina—I know my mom will continue to be there with me and I hope I make her proud by keeping my sense of wonder and dancing every time I get the chance. I encourage you to do the same as you continue your journey at Saint James. Cherish the memories you make and take the leap of faith to try new things and expand your horizons wherever life takes you.

Thank you.
**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, June 4, 2016.

### Middle School Students

The following Middle School students received prizes:

The Middle School Headmaster’s Prize was awarded to:
- **Lillian Marie Noel**
  Shepherdstown, WV

The Prize for Excellence in Latin was awarded to:
- **Dylan Thomas Weibel**
  Greencastle, PA

The Prize for Excellence in English was awarded to:
- **Jack Thomas Walker**
  Thurmont, MD

The Prize for Excellence in Ancient History and the Rich Memorial Prize for Scholarship were awarded to:
- **Madeline Payne Sappenfield**
  Hagerstown, MD

The Prize for Excellence in Mathematics was awarded to:
- **Rosy Lin**
  Beijing, China

The Reichard Middle School Science Prize was awarded to:
- **Rachel Emily Levasseur**
  Hancock, MD

The prizes for All-Round Athletic Ability were awarded to:
- **Christa Mejica Bartlett**
  Hagerstown, MD
- **Thomas Jeffrey Quelet**
  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:
- **William Harris Hertel**
  Waterford, VA

### Fourth Form Students

The following Fourth Form students received prizes on Prize Day:

The Waller Wynne Prize for non-western history & culture was awarded to:
- **Qiongwen “Shirley” Mao**
  Shanghai, China

The Clarence W. Wheelwright Prize for devotion to duty, endowed by Dr. and Mr. Galleher of Baltimore, was awarded to:
- **Andrew Wei Shen**
  Beijing, China

The “Tim” Shryock Prize for “Willingness to Serve,” endowed by Tim’s mother, Mrs. Shryock was awarded to:
- **Joseph Anthony George**
  Williamsport, MD

The following Fifth and Sixth Form students received prizes:

The Prize for Excellence in Art, endowed by Mrs. Elizabeth R. MacLeod, was awarded to:
- **In Mo “Grace” Kang**
  Seoul, South Korea

The Prize for Excellence in English, endowed by Mr. Richard Turner, given in memory of Russell and Wilhelmina Nelson was awarded to:
- **Leanne Taylor Ludwick**
  Chambersburg, PA

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

The Henry Kyd Douglas Prize for English Composition, 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, and 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 were awarded to:
- **Sophia Zell Abeles**
  Hagerstown, MD

### Prize Day Awardees

The Prize for Excellence in Chemistry, in memory of Dr. Marion Veazey, endowed by Mrs. Veazey, was awarded to:

David Hayden Lyles
Hagerstown, MD

The Bowman-Byron Fine Arts Prize was awarded to:

Carissa Marie Falanga
Church Hill, MD

The Farah Science Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Science and the Prize for Excellence in Mathematics were awarded to:

Nicholas Howard Douglass
Hagerstown, MD

The Prize for Excellence in Biology was awarded to:

Jennifer Lu
Buenos Aires, Argentina

The Prize for Excellence in Physics was awarded to:

Yiduo “Andy” Zhang
Beijing, China

The Prize for Excellence in French was awarded to:

Melinda Adjoa Kan-Dapaah
Accra, Ghana

The Prize for Excellence in Latin was awarded to:

Ziang “James” Liu
Shanghai, China

The John C. Campbell Memorial Prize for the most improvement in oral communication while at Saint James was awarded in the Fifth Form to:

Robert Carleton Walker
Thurmont, MD

and in the Sixth Form to:

Kristen Cotter Deiner
Snohomish, WA

The Sewanee Award for Excellence was given to a Fifth Former who was chosen “on the basis of scholarship, leadership, demonstrated excellence in writing, and for the notable potential he/she has shown for future success as a writer. Also taken into consideration were the individual’s interests, activities, and achievements both within the School and the community.” It was awarded this year to:

Maxine Naa Barkey Adjei-Dadson
Accra, Ghana

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Award was given to a “Fifth Former who is an outstanding math and science student; who demonstrates potential for success in a science or technology-related profession; who demonstrates consistent achievement in testing performance, and who adheres to rigorous academic standards.” The award is part of a merit scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy New York. It was awarded to:

Tucker Ellis Almany
Fairplay, MD

The State of Maryland Merit Scholastic Award Certificates were awarded to:

Nicholas Howard Douglass
Hagerstown, MD

William Arthur O’Leary
West Rutland, VT

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around campus

COLLEGE BOUND GRADUATES

MEET OUR NEW FACULTY

We are delighted to introduce five new faculty members to the Saint James community. They completed orientation in June. Please join us in welcoming these talented new teachers. Shown from left to right are: Charnice Charmant (Physics), Katherine Proctor (IPS, Algebra 2), Ed Haubenreiser (Biology and Environmental Science), Todd DeWalt (IPS, Algebra 1), and, not shown, Colin Ponder (English).
Visual art students experimented with a variety of mediums, techniques, and color palettes this spring. Mr. McDonald’s Art II students crafted djembe-inspired drums: traditional African instruments with a modern twist. The upbeat designs ranged from an octopus to a stylish bow tie to Mario to an adorable panda.

The winners of the Saint James School Fifth Annual Alumni Weekend Student Art Show were: 
Grace Kang ’16: Headmaster’s Choice Award (castle), Tiger Hao ’17: People’s Choice Award (tiger)
This spring, the Saint James School Mummer’s Society presented one of the most beloved musicals of all time, *The Sound of Music*. The heartwarming production was described by many audience members as one of the best spring musicals in recent history. The student performers brought each song to life, doing justice to the treasured repertoire, while the magical sets transformed the Kellam Auditorium into the Von Trapp family’s Salzburg, Austria estate. *The Sound of Music* is based on the memoir, *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers* by Maria von Trapp. The play stars a young Austrian woman studying to become a nun in Salzburg in 1938 who is sent to the villa of a retired naval officer and widower to serve as governess to his seven children. The young governess brings music and love into the children’s lives and eventually marries the officer. Together, during the beginning of the Second World War, they find a way to overcome the loss of their homeland through courage and faith.
THE PLAYERS

Maria Rainer  Jun Hyun “Casey” Kwon
The Mother Abbess  Claire Zimmermann
Sister Berthe  Carissa Falanga
Sister Margaretta  Meredith Day
Sister Sophia  Hannah Lee
Captain Georg von Trapp  Christopher “Kit” Noble
Franz  CJ Duff
Frau Schmidt  Victoria Vando
Liesl  Aimée Egwudobi
Friedrich  Andrew Shen
Louisa  Alexia Tiches
Kurt  Alex Romine
Brigitta  Maxine Adjei-Dadson
Marta  Claire Fulton
Gretl  Kitty Kratzer
Rolf Gruber  Thomas “Carter” Bruns, IV
Elsa Schraeder  Sophia Abeles
Ursula  In Mo “Grace” Kang
Max Detweiler  Noel Patterson
Herr Zeller  Sean “Jack” Harvey
Baron Elberfeld  Sean Choi
Admiral von Schreiber  William O’Leary

PRODUCTION STAFF AND CREW

Colin Williams, Sean Rhee, James Cheung, John Metchie, Philip Megrue, Tobi Akanbi, Armando Alvarez, Nathan Hornbaker, Craig LeCesne, Jaiyer Jinwright, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Regan and Mr. Collin
Elkhorn Mountain Wilderness
Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
Courtesy of Bureau of Land Management
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A WALK IN THE WOODS:
Albert L. Wallace ’67 Takes on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and Invites SJS Alumni to Join Him

Alumni Weekend 2017 (April 28-30) may be nine months away. However, one thing is clear—the event will be one for the record books. The spring celebration will commemorate three major Saint James School milestones: the School’s 175th Anniversary, the retirement of Chick Meehan ’65, Sandra Pollock, and Marty Collin, and the 50th graduation anniversary of the Class of 1967.

In the spirit of getting the party started, we were privileged to have the opportunity to interview Albert L. Wallace, a member of the Class of 1967 and a long-time outdoor enthusiast. The graduate is as passionate and poetic about hiking as he is about sharing his love of the pursuit with others. Although he is not sure he’ll be able to join his classmates for the Alumni Weekend 50th anniversary festivities, the Californian has invited Saint James alumni to join him for a hike along his favorite West Coast trail.
The famed Pacific Crest Trail, or PCT for short, spans 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada, and includes treks through the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountain ranges several hundred miles east of the Pacific Coast. “The PCT is like the Appalachian Trail on steroids,” shared Wallace who is 67-years-old. “Most of the PCT thru-hikers are between 19 and 30.”

“I’m attempting to thru-hike the Pacific Crest Trail south to north,” wrote Wallace under the pseudonym Stargazer (his trail nickname) on Trailjournals.com, a blog for hiking enthusiasts. “I know that 50 percent who attempt the trek don’t finish, but I’m determined to be one of those who make the trip,” he continued. “And I expect to do it while enjoying the beauty of our home planet. And I’ll be gazing at the stars every night and marveling at the Milky Way.”

And so, shortly after retiring from his position as a CPA in December 2014, Wallace celebrated his newfound freedom by hiking the PCT in its entirety—an undertaking requiring exceptional stamina and perseverance.

1. What inspired you to hike the PCT?
I hiked the PCT to celebrate my new life as a retiree and to change my outlook about who I was (i.e., to grow up a little more). In 2011, I hiked the John Muir Trail, which is a 235-mile trek through the high Sierra Nevada mountains that ends atop 14,500-foot Mt. Whitney.

2. How long did it take you to hike the entire trail?
I started my hike on March 31, 2015 near Campo, California, close to the border with Mexico. I ended my hike on October 1, 2015 when I hiked into British Columbia at the trail terminus in Washington State.

(Editor's note: Watson had previously hiked the portion of the PCT through Mexico.)

My backpack weighed between 30 and 45 pounds depending on how much food and water I carried. I resupplied along the trail every 4 to 7 days. At some of these resupply points I would take a break and maybe get a shower and a cooked meal. Sometimes I took a day or more off to rest.

3. What can you share about the culture of the trail?
There were about 2,500 people who attempted the PCT thru-hike in 2015. So I met a lot of fellow hikers along the trail. Most of the hikers were in there 20’s and 30’s. They all were friendly and there were a number of hikers I spent time with on the trail. The farther...
along the trail, the more people dropped out for one reason or another. But I was on my own, as was everyone else.

4. Can you share some stories from your hikes?
Two of my favorite hikers were Second Lunch and Bagans. They were hiking the PCT and also climbing the mountains along the way. Second Lunch is from New Jersey and Bagans is from New Zealand. (See photo.)

Everyone was worried that I’d be attacked by bears. I saw one bear on the trail and that was his back end as he ran away from me. The worst wild animals were mosquitoes and yellow jackets. The big risk was falling and injury.

At mile 1,234, I had an inguinal hernia that I thought would end my hike. I probably hold the world record for hiking about 1,400 miles of the trail with a hernia.

I learned that most of the world is empty of humans. Nature communicated with me for six months on the trail. All I had to do was be quiet and take in the sights, sounds, and experiences of the wilderness.

5. Can you share a bit about the terrain along the PCT? How rigorous was the hike?
The trail includes 480,000 feet during which you are climbing vertically. That’s 91 miles. I could have gone into orbit around the earth if I’d had Jacob’s Ladder! And all that climbing was done with a pack that usually weighed over 35 pounds and over a trail that was mostly roots, rocks, and rubble. My diet on the trail was 4,000 calories per day. I still lost about 15 pounds by the end of my trek.

6. What part of the PCT or hiking experience do you most want to share with your fellow SJS alumni?
The PCT was more than I expected. It was a spiritual experience. I practice yoga at home. I’ve never had a meditative experience doing yoga. But on the trail, I discovered that hiking is like yoga, as it combines body movement, breathing, and an intense inward focus. On more than one occasion, I found myself in a transformative meditation while hiking. Imagine getting up in the morning in the middle of a forest that is miles away from anything human except for maybe the contrail of a jet at 30,000 feet. It is quiet except for the wind in the trees. The air is clean, clear, and crisp as you’re at 5,000 elevation or more. You look up at the mountains that surround you. In Washington and Oregon you may be looking up at the remnants of dying glaciers. You put on your pack and begin hiking the trail alone. You are surrounded by nature and alone in your thoughts. Your
"Your mind opens up and you realize that earth is a lot bigger than you thought..."

mind opens up and you realize that Earth is a lot bigger than you thought and that driving in a car is not experiencing Earth. (It’s experiencing the inside of a car!) This changes your point of view and your outlook of life. My life is just beginning.

7. What are some of the most valuable life lessons you have learned from hiking the PCT? Go for a hike and experience the divine.

8. What drew you to Saint James? I’m left-handed, dyslexic, and can’t catch or throw a ball. Saint James was a good school for me. I was fortunate to attend from Fourth through Sixth Form. They even allowed me to graduate.

9. Can you share a favorite Saint James memory? Father Owens, the Bai Yuka, Mr. Albert L Watson III (English), Claggett Hall, Ed Phillips ’67, David Roach ’67, cross country and track, graduation.

10. Are there any books you would recommend to other hikers? What are you reading? Read Wild by Cheryl Strayed if you’d like to get an idea of how hiking the PCT can change a person. Right now I’m reading Albion’s Seed: Four British Folkways in America by David Hackett Fischer.

11. Can you share a bit about your Trailjournals Stargazer blog? Do you plan to post again? The Trailjournals.com blog was the story of my hike as I was doing it. I took photos with my iPhone. Maybe one day I’ll write a book about this trip. I talk to anyone who is interested in hearing the story.

12. What are you most excited about right now? Life. I’m very blessed to be 67 and about as healthy and vigorous as you can get. Everything still works!

13. How can your fellow alumni and members of the SJS community reach out to you? I’d like to let any SJS graduates know that I’m open to supporting them should they consider a PCT hike. They can send me an email at dwallace1@socal.rr.com, or contact me through the trailjournals.com site.  

Wallace on a trail head in Washington about 250 miles from the Canadian border. The Bridge of the Gods crosses the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington.
Saint James School Meets 2015-2016 Annual Fund Goal

As a result of your generous contributions to this year’s Annual Fund, we met our goal! We are thankful to each and every member of the Saint James School community who made this possible.

Your donations make a difference in the lives of our students and faculty by supporting financial aid, faculty salaries, and continuing education. The Annual Fund also supports our arts and athletics programs, technology upgrades, and a multitude of student enrichment opportunities. Thank you for allowing us to continue our commitment to academic excellence and lifelong learning.
Redmond enjoys a moment with Tom Cruise.
Connor Redmond ’11 graduated from the University of New Orleans last year with a major in film. Not long after graduation, he landed a job in the industry when he was hired as a stand-in for Tom Cruise in the film, *Jack Reacher: Never Go Back*. During his time on the film set, Redmond noted that he had the opportunity to work with some of the most professional, dedicated, and successful people in the industry. Chief among them according to Redmond, was Tom Cruise, whose focus and passion for his work were unlike anything the alum had witnessed before. He noted that Cruise, one of his favorite actors, will continue to inspire him throughout his career.

“It will be a long time before I meet anyone who enjoys filmmaking as much as Tom does, and I cannot express how grateful I am for his tutelage, his generosity (seriously the nicest guy I’ve ever met) and for welcoming me to something I never thought I would be a part of. Thank you to the wonderful crew members for this life-changing experience, it truly was an honor,” wrote Redmond.

Redmond would ultimately like to direct, and was fortunate to be able to work closely with both the director and the cinematographer on the Tom Cruise film. The director was Academy Award winner, Ed Zwick, who directed *Glory* and *Legends of the Fall* and the cinematographer was Oliver Wood who is well-known for the Jason Bourne movies. The SJS alumnus reported that he learned more than he ever could have imagined from both industry giants.
In order to recognize and appreciate Saint James School High Honors and Honors students for their academic achievements, Ms. Pollock initiated a special Scholars’ Dinner that is held twice each year. The Associate Headmaster plans the event and invites a Saint James alumnus or alumna to speak.

Zachary Buzzell ’07 spoke at the dinner held on April 20th. The alumnus discussed his international development work and shared several life lessons learned while at Saint James. His engaging talk and personable demeanor inspired his young audience members and demonstrated what it is to be a “leader for good in the world.” Buzzell was generous enough to share his talk in the Review. Enjoy.

Shortly after I walked outside of Kabul International Airport, a burly South African security guard named Frikkie hurried me into the backseat of an armored vehicle. As we sped away from the airport, he quickly explained the basics. You know, simple things like how to put on my body armor, or what to do if our vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED). As my heart started racing, I had only one thought running through my head: “How the hell did I get here?”

In the ensuing months that I spent working in Afghanistan, this would become a recurring thought. Every time the deep boom of a car bomb would reverberate throughout the city, I would say to myself, “How did I get here?” But it wasn’t until Father Dunnan asked me to speak at this Scholars’ Dinner that I took a step back and actually pondered that question. “How did I get here?”

But first, I guess should rewind and talk a bit about my background. I grew up not too far away in Middletown, Maryland. I had only ever attended public school, so the thought of a private Episcopalian boarding school had never really crossed my mind. I think my parents...
recognized that I was bored and needed a challenge, so they signed me up for a tour of campus. Next thing I knew, I was enrolled in the Third Form as a day student.

I was a day student for my Third and Fourth Form years; after that, I convinced my parents to let me board for Fifth and Sixth Form. I was a member of the varsity lacrosse and cross-country teams. I was also a Mummer, directing a One-Act Play in the Senior Circle.

After graduating from Saint James nine years ago, I attended Colgate University where I majored in international relations and minored in Middle Eastern studies. As a junior in college, I studied abroad at the American University in Cairo. As graduation crept closer, I decided that I wanted to pursue a career in international development. For those of you who don’t know, the goal of international development is to improve economic, social, political, health, and environmental conditions in less-developed countries. I saw a career in international development as an ideal way for me to learn about different countries and cultures while also helping others, at least in some small way.

So in order to break into this competitive field, I realized I probably needed a master’s degree. So I went straight to graduate school after college, obtaining my M.A. in Middle East Studies from George Washington University, with a specialization in international development. During my graduate school program, I spent time living on the West Bank. I also traveled to Tunisia to conduct field research for my thesis about fuel subsidy reform in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

After graduation, I got a job with an international development firm. A few short months later, I was on a plane to Afghanistan. Over the course of the next year, I would take three trips to Afghanistan, spending roughly six months or so in Kabul working on a small-scale infrastructure and good governance project. Last summer, I moved on to another development firm to work on a project in Syria.

Now, by compressing all of this into a brief bio, it may sound like I’ve been fairly successful in the decade or so since I graduated high school. But nobody ever highlights failures or missteps. While it’s an honor to be speaking here today at this Scholars’ Dinner, I wasn’t always the perfect Saint James student. I graduated with a pretty good GPA, but at times my grades suffered because I spent more time screwing around in Claggett Hall than I did studying. Now, it didn’t help that time Father Dunnan dropped my trimester grade in AP History a whole letter grade because I allegedly dozed off during one class. I wasn’t elected a Prefect, and I got my fair share of demerits. Even though I made all-MAC in lacrosse as a Fifth Former, I broke my collarbone three times in Sixth Form, forcing me to sit out most of the season and robbing me of my dream of playing college lacrosse. And of all of these things, what was most disappointing was being rejected from my top college choice.

At Colgate, I was convinced I was going to major in geology. Then I realized that science wasn’t exactly my strong suit. My application for the prestigious Boren scholarship, which would have funded my study abroad in Cairo, was rejected. At George
Washington University, I struggled to learn Arabic, and it took me a whole extra year to get my degree because I couldn’t test at a high enough language proficiency level. After receiving my master’s degree, I applied to nearly 100 jobs and got little more than a few first round interviews. Jobless and deep in debt, I had to bartend and wait tables to make ends meet. When I finally did get a job in development work, it was just a temporary paid internship that I was fortunate enough to leverage into a full-time position.

So what’s the point? I promise I’m not here just to talk about myself. Why am I telling you all of this? Well, it goes back to the original question that I posed to myself: how did I get here? It’s a tough question to answer but I believe that I am where I am today largely as a result of the lessons I learned here at Saint James. Here are some of those lessons:

**I learned how to work hard:** In Father Dunnan’s class, I learned the importance of a strong work ethic as I begrudgingly memorized all of those IDs. And while I don’t want to get on the bad side of every hallmaster in this refectory, I see a great value in all of those nights that I stayed up late after lights out to finish my homework. That sort of hard work prepared me well for college and professional life.

**I learned how to write well:** In Mr. Batson’s English classes, I learned how to construct well-reasoned, well-structured arguments. This would pay dividends when I got to college and was expected to churn out essays on such enthralling topics as the meta-theory of international relations. Writing skills are of paramount importance in the business world as well.

**I learned the importance of service:** I’ve seen Ms. Pollock, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Camp, Mr. Yergey, and many other faculty members dedicate their lives to teaching, coaching, and mentoring students. Through them, I learned the importance of selflessly serving a greater good: To some extent, I have applied this lesson to my professional life as I try to do my small part to help others.

**I learned the value of honesty, integrity, and accountability:** I think about my time as a member of the Honor Council, which is where I learned to place a premium on these values. There will be a myriad of opportunities in your life to do the wrong thing. Quite frankly, it’s impossible to always do the right thing. You don’t have to be perfect. You will make mistakes. But what is important is that you take accountability for those mistakes and always strive to be better. Ask anyone who manages a staff and he or she will tell you that honesty, integrity, and accountability are among the most important characteristics that employees can possess.

**I learned the importance of fearlessly pursuing a passion:** When Mr. Collin made the daring leap into playwriting, he showed me the value of taking risks in order to pursue a dream. It’s in this spirit of fearlessness that I decided to live and study in Cairo as a junior in college, even though I had never set foot outside of the US before. And it is
what has compelled me to work in some highly unstable environments.

I learned how to get along with my peers and how to have fun: Having social skills is greatly beneficial in college, that’s for sure. Being sociable can also help you deal with awkward networking events, uncomfortable dinner parties, and odd coworkers, which are the bane of existence for so many young professionals. So don’t take yourself too seriously, make sure you have fun, and enjoy this special place.

I learned how to deal with failure: Saint James is a challenging environment. And the thing about being challenged is that sometimes you don’t succeed. As I mentioned, I’ve had no shortage of disappointments thus far, and I’m sure I will fail many times in the future. Saint James taught me it’s okay to fail, as long as you learn from that failure and continue to doggedly pursue success.

I know that’s a long list of lessons. Honestly, it’s difficult to distill all of it down to a few words. So with those lessons in mind, I’ll leave you with some final thoughts:

By design, Saint James presents you with a broad range of experiences and challenges. By embracing everything that this School has to offer, you are bound to develop a strong set of skills and values. When you leave this campus for the last time, rest assured that you have the intellectual, physical, and moral foundation necessary to achieve success in college, in the workplace, and in life. And more than that, you will possess the determination and drive to cope with rejection, to rise above disappointment, and to overcome failure.

I look around this room and I can tell that this Scholars’ Dinner is full of bright, ambitious students. Nevertheless, there’s a good chance that most of you have no idea what you want to do with your lives. And there’s an even greater chance that whatever it is that you think you are going to do with your lives, you’re wrong. And that’s okay. Life will take you to unexpected places. Heck, it might even take you to Afghanistan. But wherever you find yourself in nine years or in 59 years, I urge each of you to take a step back and think to yourself: “How did I get here?” And like me, you might just find yourself thinking back to your time spent here at Saint James.
A Sermon
At the Alumni Weekend Eucharist, 2016
The Rev’d Dr. D. Stuart Dunnan

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

(John 14.26-27)

In nomine . . .

One of my strongest memories from my first year as headmaster is of a very brief and seemingly insignificant encounter with a particular student, Greg Chakmakian. As I recall, I was hurrying by Kemp on some self-important mission (there were many in those days), and I happened to notice Greg walking by, and I remembered because I had just reviewed the grade sheet that he had done a nice job improving his grades at the marking period.

Now, Greg was a day student and somewhat shy and like pretty much everybody in that first year not too fond of the new headmaster, so we had not had much interaction, but I seized the moment to make eye contact and to congratulate him on his grades.

And then it happened: his face lit up, and he thanked me. He thanked me for knowing who he was, for noticing what he had done, and for praising him for it.

To be honest, that was one of those rare moments in my first year when I enjoyed being the headmaster, when I actually realized just how important I could be in the lives of my students. And here is the magic of it, the miracle if you will: I did not feel important because of what I had achieved (and I was working very hard to achieve a great deal); I felt important because I had been given the power to help Greg to feel proud of what he had achieved, to realize that he was important.

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This is, as we know, Alumni Weekend, which is not a great feast of the Church, but an important occasion at Saint James, when many of our alumni with their wives and husbands and often children return to the place where they grew up, where they went to school together with their friends and teachers, lived together, played on teams together, sang, acted and served together, got in trouble and had fun together in all the ways that students still do here.

And usually when I meet the wife or the husband who is visiting for the first time, I hear something like this: “I certainly have heard a lot about Saint James. He talks about nothing else.” Or: “You have no idea what this place means to my wife.” Or indeed, often this: “I don’t get it. My high school just did not mean that much to me.” Or maybe this: “Now I get it. Now that I have seen it, now that I have met his friends and seen them all together, I can see how much they love each other.”

And sometimes an alumnus or alumna who has not been back for many years will say to me: “I had no idea how moved I would be when I came back. This place really matters to me.”

Now, all of this makes sense, for let’s face it, Saint James is an intense experience for all the reasons that I often cite. We are a small and close society where students are challenged by the rigors of our programs and by our common life and traditional culture to behave honorably and to achieve substantially in every way they can. And teachers are challenged too: to teach and coach a wide range of students effectively and to care for them generously.

In sum, we live and work in relationship to each other with goals to achieve, lessons to learn, and games to win. We go to chapel
and eat our meals and go out to the playing fields and back to the dorms together, and at the appointed time.

And the temptation, I suspect, is to find our “importance” in our achievements, in what we have “accomplished” here: the student who gets good grades and is admitted into a prestigious college, the artist who produces great art or the musician beautiful music; the athlete who makes the goal and wins the game, the coach who coaches that game; the teacher who sets the standard high and delivers the material.

And I am telling you right now that I want us to achieve; this is the work of a good school, the promise which Saint James offers to our students, what their parents pay for.

But none of this is what alumni really remember. They may mention who was the best student or who was the best athlete in their class, but they remember more permanently and more deeply something else: who was a good friend, the loyal roommate with whom they shared their secret fears and disappointments before they went to sleep, the patient teacher who took the time after class to make sure that they understood the material that they clearly did not understand during class, the generous dorm master who stayed up with them when they were sick, the wise coach who took them aside after the game and told them that they needed to play for the team.

But sadly, there was probably also the teacher who did not teach too effectively or the coach who did not set the right example or the dorm master who shirked that part of his “job.” And maybe also the friend who failed them, the absent or corrupt prefect, the vain athlete who always blamed the team, the social bully or malicious gossip.

But my hope, and my experience, is that our memories of those who have disappointed us tend to fade more quickly and to become less important in comparison to our memories of those who have helped and befriended us. For there comes, I hope, with the humility born of experience, an enhanced ability to understand and to empathize with the other person, a willingness even, to forgive that person, and also when necessary, to ask for that forgiveness ourselves.

For we are all of us human, and none of us is perfect, and Saint James is, as we know, a very human institution.

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But when Jesus was speaking to his disciples about their lives to come beyond his physical company, he was speaking to human beings, and answering a very human question: “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us and not to the world?” (Jn.14.22)

And note here the essential selfishness of that question, a selfishness which keeps many from following Jesus, and many more who claim to follow Jesus from following him truly, for the question is basically this: “how will you take care of us? How will you keep us chosen, superior, and greater than those who do not follow you?”

And note Jesus’ answer. He confronts this selfishness, this presumption of entitlement. He will make himself known not just to us, but by us and in us, as we act for him and reveal his purpose to others in the world. So his aim is not to separate us from the world, but to help us to engage the world, to make it better for all people, to build the kingdom of God.

And this of course determines our mission as a church school: “to produce leaders for good in the world.”

So yes, we are a school, and as a school, we are focused on achievement and delight in all the self-discovery and growth which real achievement inspires, but we are primarily a church school, so founded on the saving truth which comes to us from Jesus: we find our “importance” in what we do for others.

Because as our motto reminds us: “Every good gift and every perfect act of giving is from above.” So let us use our gifts to be that gift and join in the giving of God.

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I had a conversation with a sixth former earlier this week who has had a wonderful journey here and knows it, so he is beginning to grieve as he anticipates leaving. I asked him what he would miss the most from his time at Saint James. He said, “the people . . . and being important.” “Good for him,” I thought to myself, “he has figured it out.” Amen. ♦
SPRING ATHLETIC AWARDS

The following student athletes have received well-deserved recognition for their outstanding accomplishments this season. Please join us in congratulating these young men and women.

All County (All-League First and Second Teams), All MAC & All IPSL Athletes

**Baseball**
- **First Team**: Jared Carr, All IPSL, All MAC
- **First Team**: Mitch Wilson, All MAC
- **First Team**: Ryan Brown, All IPSL, All MAC
- **Second Team**: Myles Nicholson
- **Second Team**: Isaac Schlotterbeck

**Softball**
- **First Team**: Trinity Schlotterbeck, All IPSL
- Joelle Schultz, All IPSL

**Boys’ Lacrosse**
- **First Team**: Tucker Almany, All IPSL, All MAC
- **First Team**: Luke Thompson
- **First Team**: Parker Tribble, All IPSL
- **Second Team**: Jaret Mahoney
- Levi Schindel, All IPSL

**Girls’ Lacrosse**
- **First Team**: Sophie Aheles, All IPSL
- **First Team**: Gracie Bowers
- **First Team**: Elizabeth Fahey, All IPSL
- **First Team**: Claire Fulton, All IPSL
- **Second Team**: Emerson Younger, All IPSL
- **Second Team**: Alexia Tiches

**Boys’ Tennis**
- **First Team**: Bill O’Leary, All MAC, All IPSL
- **First Team**: Victor Gomez Ruiz, All IPSL
- **Second Team**: Ethan Ho

**Girls’ Tennis**
- Roula Hammer, All IPSL
- Carter Pennington, All IPSL

**Players of the Year**

**Mitch Wilson**
*Baseball Pitcher of the Year*

Mitch Wilson has been named the *Herald-Mail’s* 2016 Baseball Pitcher of the Year. He finished his career with a 13–8 record with two saves and a 2.52 ERA. He amassed 198 strikeouts in 152 2/3 innings. Wilson also hit .333 with 24 RBIs this year. He earned a .363 average and ranks fourth on Washington County’s all-time hit list just behind teammate Ryan Brown.

**Ryan Brown**
*Baseball Hitter of the Year*

Ryan Brown was named the *Herald-Mail’s* 2016 Baseball Hitter of the Year. He recently surpassed Kevin Brashear’s record for 114 career hits, although he ended the season with 150 hits. He hit .500 and went 42 for 84 this season with five home runs and 24 RBIs.

Brown was also named MVP of the 11th annual Mid-Atlantic Baseball Classic Elite game. The National team shut out the American team 11-0 in the Elite game held at Hagerstown’s Municipal Stadium.
The 2016 campaign was an inconsistent one for the Saints’ varsity softball team (4-6, 3-1 IPSL), but the major themes throughout the season were growth and commitment. With a group of ten girls—only half of whom had ever played softball before—there were things to be learned at every practice and every game.

Following a win at Spring Mills to start the season, the Saints dropped four games in a row to strong, experienced teams from McConnellsburg High School, Highland School, South High, and Sidwell Friends. In those four losses, however, pitcher Trinity Schlotterbeck (Third Form) collected 51 of her 126 total strikeouts of the season and Amanda Reyes (Fourth Form) and Rachel Levasseur (Second Form) had their first career hits. As a team, the Saints got back on track in their first IPSL game, beating cross-town rival Goretti 15-0. Standout performances in that game came from Joelle Schultz (Fourth Form), who went 3-3 with an RBI and four runs scored, as well as Trinity Schlotterbeck, who went 3-4 with four RBI, three runs scored, and one of her four homeruns of the season.

The Saints won their next two games, both IPSL matchups, against Maryland School for the Deaf and Mercersburg Academy. At MSD, the Saints won 9-5 behind a 13-strikeout game for Schlotterbeck and a well-balanced offense that included one RBI each from Naydia Rowe (Fifth Form), Hannah Lee (Fifth Form), Debbie Otenaike (Sixth Form), Schultz, and Schlotterbeck, and two from Samantha Brown (Second Form). The Mercersburg game was one of the highlights of the season; Schultz hit a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning to score Rowe and beat the Blue Storm 9-8 at home, thus earning a berth in the Saints’ first-ever IPSL championship game. Schlotterbeck (who finished the season batting .741), Schultz, and Lee each had two RBI in that game, and Chandler Marshall (Fifth Form) and Grace Kang (Sixth Form) had one apiece.

After two weeks of no games, the weather finally allowed Saint James to travel to St. John’s for the IPSL championship game. Though St. John’s captured the title and it was tough for the Saints to end on a loss, the story of the season was already written. Ten girls, all with varying levels of softball experience, came together and defied everyone’s expectations (sometimes even their own), went 3-1 in the conference, and played in the program’s first-ever conference championship game. With just two graduating seniors, expect many more championship games from this young Saints squad!
The varsity baseball team enjoyed its most successful season ever after advancing to its fourth consecutive IPSL Championship Game, enjoying its best MAC regular season finish (tied for 2nd place with 9-3 record) and finishing with an overall 18-8 record (including 2-0 in IPSL regular season). Team achievements are evident in the annual trend: 2010 (1 win), 2011 (4 wins), 2012 (8 wins), 2013 (13 wins), 2014 (17 wins), 2015 (15 wins) and 2016 (18 wins – new team record).

The team enjoyed a blend of Sixth Form leadership and a strong underclassman contingent including six Second Formers. A continued ingredient in the success was the annual Florida Spring Training (5th annual) in reinforcing fundamentals and strengthening team communication. The Florida games counted as four regular season games.

The Saints were led by 2016 MVP, Fifth Former, **Jared Carr**, who set the single season county hits record with 46 while also playing Shortstop. Carr also had .505 batting average and 31 RBIs (both team bests). He also led the team in base hits (46), Triples (6), RBI (31) and batting average (.505).

**Ryan Brown** (Sixth Form) is now #1 on the all-time Washington County career hits list with 150 and is also the unconfirmed state career hits record holder while that research continues. Brown also was #1 in the MAC with 38 Runs Scored, and #2 in the MAC with .590 on base percentage, 5 home runs, 17 walks and 16 stolen bases, respectively. Ryan Brown and **Mitch Wilson**, co-captains, were also co-winners of the Coaches’ Award. Wilson finished his career with eye-popping numbers of 198 Ks and 13 Ws in 152.2 innings pitched. In 2016 alone Wilson had a 6-3 record and 75Ks in 53 IP including memorable pitching wins vs. Flint Hill, Boonsboro and Potomac. On the mound, Isaac improved his Ks, IP and ERA, respectively, from 24, 31.1 and 4.91 in 2015 to 40, 38 and 1.47 in 2016, respectively. Carr, Brown and Schlotterbeck earned selection to the All-IPSL team.

On any team leadership is critical and this team had that in Sixth Form co-captains **Ethan Spicher**, **Colton Repp**, Mitch Wilson and Ryan Brown. Ethan Spicher communicated as a leader in his captain role and played like a leader. He contributed 15 hits offensively and had strong days vs. some of our best competition including 2 hits vs. Flint Hill. Spicher was a 4-year starter who leaves as a Career 40-hit Club Member and was selected for the MABC Senior Classic.

Colton Repp made significant contributions throughout the season as the primary Catcher in laying the groundwork for a combined team ERA of 2.32. He also notched the 2nd best fielding percentage in the
entire MAC at .979 while playing all but a handful of innings for the Saints at catcher. Repp also departs as a member of the Career 40-Hit Club and earned selection to the MABC Senior Classic. He signed to play baseball at Fairmont State next year.

Sixth Former Grant Golden, 2016 Herald Mail Washington County Basketball Player of the Year, offered confident leadership and a positive steadying presence for the baseball team while fellow Sixth Former Colin Sappenfield had team impact with his trend analysis and meticulous charts which optimized game time decisions and adjustments.

The Fifth Form had great impact in 2016. Myles Nicholson grew his batting average this year to .400 and added another 30 hits to run his career total to 86 hits after 3 years on the varsity setting him up for a historic 2017. He also had an impressive 20 hits at the plate while playing 3B. Spencer McNamee was also impressive on the mound as well with a 3-0 pitching record, 1 of a pitching trio combining for a no-hitter and an ERA of 2.33. He also was 7th in the MAC with 11 stolen bases. Brady Drawbaugh also finished with a season ERA of 0.00 allowing no earned runs while pitching for the Saints this year including vs. highly regarded IMG Academy on the stadium field in Bradenton, Florida.

Mitch Wilson, Kevin Brashears, and Ryan Brown at Harry Grove Stadium.

This year’s Third Form was the one of the strongest ever. Chris Chaney was a go-to pitcher with 44 Ks in 30 innings pitched and 3 Ws. He also had an impressive 20 hits at the plate while playing 3B. Spencer McNamee had major impact as the primary Catcher in the bullpen this year in preparing some of the area’s top pitchers for games. He also had a 1.000 fielding percentage during his catching stints with success in 14 of 14 total chances.

TJ Quelet also allowed no earned runs while pitching for the Saints this year including vs. highly regarded IMG Academy on the stadium field in Bradenton, Florida.

Additional achievements by the players included:

- 15-game Win Streak vs. Washington County schools spanning 4 years since our last county defeat on April 25, 2012
- College committed baseball players for the 4th year in a row, including 3 who signed with college baseball programs this year
- 6 consecutive seasons defeating cross town rival, Goretti
- 2nd time in past 3 years Saints feature new Washington County Single Season Hits Record Holder (Brown in 2014 with 45 and now Carr in 2016 with 46)
- 2 of Top 4 on Washington County Career Hits List (#1 Brown with 150, #4 Wilson with 110)
- 50-28 team overall record across the past 3 seasons
- #10 Final Maryland Power 25 Ranking among all public and private schools by prepbaseballreport.com (#8 for 2 weeks, #7 for 1 week and #6 for 3 weeks)
- #3 Final MaxPreps Ranking of Washington, DC area schools
- Ran off 13 victories in 14 game stretch upon return from Florida trip
- 7 combined players ranked among the PBR Top 100 overall players in the state in their respective classes of 2016, 2017 and 2018
- 3 wins in last 5 games played vs. top seed Flint Hill

Overall, Saints’ baseball continued its upward trajectory. The 2016 graduating class finished its four varsity years with the most Saints baseball wins yet at 63, surpassing last year’s best of 53. The team will return 10 of 16 players and 5 of 9 starters. Congratulations to the Sixth Form for continuing to lay the foundation of a strong program measured not just in victories, but also with the positive team culture. The best is yet to come!
The Saint James varsity girls’ team enjoyed another successful season in 2016. Before the season began, the Saints traveled to Clearwater, Florida to bond as a team and to “dust off their sticks” in the warm weather. The girls faced some tough competition in their scrimmages; this helped the Saints quickly identify their weaknesses, which they worked to improve for the remainder of the season.

Head coach Megan Wilberton and assistant coaches Elaine Thurman and Whitney Holmes led 18 passionate athletes—13 returners and five newcomers. Managers Sean Rhee (Fifth Form) and Kayla Brown (Fifth Form) helped keep our practices running smoothly and tracked statistics for the team.

Most of our offensive success resulted from capitalizing on fast-break situations and from driving to goal. Captain Sophie Abeles was a major leader on the attacking end; she helped deliver messages from the coaches to the attackers, she regularly called plays, and she led the team in assists. She was level-headed in fast-break situations and was patient in settled offense, feeding the ball to her teammates cutting across the eight-meter. She tallied 47 assists, 12 goals, 4 draw controls, 2 caused turnovers, and 1 interception this season. Fellow Sixth Former Lydia Radley (3 assists, 5 goals) was a positive voice and a reliable member of our offense. The team could always count on her to hustle while re-defending and to spread out on the offensive end. She consistently stationed herself behind the goal and was pivotal in regaining possession after a missed shot. Fourth Former Aimée Egwudobi (6 goals), Third Former Tessa Douglass (7 goals, 4 draw controls), Third Former Gracie Bowers (9 assists, 27 goals, 21 draw controls, 7 caused turnovers, 4 interceptions), and Second Former Olivia Welty (6 goals, 3 draw controls, 2 caused turnovers) also contributed on offense. Aimée is very coachable, and her skills improved significantly over the course of the season. In games, she listened to the coaches’ constant pleas for someone to roll the crease: in fact, she tallied several goals by exploiting her defender’s weak crease defense. Tessa Douglass also listened to the coaches’ pointers and was a composed and dependable player on offense. She helped keep the attackers spread out and scored some critical goals for the Saints this season. Gracie Bowers, a returning starter for the varsity team, solidified her reputation as perhaps the most aggressive player on the field. Her tenacity and hustle when re-defending in the midfield led to 7 caused turnovers, and her dynamism on attack resulted in 27 goals. Lastly, newcomer Olivia Welty was a force on the field. Olivia’s speed and skill helped us most notably in the game against Mercersburg, where she scored 2 goals.

Joining the attackers on the offensive end were midfielders Emerson Younger, Claire Fulton, and Elizabeth Fahey. These three players sprinted from one end of the field to the other in all 19 of our games; their hard work over the course of the season was truly remarkable, and they embodied the hustle and grit necessary to be a successful midfielder. Sixth Form captain Emerson Younger (5 assists, 22 goals, 52 draw controls, 1 caused turnover, 1 interception) was an aggressive, vocal defender both in settled defense and in re-defending situations, regularly helping to double the ball in the midfield. She was also critical in winning the draw and an essential member of our attack, and her determination will be sorely missed next year. Toward the end of the season, Emerson’s energy and effort was particularly evident; she was voted by her teammates as the “player of the game” in two of our last three games, one of which was the IPSL championship. A similarly passionate player was Claire Fulton (Fifth Form). She was a real force in 50/50 situations; her speed and strength...
are truly extraordinary. She took most of our draws this season, and she consistently directed the ball to her teammates or gained possession of the ball herself (she earned 55 draw controls). Claire was an essential part of our transition and her fight on defense and in the midfield elevated our games to a higher level (she tallied 7 caused turnovers and 6 interceptions). On attack, Claire’s speed and drive made her a threat to the opponents’ defenders; she was our second highest scorer, and she recorded 9 assists and 38 goals this season. Our third midfielder was Elizabeth Fahey (Fifth Form). Her poise and fantastic shot selection on attack helped her tally 19 assists and 61 goals this season. She also helped organize the defense and was important in re-defending and transition situations (she earned 40 draw controls, 2 caused turnovers, 5 interceptions). Not only did she lead the team in points, but Elizabeth was also competitive and positive in practice and in games, which made her a great leader on the field. Her impact this season was remarkable, and the team therefore awarded her this year’s Most Valuable Player.

The Saints’ midfielders united with the low defenders to create a formidable barrier in front of our goal. This year’s defense worked as a real unit: they communicated effectively, crashed when necessary, and stayed optimistic even in difficult games. What was especially impressive about this year’s defense was their response to Sixth Form captain Leanne Ludwick’s absence. After our first game, Leanne was diagnosed with an illness that kept her out for the remainder of the season. Her positivity and level-headedness had grounded the defenders for several seasons. Despite her illness, Leanne supported her teammates from the sidelines, and to honor her contributions to the team, she played in the first minute of the IPSL championship, where she scored a goal! Leanne’s confidence and leadership will be missed next year, as will fellow Sixth Form defender Louise Dickinson’s passion. Louise is well-known for her aggression on defense, and her unwavering energy and enthusiasm kept the defenders motivated in several challenging games. She tallied 2 draw controls, 1 caused turnover, and 2 interceptions. Thanks to her speed, she was essential to the Saints’ success in transition. Returning Fifth Former Meredith Day (Coaches’ Award) developed both her lacrosse and her leadership skills this season. Always a stalwart defender, she established herself as one of the main organizers of the defensive unit. She also led by example, using her composure and field sense to win the ball back for the Saints (she earned 5 interceptions and 2 draw controls). She emerged as a defensive leader, as did her teammate Third Former Maddie Sappenfield (2 draw controls, 2 interceptions). In Leanne’s absence, Maddie anchored the defense as the last defender before the goalie. Her footwork and decision-making skills improved, and her devotion to the team never waned despite her two unfortunate injuries. While many of our defenders improved over the course of the season, Third Form newcomer Christa Bartlett (3 interceptions, 3 draw controls) received the award for Most Improved Player. A natural athlete with incredible potential, Christa earned a spot on the starting line-up in the beginning of the season. In the following weeks, she improved her positioning and stick work and became a more confident player overall. Second Formers Eliza Durham and Morgan Moseley (1 draw control, 1 interception) also increased their confidence this season; the two young women were eager to help the team in any way, and the coaches are excited to watch their continued development as they travel through the varsity program. Lastly our goalies, Sixth Former Kristen Deiner (5 saves) and fourth former Alexia Tiches (5 interceptions, 1 ground ball, 97 saves), held down the fort. Kristen was a committed member of the varsity team, and her maturity and positive attitude were essential to the team’s success this year. Fellow goalie Alexia Tiches had a strong season where she honed her decision-making and her communication skills. She kept us in some close games, and her accurate clears led to several fast-break goals for the Saints.

The Saints ended their season with a 10–3 record and with their third consecutive IPSL title, proving that perseverance pays off. The team is thankful to all the faculty, staff, students, families, and friends who support Saint James girls’ lacrosse—you are greatly appreciated.
The varsity boys’ lacrosse team returned to their winning ways in 2016, achieving their first winning season since 2013. The Saints finished with a record of 9-7. Although the Saints struggled in MAC play, they dominated the Western Maryland scene. Against teams from Western Maryland and Southern Pennsylvania, the Saints had an impressive 8-1 record, including 4-0 against IPSL foes Mercersburg, St. Maria Goretti, and St. John’s Catholic Prep.

Every game in the IPSL was decided by one goal, with the exception of the Saints 12-8 victory over the Mercersburg Blue Storm. That game saw seven different Saints score goals, and nine register points. Fueled by an excited sideline, the Saints took a 9-7 lead at the end of three quarters, and finished the game 12-8. The game was highlighted by strong play by the Saints core players. Fifth Form goalie Tucker Almany made 16 saves to keep the Blue Storm at bay. Offensively the Saints got three goals and two assists each from Levi Schindel (Sixth Form), and Jaret Mahoney (Fifth Form), while Fourth Former Ryan Stakes chipped in four goals and two assists.

Against St. John’s Catholic Prep, the Saints had to battle back from a 7-4 deficit late in the game to win 8-7 in overtime. This time the Saints relied upon Fifth Former Cole Menas to rally the troops. Cole finished with five goals in the game, including the overtime game winner 10 seconds into the sudden victory period while the Saints were down a man due to a penalty.

To solidify their place in the IPSL Championship game, the Saints had to face St. Maria Goretti. At halftime, the Saints found themselves trailing 6-5. Things went quite differently in the second half with the Saints holding a commanding 14-10 lead with just under five minutes left in regulation. To make the game interesting, the Saints committed some costly turnovers and penalties but held on for a 14-13 victory.

In the IPSL Championship game, the Saints took on St. John’s Catholic Prep. This game had almost as much excitement as the first game. The game was back and forth with neither team ever leading by more than two goals. The Saints earned an 8-7 victory, in large part due to the stellar play of the defense. With just over 20 seconds left in the game, the visiting Vikings called a timeout in the Saints’ defensive end to set up what they hoped would be the game-tying goal. The Saints’ defense, led by goalie Tucker Almany (11 saves) had other plans. The stellar defense of Parker Tribble (Fourth Form), Luke Thompson (Sixth Form), Cody Barnhart (Fifth Form), and John Metchie (Fourth Form) held strong in the final seconds, not allowing a shot in order to secure the team’s victory.

Strong individual play made for a nice overall season. Four players amassed over 25 points. Jaret Mahoney led the way with 42 points (26 goals, 16 assists), Cole Menas had 22 goals and 12 assists, while Ryan Stakes led the team with 32 goals to go with seven assists. Team captain Levi Schindel tallied 17 goals and 11 assists while quarterbacking the offense. Defensively the Saints were led by captains Tucker Almany and Luke Thompson. In goal, Almany finished with a save percentage of 60 percent while quarterbacking the defense. Thompson, a three-year starter, scooped up 63 groundballs to go with an impressive 17 caused-turnovers. The defense was rounded out by Cody Barnhart, Parker Tribble and John Metchie, who terrorized opposing offenses with their athleticism and tenacity.
The 2016 spring season started with 14 matches scheduled. We officially completed 12 as Mother Nature in her infinite wisdom brought rain late into our short spring season. Completing the season 6-6, we encountered many new opponents along the way, staying largely in the local area.

The first week back from spring break, we played three matches in eight days. While daunted by this schedule, it elevated our team’s practices and produced a higher caliber of mental and physical player.

An astonishing 75 percent of our matches were played in winds of up to, and over, 20 mph. The wind added another mental challenge, forcing the players to develop good navigational skills and footwork. We also changed our set format to the best of three sets with the third set played out by completing a 10-set tiebreaker. This was a necessary change because most of our opponents now play three complete sets. This also contributed to outstanding improvement on the courts this spring.

Six amazing Sixth Formers whose focus and hard work set the bar at every practice led our tennis squad this season.

Our doubles play also benefitted from the impressive play of Fifth Former, Kerr Ko who played with many different partners this season. She was consistent and versatile. Her confidence and capable determination will be a key component to the future success of a tennis squad losing half of its players.

Finishing out the line-ups were the added efforts of Sixth Former Vivian Meng, Fifth Former Sophie Shi, and Fourth Former Mary Yu. Sophie stepped into the singles position several times this season and was a clear runner-up to this season’s most improved tennis player. She will play a huge part in rebuilding our team next season.

Singles this season were played in order: Singles 1 Melissa Carter (Sixth Form); Singles 2 Roula Hammer (Third Form); Singles 3 Carter Pennington (Fifth Form), and Singles 4, Yusra Ahmed (Sixth Form).

These ladies formed the top half of our team, often repeating into the Doubles 1 and 2 positions for many matches. Melissa Carter earned the singles 1 slot finishing 4-6. Singles 1 is the most physically and mentally demanding position on the team. There is no other person on our team who could have played this position with such fortitude and grace. A favorite moment was when she beat an opponent (6-2 6-2) she had lost to earlier in the season (0-6 0-6). Singles 2, Roula Hammer finished with one of the best records on the team of 7-7 and was also named All IPSL. The coaches are excited about her success and realize the roll of singles 1 may be in her sites for the next several years. We know she has the ability to be successful in this roll. Carter Pennington, who finished the season 6-7, filled the singles 3 slot valiantly. She fought and won a huge match against one of West Virginia’s top teams while sick. Her love of the team, lack of excuses, and dedication1 unanimously earned her this season’s MVP award. Carter was also selected All IPSL. Yusra Ahmed stepped into a singles 4 slot after playing her entire tennis career as a doubles player. Her natural athleticism, strong baseline rallies, aggressive net play, and confidence to hit the winner, revealed that she has been the most “coachable” player at SJS. Her ability to take specific drill lessons and apply them to her game quickly is why she finished the season 6-5.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Sissy Yang (Sixth Form) for her managerial role. She made sure the players had water, food, and medical supplies. My thanks to Coach Sappenfield ’85 and Coach Kallas for another wonderful year, and for helping young women become strong on the court, so they can be strong off the court as well. Our motto: #strongonstrongoff
The season began with very windy conditions for play. The weather was more like November than March. Usually tennis season starts with rain. Not this year. Rain was to come later.

We finished the season with a record of six wins and eight losses. Wins came mostly in the tri-county area against teams including, Martinsburg High School, Bishop Walsh, South Hagerstown High School, and Goretti to name a few. Losses came via the MAC Conference with the exception of a few individual wins. Those included, Victor Gomez Ruiz with a singles win and Elliott Lyles/Noel Patterson with a doubles win against Maret. In addition, Bill O’Leary had a very close loss to GDS in a third set tiebreaker at 8-10.

This year’s squad included: Lev Oykhman, Jason Zheng, Will Chiang, Sean Choi, Hayden Lyles, Daisuke Negishi, Noel Patterson, Jacob Yang, and Elliott Lyles.

This year’s award recipients are:

**Coaches’ Award**
Bill O’Leary is this year’s recipient. Bill has played the number 1 singles spot for the entire 2016 season, taking on several very tough competitors in the tri-state area. He played with consistency, determination, and spirit, which makes him a very deserving recipient.

**Most Valuable Player**
This award went to Victor Gomez Ruiz for the second year in a row. Victor played the number 2 singles position for the entire season and several times played at the number 1 singles position when needed. Victor’s record was 11 wins and 5 loses, which earns him this award.

**Most Improved Player**
This year’s recipient was Third Form student, Ethan Ho, a walk-on to the boys’ varsity team who began with the fundamentals of a good singles player. He quickly earned the fourth singles spot and rapidly improved his game throughout the season to earn this award.

Finally, as mentioned above, there was the rain. This season, it came with a vengeance towards the end. We had numerous re-

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**Varsity Boys’ Tennis**

**Coach Jim Shaffer**

**MVP:** Victor Gomez Ruiz  
**MIP:** Ethan Ho  
**Coaches’ Award:** Bill O’Leary
Saint James School celebrated Commencement on Sunday, June 5th following a weekend that included speeches, prizes, awards, and diplomas for the 46-member Class of 2016. Although showers threatened in the morning, the ceremony was held in the Senior Circle in keeping with Saint James School tradition.

Dorothy “Doro” Bush Koch, the daughter of President George H.W. Bush and the sister of President George W. Bush and Former Governor Jeb Bush of Florida delivered the Commencement address. The author of the New York Times best-selling book, My Father, My President: A Personal Account of the Life of George H. W. Bush spoke to the Class of 2016 about mindfulness. She described her father’s life in the public eye and his ability to appreciate the moments that mattered. Koch also emphasized the major impact that small, kind gestures can have on others, both friends and strangers. The author urged SJS graduates to remember to remain present, and to appreciate the moments and people around them, just as her father did.

ABOUT DOROTHY BUSH KOCH

Koch is one of the nation’s leading champions of family literacy. She is Honorary Chair of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. She co-founded the Maryland Family Literacy Initiative which raised money through A Celebration of Reading in Bethesda to support family literacy programs across her home state of Maryland. Koch is one of the founders of BB&R Wellness Consulting, a company dedicated to helping people reach optimal health by teaching them how to nourish their bodies, minds and souls. She currently resides in Bethesda, Maryland with her husband Bobby and two dogs, Rocky and Tess.
classmates

Commencement 2016
Prefects Named for 2016-17 School Year

On Commencement Day, the following Fifth Form students were named prefects for the next school year. Please join us in congratulating our new prefects.

They are (shown from left to right): Maxine Adjei-Dadson, Hannah Lee, Meredith Day, Elizabeth Fahey. Back row: Noel Patterson, Tucker Almany, Kofi Agyeman (Senior Prefect), Hayden Lyles, Cole Menas, Sean Rhee.
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 such characteristics 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:

Madeline Belle Craft
Frederick, 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:

Courtney Ellis Brune
Mount Sinai, NY

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. It was awarded to:

Kristen Cotter Deiner
Snohomish, WA

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:

Craig Wesley LeCesne, Jr.
Oxie, Sweden

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

Mitchell Aaron Wilson
Hagerstown, MD

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

Leanne Taylor Ludwick
Chambersburg, PA

Mitchell Aaron Wilson
Hagerstown, MD

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

Levi Joseph Schindel
Hagerstown, MD

The Donn Porter Prize, given in memory of Donn Porter ’49, 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:

Lukas James Pank
Walkersville, MD

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. It was awarded to:

In Mo “Grace” Kang
Seoul, South Korea

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:

Kristen Cotter Deiner
Snohomish, WA
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 to:

**Paul Hongjae Jin**
Seoul, South Korea

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

**Louise Christine Dickinson**
Hagerstown, 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:

**Leanne Taylor Ludwick**
Chambersburg, PA

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:

**Louise Christine Dickinson**
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:

**Sophia Zell Abeles**
Hagerstown, 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:

**Levi Joseph Schindel**
Hagerstown, 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:

**Nicholas Howard Douglass**
Hagerstown, 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:

**Nicholas Howard Douglass**
Hagerstown, MD

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:

**Leanne Taylor Ludwick**
Chambersburg, PA
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.” It was awarded to:

**Carissa Marie Falanga**  
Church Hill, MD

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, and 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. They were awarded to:

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

**Hojune “Sean” Rhee**  
Falls Church, VA

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 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:

**Kofi Asamoah Agyeman**  
Culver City, CA

**Hannah Sewall Lee**  
Gaithersburg, MD

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

**Naydia Brianna Rowe**  
Fairplay, 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 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:

**Carter Armistead Pennington**  
Hagerstown, MD

**Class Agents**

Class of 2016

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

**Louise Christine Dickinson**  
Leanne Taylor Ludwick

**Cole Douglass**
¿Cómo se dice “adiós”?

by Carissa Falanga ’16

How do you say “goodbye?”
I suppose I could always try
To say that word so casually,
But the meaning would not apply.
I could start with “adiós,”
And say “with God you go,”
For it is His guidance bright
That all the faithful show
While singing in the choir, or while Holding that chalice high;
The Thurifer sends incense sweet
To please Dios on high. To say goodbye is indication
That we are soon to leave,
As suddenly as Poplar boughs Release their Poplar leaves.
What are we leaving?
We’re leaving home.
Leaving behind all that we know,
All that we are on commencement eve.
We bring with us only hope,
Hope in what we soon can be.

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We leave behind the red brick walls
That kept us safe and sound.
We leave behind the chapel tall,
The incense floating to the ground.
We leave behind the field house floor,
And Father’s field where Saints did play.
We leave the stage, the green room small;
And on that wall are memories framed.
The desks are too small; our dreams are too large.
Our lives are our own; we must now take charge.
Like it or not, we cannot go back;
We cannot do it all again.

But through the years, I think it’s alright
To then look back on where we’ve been,
And say goodbye with love in our words
To the people and place that shaped our lives,
And hope that fateful day was not
Our final time to say goodbye.
As time is an ever rolling stream,
This bold new chapter we must begin.
But maybe we can end with “Au Revoir,”
To say, perhaps, we’ll meet again.
Estate planning can be fraught with emotion, not to mention numerous familial and legal considerations. When developing a will, one of the formative, and sometimes most challenging questions each testator must answer is: Where and how do you wish to be interred?

For many Saint James alumni, faculty, and friends, this question may now be put to rest. On May 1st, 2016, as a fitting conclusion to Alumni Weekend, the Saint James School columbarium (a structure of vaults lined with recesses for cinerary urns) was formally dedicated. The red brick Saint James structure forms a semi-circle behind the chapel, and contains 60 vaults, or niches designed to hold the ashes of up to two people. In addition to eliminating the need to select a burial site and casket, the columbarium affords Saint James families the opportunity to select their final resting place in the shadow of the chapel that has played such an important role in their lives.

Trustee Dona Young (mother of Taylor Young ’09) and alumnus John Turner ’62 (see his story), led the effort, working closely with Father Dunnan, Business Manager, William Wivell, and Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Margaret McGuigan to plan a columbarium that would be in keeping with the spirit and tradition of Saint James.

“Years ago, I was worshipping in an Episcopal Church in Lake Placid, NY which had a columbarium. I left that service feeling how perfect...to have one’s ashes in a holy, sacred, and meaningful space,” shared Mrs. Young. “That thought never left me. As my love for, and deep attachment to Saint James grew over the years, I thought: why not have a columbarium at Saint James? It, too, is a holy, sacred, and meaningful place which has changed lives, and where those individuals it has loved and touched are never forgotten,” she continued.

“So a columbarium at Saint James seemed right. It was made possible by Father Dunnan’s support and by John Turner’s tireless energy and commitment to the project. John was a great partner to me and a faithful steward to his beloved school.”

Another Trustee and his wife also played an important role in the inception of this sacred resting place. Tod ’70 and Barry Salisbury (parents of Grant ’00, Patrick ’02, Rex ’06, Luke ’08, Caroline ’09) made a generous donation in honor of Mrs. Salisbury’s grandparents, Alberta and Rex Kilbourn, for whom the columbarium is named. Mrs. Salisbury spoke at the May dedication. Her moving words, which follow, elicited tears from the alumni, students, and friends of the School who attended the dedication ceremony.
Dedication of Columbarium in honor of Alverta and Rex Kilbourn and to the glory of God
Delivered by Barry Kilbourn Salisbury on May 1, 2016

Thank you Father Dunnan for allowing me to speak today.

I originally hadn’t planned on saying anything, but, after that moving evening last night [at the Alumni Dinner], I was reminded, yet again, of what a special place Saint James is. So, I felt it might be appropriate to say a few words about why, I believe, it is so fitting that two people who so epitomized the mission of Saint James should have this columbarium dedicated to them, as well as to God who brings special people like them into our lives to be messengers of His hope and love for us.

Alverta and Rex Kilbourn were my grandparents and my cheerleaders. They were the ones who believed in me, who loved me, who modeled faith in action for me, and who made me know that I had value.

And that has made all the difference.

Every day at Saint James, teachers and staff bring that same message of love and hope to the students here. They become the cheerleaders that every child needs in order to feel the living presence of God.

And how perfect it is that this columbarium is adjacent to the chapel...connecting heaven to earth and life to death.

So it is with a VERY grateful heart that I thank Saint James for giving me this opportunity to honor my beloved grandparents.

It is my hope and prayer that Saint James continues to let every student know that God loves them, believes in them, and has a purpose for them.

It can make all the difference.

Thanks be to God.

John Turner ’62 Reflects on the Columbarium Project

The Saint James School Columbarium Project started out as a very casual conversation at the Christmas Dinner in December of 2013. I happened to be seated at the same table with Dona Young and her husband, Roland, and somehow, the topic of the possible interment of the ashes at Saint James of a recently deceased classmate of mine came up in discussion. I casually mentioned that my company had been involved in the construction of several columbariums over the years, and that was pretty much the extent of the conversation at that time.

I frankly did not give it another thought until Father Dunnan asked if I would be willing to help with a columbarium project. I have never been able to say “no” to a Saint James Headmaster... and I certainly wasn’t going to start now. That 10 second conversation is what planted the seed of an idea that fully germinated this past Alumni Weekend with the dedication of the Saint James Columbarium.

Dona Young guided our team here in Roanoke as well as all those at Saint James who were involved in the decision-making portion of the project. (Editor’s Note: Turner’s company took the drawings and turned them into approved construction renderings. His company then communicated with key players to assist throughout the construction phase.)

Although my company has been involved with projects at numerous colleges and preparatory schools, this one was personally very special to me... because it was Saint James.

As an adult, over the years, I have come to realize just how important my Saint James experience as a student has been in shaping me as a man. I will be forever grateful that this School took under its wing a scared to death, shy and introverted, rudderless 15-year-old kid in the fall of 1959. Saint James not only provided me with a pretty darn good education, more importantly, it prepared me for life with a set of values and tools that have served me well for over half a century.

And for THAT, I will always be incredibly indebted to this community and it is truly an honor to be a member of the Saint James family.
Saturday’s Alumni Weekend festivities began with a brisk run/walk for a good cause. The School hosted the third annual Run for Memories 5K race/1 mile walk. Runners and walkers of all ages, including several alumni, participated in this student-sponsored race for a great cause.

“The goal for Run for Memories,” according to this year’s race organizer, Martin McGuigan, a Fifth Form student at Saint James School, “was to raise money to support the Alzheimer’s Associations’ efforts to cure, prevent, and treat Alzheimer’s and dementia, while at the same time, promoting health and wellness in the community. After losing my grandmother last year following her nine-year struggle with the disease, I felt a personal connection to the cause,” he continued. “Having run in the first two runs, I realized how important it was to continue this tradition.” All proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer’s Association to support better care and to fund research.

Before graduating last year, Jacob Fishkin ‘15 coordinated the race for its first two years, in 2014 and 2015. Fishkin saw the effect that Alzheimer’s disease can have on a family when his paternal grandmother was diagnosed in 2009 with the disease. He came up with the idea of a race in order to raise awareness about the disease and to help raise money for Alzheimer’s research.

The race attracted sponsors including, Homewood Retirement Village in Williamsport.

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Alumni Weekend 2016
Outstanding Alumni Award

“There are three types of alumni,” said David Finn ’85. “Those who do nothing. People who write a check to the School. And, people who write a check and show up.”

During the Alumni Weekend Awards Dinner, David Finn praised his brother, Randall ’89 as an alumnus who clearly falls into the latter category, donating time (10 years as President of the Alumni Council), money, and a wealth of in-kind services on behalf of the School’s trees and grounds. It is this exceptional and abiding dedication to Saint James that earned Randall “Randy” Finn the 2016 Alumni Award.

“I’m lucky to say my brother is my best friend,” said David Finn, who presented the award to his younger brother after sharing some advice he gave to Randy prior to entering Saint James. “I warned him not to be mouthy,” grinned the elder Finn. “Some of my classmates, although they are now Randy’s good friends, did not appreciate obnoxious comments from an underclassman. There were ‘blanket parties’ to deal with that,” he said, referring to an old dorm ritual inflicted on the overly bold of tongue, and looking pointedly at his brother. To this day, David Finn appears the protective and loving big brother. And, several decades after his high school career, Randy Finn is still known for a sense of humor characterized by unflinching frankness, and an endearing gift for subtle, yet salty mockery.

Saint James has factored prominently into Randy Finn’s life since his brother entered the School as a Second Form student. The younger Finn has never been shy about professing his love for the School, or about stepping up to serve his alma mater. Finn led the Alumni Council for a decade until January 2016, shows up at sporting events throughout each season, and routinely rallies his fellow alumni to support the School in innumerable ways. His company, Antietam Tree and Turf has played an instrumental role in preserving the many trees on campus. The magnificent poplar that graces the central circle, estimated to have stood for four centuries, remains robust thanks to Finn’s work to protect and preserve the iconic tree. The alumnus is also responsible for saving the maple trees by the Kerfoot refectory after the construction of the dining hall threatened their survival. His company also planted nearly all of the shrubs that beautify campus throughout the year.

Father Dunnan, in a rare moment of public emotion, teared up as he congratulated Finn on his award. The Headmaster touched on milestones in Finn’s life, and praised the alumnus for his steadfast love for the School and willingness to stand up for the institution.

“I have always admired the past recipients for all their good work on behalf of the school. I feel honored to be included with them,” shared Finn.

The awardee was joined by his wife, Anita, his parents, and a host of friends at the dinner, including pal Mark Fulton ’85, last year’s winner. Please join us in congratulating this most deserving winner of the Alumni Award.
Kerfoot Society for Distinguished Faculty Award

When 125 guests gathered in the Kerfoot Refectory on Saturday, April 30th following a full day of Alumni Weekend festivities, they expected to witness the induction of Mrs. Margaret Pennington into the Kerfoot Society for Distinguished Faculty. They may also have expected a speech about the late Mrs. Pennington—remarks that might touch upon her work as the School librarian, or her role as a beloved “mother” and mentor to a generation of students. What the audience members may not have expected (most of them anyway), was that alumnus Scott Geare ’66 would deliver a most unusual speech “in connection with her [Pennington’s] canonization as the newest inductee to the Kerfoot Society.”

The graduate’s remarks spoke as much to Mrs. Pennington’s influence in his life as to his classmates’ assiduous efforts to ensure the librarian would be eligible for consideration. According to Geare, an eloquent and outspoken member of the Class of 1966, he and his cohorts initially petitioned the Alumni Council for Mrs. Pennington’s induction two years ago only to discover that the society was “established to recognize faculty members who distinguished themselves above and beyond the call of duty.” Since School librarians are classified as staff rather than faculty, the Alumni Council denied the petition.

“And that’s when we got noisy,” shouted Geare while brandishing his fist for added dramatic effect. “The charge of the faculty was not merely to instruct on academics or to coach on the field, but also, and perhaps more importantly, to guide and direct us, and to comfort us and to strengthen us in our awkward and fragile approach to adulthood. She was one of those who helped us become good people.”

Following the initial Alumni Council rejection, Geare and his SJS 1960’s classmates, no doubt well-versed in the anti-establishment principles of the era in which they were raised, grabbed pitch forks and torches and hammers and tongs, and email, to assault the ramparts of payroll classification and see to Margaret’s elevation… to nomenklatura, the intelligentsia, the faculty,” he said.

And, to their credit, members of the Alumni Council responded to the social catalysts in kind, agreeing to the appointment and adding, “Have served as a teacher or librarian” to the list of induction criteria.

Geare savored this sweet victory during his time at the podium, but finished his remarks on a high note, returning the focus to the woman he and his classmates “spent five thousand hours talking about… and countless more hours simply being aware of how our lives were so positively shaped by her.” He concluded every bit as theatrically as he began, breaking into a song from the musical, Mame that summarized his feelings for Mrs. Pennington:

“You’re my best girl and nothing you do is wrong,
I’m proud you belong to me;
And if a day is rough for me,
Having you there’s enough for me.
And if someday another girl comes along,
It won’t take her long to see,
That I’ll still be found, just hanging around
My best girl.”

(by Jerry Hermann)

Congratulations to the Class of 1966 for its victory and to Mrs. Margaret Pennington whose memory lives on.
classmates

Alumni Weekend 2016

Half Century Reception, Class of 1966.
Where Do We Come From?

This was the theme of the 2016 Bai Yuka Yearbook.

The question, asked by Yearbook Club members, invited a variety of responses, most literal and specific to where the respondent was born and raised. However, as students considered the question’s invitation—the word, we—they offered more expansive and profound responses.

Sean Rhee ’17 summed it up well in the Bai Yuka introduction. He wrote, “As students, home has less to do with a location and more to do with where we truly become ourselves… ’Where do we come from,’ reflects our heterogeneous origins, and at the same time, informs us of our homogeneous identity as members of Saint James.”

The following pages could not be included in the yearbook because of an early deadline. So, the Yearbook Club wanted to create a supplement of sorts in order to share their lovely and bold yearbook, and their coverage of two special events, with our broader community. Enjoy.
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One-Act
One-Act Plays

With the classical notions of comedy and tragedy aside, some of the most insane, random, and hilarious theater occurs at Saint James when Mr. Collin isn’t calling the shots. The senior one-act plays begin in late February and premier on a borders’-night-in sometime late in April. This year, two seniors, Bill O’Leary and Carter Bruns, selected two very comical one-act plays, the former having four members of cast and the latter having seventeen. Bill O’Leary’s play, “Pity the Fool” by D. M. Larson, featured a sad and pitiful Jeorge (Drake Marshall) sitting in a giant picture frame labeled, “Pity the Fool,” using his own miserable self as his art display. Carter Bruns’ one-act, “Blind Date, Inc.” by Gerald P. Murphy, featured a string of hilarious blind dates set up by the company “Blind Date, Inc.” that could have gone horribly wrong. Perhaps one of the strongest themes of this play is that everyone is a little bit strange, and people can be into the weirdest things. From a Lego enthusiast (Victor Rose-Smith), to a children’s author who wrote about bunnies crying (Louise Dickenson), to a man who becomes an art display, the one-act plays of 2016 featured some hysterical comedy and talented actors.

by Carissa Falanga
Prom
This year, the “promposals” began well before the first signs of spring. As always, Saint James students found creative, funny, and even romantic ways to ask, “Will you go to prom with me?” As the big day grew closer, the excitement mounted. And finally, on May 20th, the students gathered in tuxedos and gowns to sip mocktails on the Kemp Hall terrace and pose before the parent paparazzi as per Saint James School tradition. This year’s outfits did not disappoint. There were gowns in gold lace and a dazzling array of jewel tones. Even the boys went all out with colorful bow ties and some interesting vests (you know who you are, camo crew). After mocktail hour, the promsters headed to Musket Ridge County Club where they enjoyed dinner and dancing into the wee hours of the night.

by Yearbook Staff
Leaders for Good in the World:

JOHN EUGENE CAY, III ’64

Reflects on Saint James School, Philanthropy, Family, and History
rowing up south of the Mason Dixon line can forever predispose one to the charms of the land, lifestyle, and inhabitants of the southern United States. What’s not to love about a culture known for colorful characters and comfort food, and steeped in warm hospitality and gracious manners? The South has given our country much to celebrate and much to atone for as we continue to come to grips with the aftermath of slavery, segregation, and, heaven help us, country music. Several of these topics (minus the music) emerged in a recent conversation with John Cay ’64, a diffident and engaging southern gentleman who has served as a board member, director, or chairman for more than 30 organizations (including two New York Stock Exchange companies and several high profile not-for-profit entities) during a long and prestigious career.

The alumnus and his wife, Billings, visited Saint James School in May to oversee the installation of a brand new Chippendale-style bridge over the Bai Yuka (a gift from Cay and his classmates), and to speak with Mrs. James’ history students about his movie, Savannah, a tribute to his father, to his southern roots, and to a bygone era.

Cay is tall and patrician with an easy smile, and a gracious, affable manner. He is at once a Renaissance man with a multitude of talents and interests (offset by a self-effacing sense of humor), while at the same time, giving the impression of one who would have been right at home engaged in thoughtful political discourse with our nation’s forefathers. His love of history and keen interest in the colonial period is reflected in his preference for historical biographies, and memorialized in his conscientious and impeccable architectural restoration work.

So, how did a fourteen-year-old from Savannah, Georgia find his way to Saint James School during the late 1950’s?

**Coming to Saint James**

Quite literally, by train, bus, and taxi, recounts the alum. “In September, as we stood together at the train station in Savannah, my father’s last words were, ‘See you at Christmas,’ said Cay. Reflecting on the day, he remembers the solo journey north as intimidating. Yet, he drew from the experience a powerful lesson: “The greatest gift you can give a child is independence.”

Cay gives the sense of one who has chosen to transform the challenges of his life into powerful lessons and opportunities for growth and insight. He remembers his time at Saint James School as one of those challenges.

“Saint James was a different place 50 years ago. It was very much in the English tradition. It was all male,” said the alumnus. “It took real grit to stay five years and to graduate. Coming from the South, I found it rigorous academically and the cold weather was quite challenging as well.” The southerner had never seen snow before.

“I had what would have probably been diagnosed as ADHD. I learned to cope, but the environment required grit to get through,” he noted, adding with a laugh, “I was in the part of the class that made the top half possible.”

Adding to his struggles was a strong rebellious streak. The “James Dean-type” now laughs that his classmates had to put up with his cynicism. “I was chaffing at the system,” he recounted.

Cay so took this to heart that he issued an apology for his “cavalier attitude” to his Class of 1964 cohorts during the group’s 50th anniversary celebration three years ago. The apology, and his humor and humility further endeared Cay to many of his peers. His friends Chip Berry ’64 and his wife Christy recounted the moment as “entertaining.”

Despite the rigor of five years at Saint James, coupled with his defiance, Cay concludes that the School helped prepare him for life. “I got into the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill,” he said. There, he discovered that he was well-prepared for the academic challenges of college life.

**A Young Historian in the Making**

Saint James School and Cay’s classmates also helped define him in other, less tangible, yet equally significant ways. During his Second Form year, the Georgia native was invited to his roommate’s (Scott Graham ’64) residence in Virginia to celebrate Thanksgiving.

“He lived on a farm outside of Charlottesville in Shadwell,” said Cay. “I found myself in the most beautiful place I had ever seen. Rolling hills, black Angus cattle…I loved the land.” The teenager was
taken with the both the geography and the history of the state. “Graham’s house, Edgehill Farm had been built in 1828 by Thomas Jefferson Randolph, grandson of Thomas Jefferson,” shared Cay. Edgehill was originally the plantation of Martha Jefferson Randolph (Thomas Jefferson’s daughter) and Thomas Mann Randolph. “At that very moment when we arrived, I determined that when I grew up, I would have a farm in Virginia,” said Cay, remembering his love for the estate. The young student’s admiration for Thomas Jefferson and for colonial history would remain with him into adulthood.

Fifty years later, Cay went shopping for a farm in the state. Although Edgehill farm was on the market at the time, his realtor suggested an estate called Rose Hill, an 18th-century home southeast of Fredericksburg, in Caroline County, overlooking the Rappahannock Valley. Cay’s loving restoration of the stately manor, which he recently completed, was profiled in a feature in Architectural Digest (May 31st, 2013).

“I love planting trees and gardens. We brought back an 1850’s garden. We just planted 125 apple trees. We are also planting blight-resistant American Chestnut trees to help revive this species,” he continued with unabashed enthusiasm. He has also restored heritage breed animals to the property, including Belted Galloway cattle. “I love walking in the woods. In a Jeffersonian kind of way, you find that if you are close to the land, it’s a happy place.”

Cay has devoted the same loving attention to the refurbishment of the interior and exterior of the house. “I love building and creating things,” he shared. He worked closely with a decorator, historian and landscape architect—all renowned in their respective fields—to ensure that every architectural element, garden, and decoration was historically accurate, appropriate, and well-appointed.

He and landscape architect, William D. Rieley accomplished one thing that Jefferson did not. In 1779, Jefferson designed an exquisite dovecote that was never constructed. Rieley, who works closely with Monticello, located the plans and worked with Cay to construct a magnificent dovecote for the Rose Hill property in true Jeffersonian style. The structure is now home to a rare, and flourishing breed of pigeons called Birmingham rollers.

Cay’s reverence for architecture, history, and nature also extends to animals. He is proud of his heritage breeds, and clearly fond of his four-legged family members, which have included a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Jack Russell terriers, labs, and hunting dogs. “I love God’s critters,” he shared.

Home is About Family & Friends

Despite the demands of a high profile career, there is no doubt when talking to the alumnus that family has always been his priority. While at UNC, the history major married his Savannah sweetheart, Mimi Daniel. Daniel’s eldest sister was married to another Saint James alumnus, Robert Long. When Long and his family were tragically killed while in California, the Cay’s raised the two surviving children, Dawson ’81 and Robert. Both attended Saint James School.

“The boys greatly enriched our lives,” he shared. The Cays were also blessed with three of their own children and nine grandchildren.

After his 35-year marriage ended, Cay was single for six years before wedding his current wife, Billings. The couple maintain residences in South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and Florida.
“To me, home is where friends and family gather,” said the alumnus from his Cashiers, NC mountain cottage. “We enjoy golf, tennis, and hiking. In the winter, we love Palm Beach. It’s a civilized place with many cultural offerings.”

**Following Four Generations of Footsteps**

Cay began his career as an underwriter with Home Insurance Company in its New York Office. At the ripe old age of 27, he became President and CEO of Palmer & Cay “through nepotism,” he laughed.

The insurance brokerage firm was owned by his family for four generations until its sale to Wachovia Bank in 2005 (now Wells Fargo Insurance Services). He was then appointed Vice Chairman of Wells Fargo Insurance Services until his retirement in 2012. His son, Jack now serves as President and Partner at Palmer & Cay, and Christopher is a principal with Cay Insurance Services, a firm he launched in 2007.

“I enjoyed the many challenges of the business. It’s highly competitive. The problem-solving was something I liked,” he continued. “Most of all, it was the people aspect of this business that made it so rewarding.”

When Cay took the reins at Palmer & Cay, the firm had 40 employees. “By the time we sold it, we had more than 1,000 employees,” he stated. He also expanded the firm into international markets, and helped navigate the merger with Wachovia.

Although modest about his business acumen and success, Cay is clearly proud of his philanthropic leadership and interests which span...
multiple disciplines—arts, education, healthcare, and historic preservation. His generosity also extends to his alma mater.

**A Gift to Saint James**

“During our 50th Saint James graduation anniversary, my class discussed what could be done to improve the campus,” he continued, noting that under Father Dunnan’s leadership, the campus has been transformed. “As we walked down to the Bai Yuka, I saw a small pedestrian, utilitarian bridge, and thought: Why not have a lovely, Chippendale-designed bridge for such a beautiful area?” His classmates agreed to help support the gift.

Cay once again reached out to landscape architect, William Rieley for help. “Like every project I involve myself in, we soon became behind schedule and over budget,” laughed the alumnus. “Chip, Gates Shaw, and others in my class have also been involved. And, we hope to have more ’64 classmates when the bridge is dedicated in October 2016.”

He recently visited to oversee installation of the bridge and to speak with history students about his movie, *Savannah*. (See sidebar to learn more about the film.)

**Next Steps**

These days, the semi-retired alumnus continues to enjoy an active lifestyle that includes business consulting, philanthropic work, athletic pursuits, and travel to favorite cities such as San Francisco and London.

“I feel truly blessed. I love spending time with family and friends. I hope I am leading a purposeful life,” he stated. “It’s about enriching the lives of others around you.”

To this point, he is deeply committed to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. “There has to be sensible gun legislation,” he shared.

What will this Renaissance man accomplish in the years ahead? Cay was recently appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, a 24-member advisory board for the museum.

We look forward to seeing what’s next for this alumnus and “leader for good in the world.”

The new bridge will be dedicated in October 2016.

The Cays posed on the bridge during its installation when they visited campus in the spring.
**Savannah (2013)**  
*Savannah* is the true story of Ward Allen (Jim Caviezel), a larger-than-life character who renounces a life of privilege in order to live as a hunter, subsisting off of the land, and finding solace in nature. Allen is accompanied by his faithful hunting dog, and his best friend, Christmas Moultrie (Chiwetel Ejiofor), a freed slave whom he has known since childhood. The later character narrates the story, passing it on to a little boy (John Cay’s father, Jack).

Many of the movie’s most spectacular scenes unfold at dawn as the old friends, guns and dog in tow, row a small skiff through Savannah’s picturesque estuaries, a puzzle-like formation of meandering salt marsh and brackish water along Georgia’s coast. Ward’s finesse as a waterman and a hunter is undisputed. Yet, he is clearly unprepared to navigate the changes to his city and the threats to his once unfettered lifestyle.

The film is available on Netflix and Amazon.

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**Background: Interview with John Cay**

**Q:** You commissioned the screenplay, and then served as Executive Producer for the movie. Why was it important to you to tell this story in a movie format?

**A:** Our family owned the Mulberry Grove Plantation where Christmas Moultrie lived. Moultrie would take my father duck hunting when he was a boy and regale him with stories about Ward Allen from the early 1900’s. My father researched Allen and discovered articles he authored about how the world wanted to change wildness into mildness, later developing this into a paper that he delivered to a literary society in Savannah. One day, my father told me that a local bookstore wanted to publish the paper into a book to sell. He declared, “Son, you know there’s no literary merit to anything I’ve ever written.” Ultimately, he (Jack Cay) decided to print the story himself and to give the books away.

(**Editor’s Note:** When Jack Cay died in 1989, John Cay commissioned the movie in order to pay tribute to his beloved father.)

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**Q:** How did you get the film made and what did you learn about the film industry?

**A:** The making of an independent film is, in a word, difficult. We chose the screenwriter and we sat down with the producer and the casting director to begin the process. To have a screenplay written is challenging and I was naïve about the process of filmmaking.

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**Q:** Would you like to make another film?

**A:** (Editor’s Note: There was the distinct sound of laughter before Cay responded.) A wise person once said, when you lose, don’t lose the lesson. That said, I have gotten interested in documentaries. I’d consider making a documentary. I find people’s lives very interesting.
1964
See story about John Cay.

1967
See story about Albert Wallace.

1969
John H. Leopold retired in 2011 from a career in helicopter aviation. He is an avid scuba diver and motorcyclist. He and his wife, Consuelo were wed in 1982, and are still together. He is looking forward to his 50th class reunion.

1993
Associated Press (AP) news correspondent, Christopher Sherman, profiled in the Winter 2015 Review, won three major journalism awards this year. He and two colleagues received a First Place National Headliner Award in the “International news beat coverage or continuing story by an individual or team” category for their series, “Thousands of Mexican families mourn the ‘other disappeared.’” The stories focused on the thousands of missing people who are mourned in the shadow of Mexico’s 43 missing students. The disappearance of the 43, Sherman wrote, “gave hundreds of other families who had loved ones vanish the courage to come forward, many for the first time, to report the crimes. These, they said, were the ‘other disappeared.’” Sherman added, “more than 25,500 people disappeared in Mexico between 2007 and July 31, 2015.”

The three AP journalists earned a prestigious Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism Dart Award for the same series. They were also honored by the Overseas Press Club of America (OPC) with the Robert Spiers Benjamin Award for the “best reporting in any medium on Latin America.” The OPC recognized journalists who produced excellent international reporting in hostile climates. “Journalists covering these events now face a more hazardous climate with a growing number of limitations to free speech across the globe,” OPC said.

1995
David A. Wanger and Diane D. Truong are happy to announce their engagement. David is the uncle of Alex Romine ’20. Diane is the daughter of Suol Truong and Diana Bul, and the step-daughter of Cuong Nguyen. David is the son of Linda and H. Alexander Wanger, MD. A November wedding in New Orleans, LA is planned. See photo.

1997
Adam Shampaine (Trustee) and his wife welcomed their new baby, Coco Marina Shampaine this spring. She is their third child and their first girl.

1998
Wynne Beers reported that he and his wife, Nikki arrived in Kinshasa (Capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo) in January and settled in well. Nikki has made friends within the sizable embassy community, and will take a job this fall teaching AP Calculus and AP Statistics at TASOK (The American School of Kinshasa). Wynne is enjoying his job as an Army attaché. His French is improving and he is proud to report that he learned French well enough in high school (rather than through the Defense Language Institute or Foreign Service Institute) that he could pass the exams and become a French-language focused officer. In April, he was selected to gap-fill the position as Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché in Juba, South Sudan. He was there until the end of June. He served as the Ambassador’s primary contact for military and defense matters, engaging with foreign generals and liaising with UN forces.

2004
Daniel S. Park has been living in NYC for about 12 years. He is working as a financial analyst.

2005
Heartie Dunnan is now living in New York City. She recently graduated from Harvard Business School and is engaged to be married to Colin Daddino on July 9, 2016 by Father Dunnan in Maine.
2006
See update on Tom Louderback, under 2012.

2007
Read talk by Scholars’ Dinner speaker, Zachary Buzzell.

2008
See update on Sarah Louderback, under 2012.

2011
Connor Redmond has been working in the film industry in Hollywood. See story.

2012
John and Kris Louderback wrote to share that they are thankful that their children, Tom ’06, Sarah ’08, and Ben ’12 each had the opportunity to grow through their time at Saint James. The couple

shared that Saint James truly served and prepared each one of them well.

David Prehn graduated from Sewanee magna cum laude and with honors in history on May 8, 2016. He expressed that it’s hard to believe he graduated from SJS four years ago and conveyed his appreciation to Father Dunnan.

Ted Leslie wrote to share that Emily Leslie ’11 is employed by the Santa Barbara (CA) New Press as a news correspondent. Ashley Leslie has been accepted at Carnegie Mellon University and will pursue a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences.

Faculty
Violet Wilberton, the daughter of Mrs. Megan Wilberton (English) and her husband, Brendan, was baptized in May in the Saint James Chapel.

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In Memorium
Thomas Campbell Grier ’49 died on August 9, 2015.

Ralph B. Yardley, Jr. ’76 died on March 14, 2016. He was the step-brother of Michael S. Seely ’73.

Judge William “Bill” Watkins Wenner ’48 died on May 27, 2016. He was named President Emeritus of the Board of Trustees. (See story for more about his life.)

Judith Nancy Peisen died on May 31, 2016. She was the mother of Rachel Peisen Parks ’89.

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The Honorable William Watkins Wenner ’48, retired judge of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, 3rd Appellate Circuit, died on May 27, 2016 in Adamstown, MD. He was 85.

Born on September 24, 1930, Judge Wenner resided in Brunswick, MD for most of his life. After graduating from the University of Maryland Law School, he and his wife Lila returned to Brunswick in 1959.

The judge graduated from Saint James School in 1948. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio in 1952 and an LL.B. from the University of Maryland Law School in Baltimore in 1958. He held an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, MD after having taught Business Law there for many years. He served as staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean conflict from 1952-54, stationed at Fort Belvoir in Vienna, VA.

William Wenner as pictured in the Bai Yuka in 1948.
He served as President of the Saint James School Board of Trustees from 1974 until Admiral James L. Holloway III, ’39 assumed this position in 1989. The judge was also chairman of the board of Maryland Blue Cross Blue Shield and a longtime leader in the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. He was also a member and past president of the Brunswick Rotary Club; the Frederick Kiwanis Club, and the Frederick Touchdown Club; as well as the Maryland Club in Baltimore.

“Judge Wenner was a tremendously loyal son of Saint James who was a thoughtful and steady leader of the Board during a particularly challenging and tumultuous time for boarding schools. A distinguished jurist and devoted churchman, he and his wife Lila ‘lived and breathed’ Saint James and flew the flag for us throughout the state and diocese,” said Father Dunnan.

In the course of a distinguished career in the legal field, Judge Wenner began as an associate of the Frederick, MD law firm of Richard E. Zimmerman in 1959. He served as Frederick County Assistant States Attorney from 1962-64 before forming a partnership with Frederick attorney and future Judge Herbert L. Rollins in 1966. The firm eventually grew to become Rollins, Wenner, Price & Tisdale.

His judicial career began in 1978 when he was appointed Associate Judge of the Frederick County District Court 11 by Governor Blair Lee. Judge Wenner was later appointed to the Frederick County Circuit Court, 6th Judicial Circuit, by Governor Lee in 1980 and was elected to a full term in 1982 by a resounding margin. Marked by his capstone appointment by Governor Harry Hughes to the State Court of Special Appeals in 1985, Maryland’s 2nd highest court, he was Chairman of the Judicial Ethics Committee from 1990-2000. He was the first Frederick County lawyer appointed to one of Maryland’s highest courts.

“Lila always said that she considered Saint James to be Bill's 'other wife,' and figured that she was now an alumna as well,” continued Father Dunnan. “Judge Wenner was always available on the phone when I had a question about how best to respond in a crisis, and there were a few in my early years especially. He was wonderfully calm and supportive, and he gave wise advice which has stood the test of time. I loved them both, and I will miss them very much. I particularly enjoyed their lively sense of humor and their evident joy in each other. They were great fun to be around, and it was good news when they were coming to the party.”

Judge Wenner is survived by his son Peter and wife Maria Wenner of San Francisco; daughter Eleanor Wenner Kerr and husband Stuart Kerr of University Park, MD; granddaughter, Marian Kerr of Washington, DC; and sister Ann Wenner Osteen and husband Dr. C. Lamont Osteen of Savannah, GA. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, the former Lila Ward Chichester, in 2014.
### 2016 - 2017
#### SAINT JAMES SCHOOL CALENDAR

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**(may not sign out overnight)**

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School will be scheduled for a total of 173 days. Academic classes will be held IF needed for make-up days on Feb. 3, April 21 and April 24.
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21st Annual Saint James Golf Classic

REGISTER NOW

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016

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