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As the year 2016 came to a close, so too did a beloved theatre tradition. December's *Saint George and the Dragon* marked Mr. Collin's final holiday production at Saint James. The Second Form student actors put on one of the liveliest performances in recent years and created memories that will last a lifetime. Discover how this legacy will live on, and mark your calendars for *Bye Bye Birdie* (more on page 14).



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The varsity girls' basketball team enjoyed its most successful season in Saint James School history. Their final record of 19-6 tells only a small part of their overall success. See the season recap on page 30.



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In this captivating photo by Bob Fu '18, the moon appears to be held within the embrace of the ancient poplar tree that has stood sentinel for centuries. As Saint James prepares to celebrate 175 years next fall, it seems fitting that this living testament to strength, resilience, growth, and longevity would continue to stand watch over generations of students—all the while welcoming the rise and fall of the moon each evening.

CHORISTERS ON THE ROAD

Winter chills did not deter the choir from a busy tour schedule that included visits to PA and NJ, the Washington National Cathedral, St. John's Episcopal Church in Hagerstown, and St. James Church in Baltimore on April 2nd. Of particular note was the lovely National Cathedral Choral Evensong. Enjoy the choristers and Father Dunnan on video, here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yviOsi6iPIQ>



Lessons & Carols

The holidays wouldn't be the holidays without this special Saint James tradition. Lessons & Carols blends scripture and music into one of the most memorable services of the year. This year, despite wintry weather, members of the Saint James community came from far and wide to celebrate the season.



Saint James and St. Maria Goretti Team-Up to Support A Great Cause

In January, the Saints and the Gaels, long-time cross-town rivals, joined forces to raise awareness about the dangers of drug use, and to support Brooke's House, a planned rehabilitation facility for adult women recovering from

alcohol and substance use disorder. Although the Saints were defeated, the two schools raised over \$5,000 to benefit this worthy cause.



Introducing Our Newest Addition

One of the things that makes Saint James School special is its residential campus. The School is blessed to have a generous community of donors who have purchased and donated houses for faculty use. Most recently, Mrs. Dona Young (Trustee) and her husband Roland (parents of Taylor '09), and Mr. Leo Rocca (grandfather of Thomas Rocca '13) supported the construction of a lovely new duplex that will house two families next fall. The structure (shown) stands beside Fulton house where Ms. Pollock and Mr. Collin currently reside, and overlooks the Bai Yuka. Construction will be completed in the coming months. We are most grateful to these generous donors for a gift that will support generations of Saint James School faculty.



LILLIAN NOEL '19 AND SAINT JAMES SCHOOL RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S SERVICE AWARDS FROM THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Last June, devastating floods swept through Richwood, West Virginia, submerging much of the bucolic coal and lumber town. By the time the rushing waters retreated, 23 people were left dead throughout the waterlogged state.

"The whole town of Richwood was wiped out. They didn't have a grocery store or businesses. People's homes washed away, and they couldn't get to the nearest stores," said Fourth Former Lillian "Lilly" Noel '19, a Shepherdstown, WV, resident. "They didn't have enough supplies, and roads were blocked from the flooding."

After the devastating event, Shepherdstown adopted the town of Richwood to assist with flood relief. When Noel and her family heard residents were gathering supplies to aid Richwood, they wanted to help.

"My mom has always been into community service and has encouraged us to help others," said Noel. "She thought this would be a great opportunity to involve the school."

Noel began by enlisting the help of fellow Shepherdstown residents and classmates Shea Pena '19, Roula Hammer '19, Alex Romine '20, and Nirmal Singletary '19. The team then joined forces with Dean of Students, Mr. Michael MacEwen. "Mr. MacEwen helped us organize a paid casual day so we were able to raise money for food and school supplies," said Noel. "He let me put banners around school and boxes in dorms for collection of canned goods. He also put details about it in the Parent Newsletter to raise awareness and attract support," she continued.

With the help of the Saint James community, Noel and her cohorts raised more than \$1,000. They allocated \$600 for canned goods, and \$400 for school supplies—contributions that did not go unnoticed. When the shipment arrived, Richwood residents had access to few supplies. "The delivery was a blessing from God," said Noel.

Shortly thereafter, she received thank you letters from Richwood's elementary school and the city's Mayor. "I felt so good about it. There is so much joy that you get out of giving to others. Even when people only give a few dollars, it all adds up and makes a difference," she stated.

The Office of the Governor also recognized Noel's effort. "Our office is so thankful for the people from all over the country who have assisted West Virginia in this time of need. West Virginia is truly grateful," said Joy Osbourn



Lewis, Regional Representative for the Office of Governor Earl Ray Tomblin (WV).

Governor Tomblin's recognition went one step further when he awarded both Noel and Saint James School, Governor's Service Awards in recognition of the relief effort. "The annual Governor's Service Awards recognize those who dedicate countless hours of their time to help those in need and build a brighter future for West Virginia," said Governor Earl Ray Tomblin.

"The Awards recognize outstanding individuals and organizations for extraordinary service and commitment to their communities."

Noel plans to continue her work with Richwood residents. "My mom worked in disaster relief for the Red Cross. She has emphasized the importance of continuing efforts over time," said Noel. "My hope is to go back to do more over spring break and long weekend." †

Why was this effort so important to you?

In many towns throughout WV, you don't see children playing outside. Everything is falling apart and fading away. You wish you could do everything for all of the towns that are struggling right now. A lot of times, kids can't get out of these places. They don't always have opportunities. All they know are coal mines because that's what their parents and grandparents did. My dad, my sisters, and I love to backpack in southern WV. I would love to see the state draw more tourists to enjoy the natural beauty of the state.

Could you share a little about your love of music? (Noel is an accomplished fiddle and violin player.)

One of the reasons I am drawn to old-time music is meeting people and attending festivals like the Clifftop Festival near Davis. There are hundreds of people playing in jam sessions. I play classical violin and fiddle and have been playing since I was eight-years-old. My mom plays the piano and my dad loves music. He introduced me to bluegrass. My mom enjoys classical and folk music. Old-time bands such as Furnace Mountain are great. I love acoustic music in general. I started a folk music club with Mr. Collin and Martin McGuigan '17. We performed in Chapel and are getting more members. We play Bruce Springsteen, Old Crow Medicine Show, and old bluegrass songs.

ROULA HAMMER '19 TAKES HONORS IN SPEECH COMPETITIONS

Roula Hammer is a high-achieving student and a highly accomplished young woman. This year, she added a new talent to her resume when she discovered her gift for spoken word.

The Fourth Form student took top honors in the Clopper-Michael Post 10 annual oratorical contest held on January 25th in Boonsboro, MD. Participants presented rehearsed speeches, eight and 10-minutes in length, covering an aspect of the U.S. Constitution, followed by shorter, unrehearsed speeches on a selected amendment. She won with her oration entitled, "The Runaway Jury." "This prepared speech discusses the 7th Amendment right to a trial by jury in civil, federal court," according to Hammer.

When the county-level oratorical contest was cancelled, she advanced to the district level—the third of five levels. This competition was held on Saturday, February 18th. Hammer earned an impressive second place finish, placing just behind a junior from a competing school in her third year of debate competition.

Although Hammer discovered her passion for oration this year, she is no stranger to public speaking. In addition to her rigorous dance schedule (5-6 nights per week), this multitasking young woman plays three instruments (cello, piano, and harp) and volunteers as a teenage lawyer for a Charlestown, WV program called Teen Court. Hammer and her fellow teenage litigators, who serve as prosecution and defense, hear real juvenile cases with a judge. +





Two Sixth Form Students Reflect on the Women's March on Washington



Photo by Lesley Gourley

From the Brexit vote to the Syrian crisis to the Turkish uprising, economic and political upheaval around the globe has sparked a kaleidoscopic year of events on the world stage. With shifting regimes, agendas, and landscapes at every turn, change seems the only constant, while certainty and status quo appear to be vestiges of the past.

Even Saint James School, nestled in its 675-acre refuge, and buffered from the nation's seat of power by roughly 70 miles, has not been unaffected. For much of the fall and winter, many students were captivated by the U.S. political election and by the nation's fluctuating priorities and policies post-election. Students supporting both parties engaged in a debate and other forums to express their views.

Several students and SJS alumni also attended the January Women's March on Washington, a nonpartisan event that drew women, men, and children together to raise their voices in support of women's rights, empowerment, and solidarity. We invited two students to share their experiences of this momentous event.

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Women's March on Washington Chandler Marshall '17

On January 21, 2017, I traveled to Washington, DC with my parents and brother to take part in the Women's March on Washington. Packed tight in a Metro car with hundreds of others, singing songs, and holding signs, we made our way into the city, prepared for a long day and lots of walking. No amount of preparation, however, could prepare me for what I experienced that day.

Going into the march, I was unsure of what to expect, but I was amazed at the tremendous turnout. Waves upon waves of women of every age, race, and religion flowed through the streets of our nation's capital. But it wasn't just women—there were an impressive number of men packed into the crowds. Entire families turned out and strollers rolled down the street next to grandmothers still fighting for equal pay for equal work. More than 500,000 people came to Washington, using their voices to make a difference and to make a stand, together, for what they believed in.

A variety of celebrities presented impassioned speeches



throughout the day, from Madonna to Scarlett Johansson to Gloria Steinem. They encouraged the audience and shared personal stories of overcoming adversity and embracing their identity. But for me, the real heroes of the day were the marchers who traveled so far and gave of their time to stand side-by-side with thousands of others to be counted.

There are those who question why I chose to march. I took part in the march to be a part of a better page in American history. I marched for refugees, for immigrants, for women,

for homosexuals and transgenders—for everyone—and for the America I want for my own children one day. When 500,000 people take to the streets in our nation's capital, it means something. There were many signs and messages on display that day, but the main theme of the march was the value of equality, tolerance, and compassion. When millions march across the country because they value these things, it's America waking up to its promise.



Photo by Lesley Gourley

Women's March on Washington Widad Khokhar '17

On January 21, 2017, five million people around the world marched to have their voices heard during a time when issues such as human rights, environmental policy, religious freedom, and immigrant rights are at risk. I was one of the half-million people who marched on Washington, and was inspired to be joined by my mother and sister, two of the strongest women I know. I was also greatly influenced by the intelligent and tenacious women I encounter every day, especially at school.

On the day of the march, I left my home feeling excited and motivated, but also slightly nervous. The news coverage leading up to the march had made it seem as if Washington, DC was going to be invaded by hordes of angry, violent people. But as soon as I arrived at the Shady Grove Metro Station, my mind was put immediately at ease.

What I saw were people of different races, genders, ages, and backgrounds coming together for a multitude



of different causes. I saw children as young as three with their own posters made with crayons. I saw women who had been fighting for women's rights since the 1960s, and I saw men who understood that women's rights are human rights.

As I interacted with more and more people, I came to the understanding that there was no single reason to join the march, and that many people in attendance had conflicting views of their own. While there were feelings of anger and worry due to the event that had taken place the day before the march, the issues that the people in

attendance continue to fight for are still going to exist. The march was able to be a source of motivation for many people, including myself, and its aftermath has started something even greater. I returned from the day feeling not only inspired and awakened by the people I had met, but also, after a long time, hopeful.



Photo by Lesley Courley

Spring Break Adventures

During spring break, Ms. Clyburn and Mr. MacEwen invited students to take in the wonders of Nicaragua, while Mr. and Mrs. Zawie journeyed across the Atlantic to give students a taste of Italy.

Nicaragua

The group stayed at the Peace Project, a hostel and non-profit in Laguna De Apoyo that was founded in 2011 by alumni **Mark McKaye '03** and his sister **Lara '07**. "The hostel is surrounded by trees and there is a lake nearby. It's paradise," said **Sean Rhee '17** who traveled to Nicaragua in 2016 and again this year.



Sean Rhee



"I returned because I love working with kids," said Rhee. The group spent afternoons at the Galanas School, a primary school near the Peace Project. "We volunteered for four days. We played soccer and other games, and held drawing competitions with the kids."

Another highlight was a trip to Lake Nicaragua. "We traveled to an amazing island in the middle of the lake and took a kayak tour," said Rhee. On the island, Rhee met a Brazilian photographer who rode her bike from Mexico to Nicaragua and was eager to communicate, albeit in Spanish. "She had lots of travel stories, and learning to talk with her got me out of my comfort zone," said Rhee. He also enjoyed the opportunity to connect with Peace Project volunteers (shown) who come from all over the world. "They were great people," said Rhee who hopes to major in International Relations.





Italy

Samantha Brown '20, who has long dreamed of an Italian adventure, jumped at the opportunity to travel with the Zawie's and her fellow classmates. "It's my number 1 place to go," said the Third Form student who has watched films set in the European country and found the real thing to be "just like the movies."

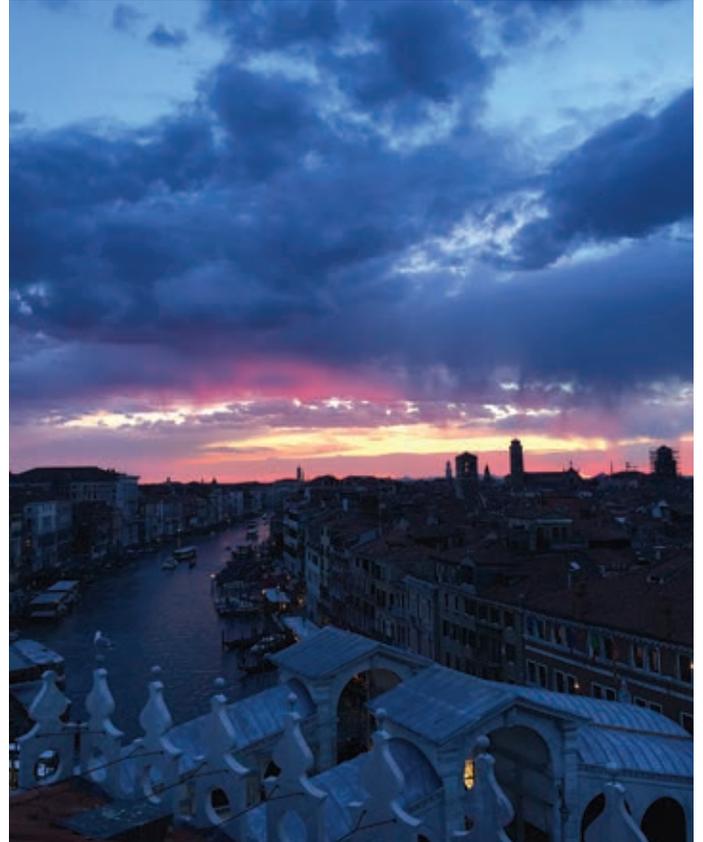


Samantha Brown

"I didn't think I would like Venice," said Brown. "But when we saw the sunset from the top of a five-story building, I loved it. We had panoramic views of the entire city," she noted. See photo by **Andrew Shen '18**.

Brown was also taken with Tuscany. "It was so pretty!" she exclaimed. "We passed lots of vineyards and finally arrived at a farm where we had lunch. They made their own olive oil, which was great. Then, they gave us a tour of their farm in the afternoon and we got to see their cows."

Rome and Florence were also highlights. Brown and her comrades enjoyed sight-seeing and moments of free time in which to explore the cities. She also savored the food. "We went to a cooking school and got to make salad, pasta, and dessert. Then, we were able to enjoy it together."



SAINT JAMES WELCOMES FOUR NEW TRUSTEES



Ms. Maria Karos '82



Dr. David Ludwick



Mr. Joseph Steven Pajer



The Revd. Dr. Walter Lawrence Prehn, III

Throughout much of Saint James School's history, the institution has been governed by an august group of advisors who have played an integral role in charting the School's course and stewarding its resources. The School's Trustees represent diverse backgrounds, and bring expertise in the business, financial, legal, philanthropic, and non-profit sectors, among others. Whether they view Saint James through the lens of an alumnus, past-parent, friend of the School, or all three, the School's Board members share one thing in common—an abiding love for, and dedication to Saint James and its mission. Many Trustees have served Saint James for decades, deftly guiding the institution through adversity, and preserving its mission, vision, and values.

This year, Saint James welcomed four new members to the Board. It is an honor to introduce Ms. Maria Karos '82, Dr. David Ludwick, Mr. Joseph Steven Pajer, and Dr. Walter Lawrence Prehn, III.

Maria Katina Karos graduated from Saint James School in 1982.

Her appointment holds a special distinction. She is the first alumna to serve on the Board.

As a student, Ms. Karos was a member of the Orpheus Society, the Irving Society, Choir, Yearbook Club, and the Library Committee, among others. She was also an athlete whose sports included dance, field hockey, tennis, and swimming.

She received her B.A. in Economics from Randolph-Macon Woman's College before earning her J.D. from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. Since graduating from law school, she has been in private practice in Dallas, specializing in business litigation and defense of catastrophic injury cases. She has tried cases throughout the country and was recently inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates. This accomplished alumna is also a member of the International Association of Defense Council, the National Association of Women Lawyers, and serves as a Board Member for the Women in the Law Empowerment Forum. Ms. Karos is married to John W. Newby, and is engaged in a variety

of community service initiatives, including the Dallas-area Boys and Girls Club, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Jonathan's Place, and the North Texas Food Bank.

Ms. Karos brings to the Board a love for Saint James School, and an understanding of the challenges teenagers confront in school. Her legal background, leadership skills, and financial knowledge will be assets to the School and the Board. She also seeks to encourage and inspire young women to reach beyond their dreams.

David Ludwick is the father of three Saint James School alumni: Andrew '11, John '14, and Leanne '16. During his children's time at Saint James, Dr. Ludwick contributed to the School in many ways.

He received his B.A. in Political Science from Bucknell University before pursuing graduate work in Biology at the same university. He attended the Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, where he earned his M.D. He is Board Certified in Ophthalmology and Internal Medicine.

Dr. Ludwick has been President of the Ludwick Eye Center since

1997. He is also Medical Director of the Ludwick Laser and Surgery Center, a position he has held since 2007. He currently serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Hershey Medical Center and The Ohio State University College of Optometry, and serves on the Board of Governors for the Summit Surgery Center of Chambersburg. He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and holds memberships in several medical societies.

He is married to Gabrielle Ludwick. Dr. Ludwick is member of the Lions Club, and has participated in medical missionary trips to Thailand and Mexico. He also established the "I Care" food drive to help support local food pantries. Dr. Ludwick brings entrepreneurial and business experience to the Board, as well as innovative ideas for strategic planning and strong support of the School's values.

Joseph Steven Pajer is the father of Elliot Pajer who graduated from Saint James in 2015. During Elliot's time at Saint James, Mr. Pajer was actively involved with the School.

He received his B.S. in Civil Engineering and Engineering & Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University before earning his M.S. in Public Management & Policy from his alma mater. He earned an Executive MBA from the Katz School of Management at the University of Pittsburgh.

Since 2012, he has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Thinklogical, LLC, in Milford, CT, a technological company that helps industries

securely control, distribute, and manage video-rich data and content. He is responsible for growing the company from \$25 million to more than \$50 million, and doubling the number of employees. Mr. Pajer previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer for Vocollect, Inc., an integrated software and hardware company. He has also worked as an executive for Marconi, Plc., FORE Systems, Inc., Compaq Computer Corporation, and AT&T Corporation.

He is married to Deborah Pajer, and is the father of three children. His community service is extensive. He is co-founder and co-director of the Pittsburgh Christian Hockey Camp, founded to introduce youth to the sport in a Christian environment. Mr. Pajer also serves on the boards of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and the Pittsburgh Technology Council. He is a seasoned business executive known for his critical thinking, vision, planning, and leadership.

The Revd. Dr. Walter Lawrence Prehn, III is the father of David K.M. Prehn who graduated from Saint James in 2012. He received his B.A. in History from Texas A&M University before earning his M.Div. at Nashotah House Seminary in Wisconsin. He earned a Ph.D. in the History of American Education from the University of Virginia.

Father Prehn serves as the Headmaster of Trinity School in Midland, Texas, a Pre-K2 through 12 independent Episcopal school with an enrolment of 628 students. From 2005-2010, he was Assistant Rector

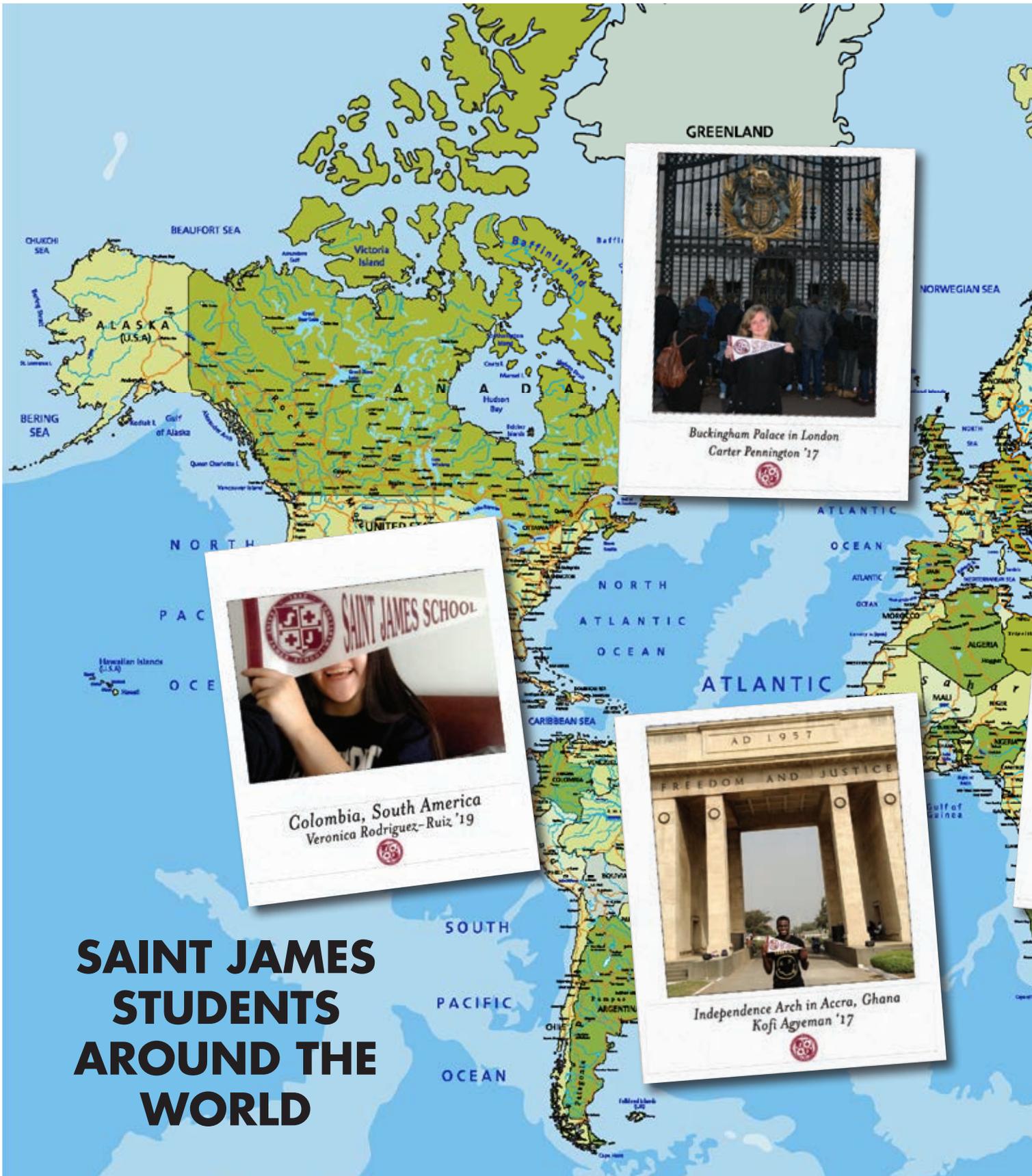
and Chaplain at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church and School in San Antonio where he provided pastoral leadership in a parish of 874 households. Dr. Prehn also served as Chaplain and Assistant Head of School at The Episcopal School of Texas.

Father Prehn and his wife have three children. He is a member of the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the History of Education Society, and the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church. He is also a member of the Parent Council at Sewanee: The University of the South, and a trustee for The Living Church Foundation.

The Reverend Prehn has a deep and passionate commitment to the mission of Saint James School, and a practical knowledge of how that mission may be implemented. He also brings a background as a priest and headmaster. †

Trustee Emeritus Adna Fulton Named Person of the Year

In January, Adna Fulton was named 2016 Person of the Year by the *Herald-Mail* Media. Mr. Fulton has long served on the Saint James School Board of Trustees, and has supported the School generously for many decades as a parent, grandparent, and Trustee Emeritus. The Barbara J. Fulton Academic Building is one of many testaments to the generosity of Mr. Fulton and his family. He is most deserving of this award. Fulton is the 18th person to be named *Herald-Mail* Media's Person of the Year, which is awarded to someone who makes a positive contribution to the community.



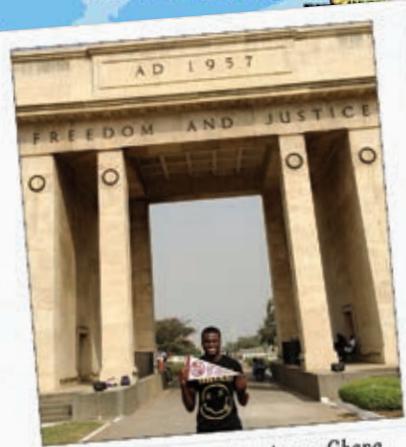
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Buckingham Palace in London
Carter Pennington '17



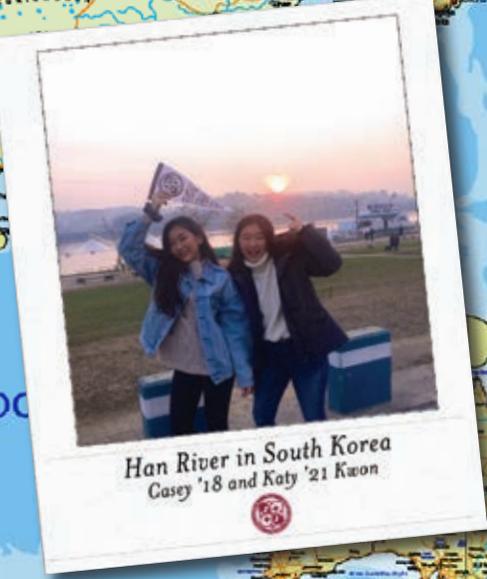
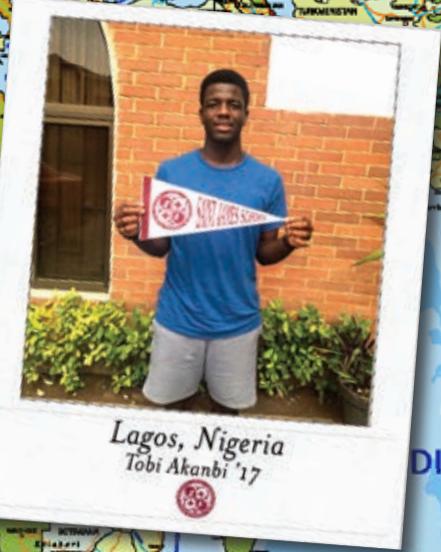
Colombia, South America
Veronica Rodriguez-Ruiz '19



Independence Arch in Accra, Ghana
Kofi Agyeman '17



SAINT JAMES STUDENTS AROUND THE WORLD



DANCERS TAKE FLIGHT IN THE WINTER SHOWCASE

Dancers work for months to choreograph and prepare for February's much-anticipated Winter Showcase.

This year, 29 dancers performed 14 routines. Eleven showcases were choreographed and directed by the students. Video of the stage performance is also available on the School's

YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SaintJamesSchoolMD>



Holiday Soiree



THE MUMMERS' SOCIETY PRESENTATION OF

SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON

Mr. Collin's Finale



Saint George and the Dragon opened to a full house on December 20th, with additional audiences enjoying the fun from the Kerfoot Refectory. For the first time, members of the SJS community could also get into their PJs, grab some popcorn, and cheer on their favorite characters from home via the livestream video feed (although there were some technical glitches).

The Second Form class, with a little help from several seasoned

Fifth and Sixth Form actors (along with Ms. Clyburn and Mr. MacEwen as Watson and Sherlock Holmes), brought lively, energetic performances, and a few memorable dance moves to the Kellam Auditorium. This marked the 23rd and final performance directed by Mr. Collin. However, in his opening remarks, he reminded audiences that next year (and in the years to follow), *Saint George and the Dragon* would live on in their hearts.

Video Performance: Despite some technical mishaps, the livestream captured many memorable moments. To view the video footage, fast forward to 20.24, which marks the beginning of the play: <https://youtu.be/ZkW6lqLvuSg>





Mr. Collin's Plays Live On

Although Mr. Collin will bid farewell this spring, he leaves behind an extraordinary legacy. The English teacher and Drama Director has directed more than 100 plays. He is also a published playwright. *Reindeer Games* may strike a chord with those who wish to read and remember *Saint George and the Dragon* in perpetuity.

Reindeer Games - A Christmas Panto for Young and Olde! Available here:

<http://www.leicesterbaytheatricals.com>

His other published works include:

I Love You When It's Raining, Roy G. Biv
(Lazy Bee Scripts)

The Man in Seat 24, Or The Uninvited Guest
(Brooklyn Publishers)

You Don't Have to Feed a Cello
(Heuer Publishing)

The Mistake (Heuer Publishing)

Delia Dancer, Doughnut Girl
(Heuer Publishing)



Upcoming Arts Events

April 29

Student Art Show in Kemp Hall, 9:00 am

May 26 & 27

Spring Musical - Bye Bye Birdie, 7:30 pm



ALEX BROUSSARD '96:

MEET A TECH WIZ WHO GOOGLED HIS WAY TO SUCCESS

A full understanding of Alex Broussard's work requires some degree of technical literacy. Yet, one thing is clear—the young entrepreneur and software developer has reached a pinnacle of success in his field. While in his twenties, he and a colleague co-founded EpikOne, a startup with a platinum client list including, Sony, Best Buy, eBay and Wells Fargo. The pair's success at boosting their clients' online revenue fueled EpikOne's meteoric growth before the company was sold in 2010.

The Saint James alumnus grew up in VA on the

outskirts of the District of Columbia. Broussard studied economics and computer science at Colgate University before moving with his wife, Anne to the Green Mountain State. The proud parents of three boys, Luke (11), Theoden (8), and Oliver (3), Alex coaches lacrosse and chess and Anne (also an entrepreneur), owns a child play space, The Wiggle Room.

Read on to learn more about this cultured, down-to-earth entrepreneur who is dedicated to much more than making a profit.



Alex and Anne Broussard

1. Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Vienna, VA with my parents as an only child. My mother is French and I grew up speaking French and English at home.

2. Why did you choose Saint James School?

I was not doing well in the public school system. My parents thought a private school might be more my speed. I started Saint James in the Third Form. The first year was a little shaky but the competitiveness in-and-outside the classroom was a good fit for my intensity and I soon got into the rhythm and loved every moment of it!

3. Did you have a favorite subject?

Not really. I liked most subjects. What I remember most are the teachers: Mr. Collin's English classes, Mr. Hoyer drawing perfect circles in Geometry, and Father Dunnan's Modern European History. These teachers became mentors and then friends. In the end, I studied and did the work not for myself, but for them. I was determined to put as much effort into learning as they put into teaching me.

4. Did you have a favorite club or activity? Sport?

I really enjoyed being in a play called *The Curious Savage*. One of my best friends at Saint James, Hawley Van Wyck '96, who would have been 40 this year, loved the theatre program. Getting to participate in a play with him during our Sixth Form year was a blast.

I was Captain of the lacrosse team, and of the now defunct Squash Team. I also was an All-County linebacker on the undefeated 1995-96 football team.

5. Can you share a favorite SJS memory?

My favorite memory would have to be the last football game of my Sixth Form year. We faced our rivals, Mercersburg at home on a perfect fall day. Both teams were 8-0. Mercersburg had bussed 90 percent of its student body over for the game. We won that day, vanquishing our rivals and finishing the season a perfect 9-0. It was the last time I ever played football and it felt like we had won the Superbowl. Mr. Meehan '65 didn't stop smiling for a month!

6. Do you have any personal or professional advice for students?

Don't shy away from Computer Science and remember the lessons about morality and ethics that you learn at Saint James. They are the guideposts to success.

7. As a student, were you interested in IT? What stimulated, or nurtured this interest?

Not at all. I liked video games but that was the extent of my IT interest. My father Danny was the one who really believed that technology and programming were going to take off. He strongly encouraged me to take a programming class in college.

I got a C in Computer Science IO1, and was well on my way to failing the IO2 class when I had that "eureka"

"The Curious Savage"



Standing (L to R): Hawley Van Wyck, Sarah Hood, Fran Connolly, Erich Hippensteele, Julia McDonald, Kate Funkhouser, Alex Broussard. Sitting (L to R): Anna Taylor, Darden Pickall, Ryan Sanders, Ian Fleming, Jen Reineck.

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moment during a test. In that one instant, a semester-and-a-half of struggling and confusion crystallized into pure comprehension. After that, I was hooked and knew it was something at which I could be successful.

8. **You currently reside in the Burlington, VT area. What led you to VT, and what do you love about this part of the country?**
My wife Anne! She had heard great things about Burlington. After Father Dunnan married us in the fall of 2003, we packed our bags, moved up here, and never looked back.

Burlington has a little of everything. The people who have moved here share a desire to work and play. My wife and I love to ski and snowboard. In fact, as I write this, the March Nor'easter is blowing in and all I can think about is how good a powder day it is going to be at Stowe tomorrow! The summers are great—golf is never crowded and the deep purple sunsets on the lake, with the silhouette of the Adirondacks in the background, are stunning.

9. **You began your career in 2000 working as part of a software development team at IXI Corporation. What kind of work did you do?**
I learned the ropes of programming, databases, servers, user interfaces and all the stuff that runs the web. I was the youngest member of a very experienced six-person team and it was a great first



Alex and his AP US History classmates. Front row: Gretchen Ulrich '95, Jon Sprague '96. Back Row: Mr. Heavey, Warren Hedges '96, Alex, Anna Taylor '96, Jamie Gardner '96, and Dan Rudy.

job. I learned so much from the other developers there. It really kicked-off my professional career.

10. **Can you share a little about your entrepreneurship and business experiences?**

My mother was an entrepreneur and so I always had the itch to try something on my own. After moving to Burlington, I was working as a web developer for a creative agency. Arguments over the hue of buttons and font sizes started to drive me a little mad. I left eight months later and started EpikOne with another one of my coworkers.

11. **What did EpikOne do?**

It was a web analytics consultancy that focused on digital marketing and data. We looked at the

numbers when helping clients with site redesigns, e-commerce optimizations, and general digital strategy. This was cutting edge at the time both because Digital Advertising was a nascent industry, and the tools for taking very IT centric metrics and using them for marketing, had just barely come to market.

12. **What does it mean to you to own your own business?**

It's a great feeling. My main motivation was the freedom that it provides in terms of managing time and work. It took a while to figure out. But eventually, we got the hang of it.

13. **What does it take to launch your own IT startup?**

A lot of time and a healthy dose of luck! There is always



Alex and his family enjoy a day on the slopes.

MORE ABOUT ThinkMD

ThinkMD was founded in 2014 to develop solutions to a growing shortage of healthcare professionals and systemic challenges in healthcare delivery. The company produces an integrated, point-of-care clinical assessment technology for mobile devices that enables users to gather patient information, assess the severity of illness, and provide established triage and treatment recommendations. This resource will expand the clinical capacity of healthcare workers and increase people's access to healthcare. The founders envision a world where new approaches, systems, and knowledge can lead to extending global access to healthcare for everyone, everywhere.

Learn more: www.thinkmd.org/

something that needs to be done, something that could be done better, or something that could be done differently. We were able to forge a partnership with a small company called Urchin Analytics to support and sell their software. One year later, Urchin was bought by Google and became Google Analytics. We went from two people in a warehouse to 20—along with a partnership with the biggest brand in tech.

14. How then did you end up in France working for Nurun?

In 2010, we split the company. We sold half of it to Nurun, an international marketing agency, and the other half to Dealer.com, another very successful

local startup. Nurun's biggest office was in Paris. Since I had French citizenship and am fluent in French, it was a relatively easy move to work in France. I became the Director of Analytics for the company, working with the other offices across Europe, Asia and North America.

15. What are your next steps (personally or professionally)?

I recently started working for another startup here in Burlington called ThinkMD. It was formed by two pediatric physicians at the University of Vermont with the goal of helping sick children in impoverished countries. It's a great team, a great mission, and we're right at that most exciting

stage in a startup where you start the engines and see how far you can go.

16. What else would you like Saint James School alumni and members of the community to know about you?

We are moving back to France this summer. My family and I are excited to pick up where we left off and enjoy all that expat life has to offer!

A Sermon

For the MAESA Evensong at the National Cathedral
Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017

The Revd. Dr. D. Stuart Dunnan

*“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set
before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life.”*

(Deut. 30.19)

In nomine . . .

Let me begin by saying what a pleasure and honor it is for me to be your preacher this afternoon.

As my students at Saint James know perhaps a little too well, I grew up here on the Cathedral Close, from Beauvoir nursery school all the way through the sixth form at St. Albans. I was also a Cathedral chorister and then sang in the men’s choir when my voice changed, and of course sang in the Glee Club and Madrigals.

And here is the real confession: this service was my idea, as I pushed for it when I was President of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Episcopal Schools, but an idea of course that others have brought to fruition, so our thanks to them, most especially to Ben Hutto, Michael McCarthy, and Claudia Tielking. But, if any of you choristers are resenting your personal sacrifice of a Sunday afternoon to sing in church, you can just blame me.

But if you, like me when I was a boy, find yourself really enjoying this, even feeling uplifted by the power and beauty of this setting, the music, and the liturgy, then receive the gift that God and his church is giving you, and let your spirit soar with the angels.

And let me just tell you, as one singer to all you others, although I am now also a priest, that there is a reason

why David could speak so intimately and powerfully with the God of Israel: he could sing. Because, as I hope you will discover, it is by singing that we open our hearts and not just our minds to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and around us – in sacred space and sacred time especially.

But now that I am back here where I grew up, my memories direct me back to my choirmaster, Dr. Paul Calloway, who was a constant in my life for eight years.

Now, Dr. Calloway was a remarkable man and a truly great musician. He could make the great organ sing with his agile feet and flying hands, and he could make us sing with the intensity of his purpose and his intimidating presence. Remarkably, he was not physically big or impressive. He was actually very short and not particularly handsome. We called him “Small Paul” behind his back, as most of the second formers were taller than he was. He was also not very friendly. Reserved and shy, he was a man of few words who had no desire to please us. It was our job to please him. To be honest, in retrospect, he was probably hung over many mornings, or “under the weather”, as our parents used to say, so he had little patience for a

bunch of squirrely, energetic, and silly little boys.

Frankly, as a headmaster, I can’t imagine the phone calls that the Headmaster of St. Albans would receive from “concerned” parents if Dr. Calloway were directing the choir today. We were not the “consumers” of his “services”, and neither were our parents. We worked for him in his service of art and his service of God, and our parents were not involved.

So, this is how we began every day, Monday through Friday. Dr. Calloway would mount the platform in silence, and we would take our places. He would then lead us in our opening prayer: “May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be always acceptable in thy sight, Oh Lord, our strength and our redeemer.”

And then he would slam his chair on the hollow wood of the platform producing an echoing thud, and look to each side in turn ferociously: “now sit down, and shut up!” Which we promptly did. He would then shoot a scale up the keyboard with a Liberace flourish and proceed to warm us up.

And singing for Dr. Calloway took courage. God help you if you ever “zoned out” or worse, made a mistake. If he heard a wrong note,

he would go to the decani or cantores side and make us sing alone, then the row, then one half of the row, and then the one still singing incorrectly, but less confidently now. “No. You’re flat; you’re sharp; you have the interval or the rhythm or the note wrong.” Whatever it was, he identified it, and you fixed it.

I remember when I was very little he picked me to sing a solo and I got too nervous and flubbed it. He did not ask me again for a year or so, and I never flubbed a solo again.

Now, as I think about it, Dr. Calloway taught me some valuable lessons about life. In his single-minded, driven desire to make beautiful music with a treble section of fourth to eighth grade boys, he taught us that it was not about any one of us, or about all of us for that matter; it was about the music. He basically taught us at a very early age that we could do amazing things if we focused only on what we needed to do: not how we were feeling physically or emotionally, not what anyone else was doing, just what each and all of us needed to do. He taught us, in short, how to challenge ourselves to do the best we could do; he infused in us self-discipline, and he solicited from us courage. He taught us how to lose ourselves in the work which God had given us to do.

Now these are the lessons that all good teachers and all great coaches teach us with their annoying questions: “Why were you late? Is that the best you can do? Is that the truth?” And their uncomfortable observations: “you lost the game for us; you screwed up; you can’t do that yet; someone else can do that better than you.” But with these questions and observations come discoverable truths, which drive our growth and produce as a result new and remarkable achievements: “that was excellent; that was amazing; that was

beautiful; that was you.”

Parents of course are supposed to teach these lessons too, but it is hard for them to do this if they must constantly praise and stroke their children, if there can be no failures, and therefore no challenges, and if hurt feelings bring to a halt any real effort, or any need for self-sacrifice.

There is a story I often tell about my mother when I blanked on the piece I had memorized for a little piano concert in the third grade. “I don’t remember it,” I kept telling the very kind and overly nurturing piano teacher, creating an awkward silence which overwhelmed the room.

And then from the back of the room came the voice of God, channeled through my mother: “He remembers it.” And you know what? All of a sudden, I did.

And this is the voice of Moses to the Hebrews, which the writer of Deuteronomy depicts for us. They have spent their time in the wilderness, and they have come to the River Jordan. On the other side is the “Promised Land” for which they have waited, but it is full of walled cities with large armies, and suddenly the wilderness does not look so bad any more. So, Moses spells it out for them: “I put before you this day two choices: death and life. Choose life.” In short, show some courage and make an effort; deserve what God has given you.

Surely, this is an especially pertinent challenge for all of us today in our time of “safe zones” and entitlements. I serve on a university board and there is a great deal of concern on college campuses these days about the unhealthy response to “stress” which many undergraduates succumb to: self-harm, illegal drug use, binge drinking, eating disorders, and nervous breakdowns, etc. But an older trustee turned to me recently at a meeting on this subject and

observed very quietly, “exactly what ‘stress’ are they talking about? They only take four classes that meet once or twice a week.” She had a point.

Jesus similarly in the Gospel according to St. Matthew also delivers some hard truths to those who would follow him: don’t make it all about you; consider always the other instead of you. Don’t give in to the anger that leads to murder; don’t hold on to a grudge that makes and keeps enemies. Gain some perspective and exercise some self-control. Learn how to apologize, and learn how to hold your tongue. And all of this takes courage too. (Matt. 5.20-26)

Now isn’t this good advice for those who would lead our country these days, and many other countries too? “For all in authority over us?” And isn’t this good advice for all of us, especially all of you around me who are being so brilliantly educated for lives of real substance at Episcopal schools?

So, join with me in praise of Dr. Calloway, who did not spoil or pamper us, but rather challenged us to grow into the promise of his music, which he with his talent placed so selflessly before us. For this is indeed the challenge of Moses and the teaching of Jesus, which we have just heard: the promise of joy, love, and peace—the promise of a full and purposeful life. Not you are so wonderful just the way you are, but you can make the world more wonderful with all that God has given you - if only you can show some courage, make an effort, exercise some self-control, and make it always about “the other” and never about you.

For surely then, the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts will be acceptable in the sight of God, who is indeed our strength and our redeemer.

Amen.✝

Saint James Varsity Wrestling Team Claims MAC Championship

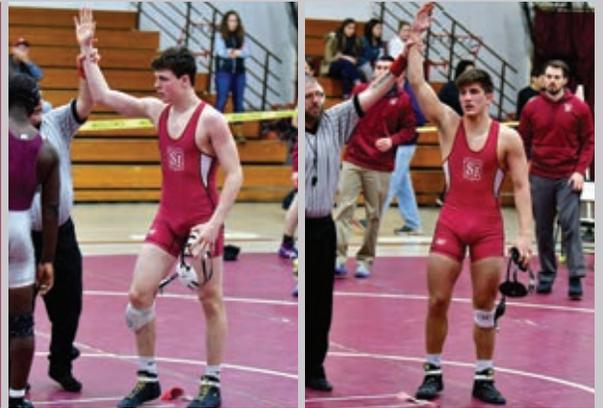
This was a banner year for the Saints' wrestling team. The varsity squad took top honors in the MAC Tournament held at Saint James School on February 10th! The wrestlers won the Championship, edging out Sidwell Friends by five points, 124-119.

Congratulations to this talented team and to Coach Lachut! To view final scores by weight class, please visit

www.stjames.edu/athletics/athletic-news

Team Scores

Team Name	Points	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
1. Saint James School	124.0	3	6	2	2	1	14
2. Sidwell Friends	119.0	4	2	5	2	1	14
3. The Potomac School	94.0	5	2	0	1	0	8
4. Georgetown Day School	58.0	1	4	0	1	1	7
5. St. Andrew's Episcopal School	57.0	1	0	5	2	1	9



Winter Athletic Award Winners

JV AWARD WINNERS

Boys' Basketball

Coaches Award	Zach Crampton
Most Improved Player	Miles Wyndham
Most Valuable Player	Robert Purnell

Girls' Basketball

Coaches Award	Mary James
Most Improved Player	Maddie Sappenfield
Most Valuable Player	Grace Bowers

Wrestling

Coaches Award	Andrew Shen
Most Improved Player	Nick Pank
Most Valuable Player	Parker Tribble

JR AWARD WINNERS

Boys' Basketball

Coaches Award	Carleton Walker
Most Improved Player	Marc Mbayo
Most Valuable Player	Jalen Miller

See sport recaps for varsity award winners



Winter varsity award winners from left to right (front row): Naydia Rowe, Lilly Noel, Elizabeth Fahey. Middle: TJ Quelet, Noel Patterson, Tucker Almany. Back: Isaiah Mucius, Bryce Golden, Omar Habwe.

TWO STUDENTS SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT

Surrounded by family, friends, and coaches, these two exceptional athletes signed letters to play Division III sports in college. Please join us in congratulating:
 Claire Randell Fulton — Washington and Lee

University, Division III, lacrosse
 Cole Mathew Menas — Gettysburg College, Division III, football



(left to right, first row): Mrs. Ann Fulton, Claire Fulton '17, Cole Menas '17, Mrs. Laura Menas. Back row: Father Dunnan (Headmaster), Mr. Mark Fulton '85, Mr. Rodney Menas

VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Coach Nate Naylor

MVP: Elizabeth Fahey

MIP: Lilly Noel

Coaches' Award: Naydia Rowe



This was the most successful season in varsity girls' basketball history at Saint James. The team's final record of 19-6 tells only a small part of their overall success. Over the course of the season, the team averaged over 54 points per game and gave up just 40. They averaged 15 steals and nearly four blocked shots per contest. They handed out nearly 10 assists per game, the measure of a strong team.

The season began on a strong note when the Saints won the Berkeley Springs High School Reeder's Tip-Off Tournament, defeating Frankfort High School and host Berkeley Springs. **Skylar Treadwell** (Third Form) was named the Tournament's Most Valuable Player. From there, the Saints knocked off local powerhouse

Smithsburg High School by 25 points, swept Clear Spring High School, Gerstell Academy, and IPSL rival, Mercersburg Academy. The team soundly defeated Middleburg Academy, Fort Hill, South Hagerstown, and Allegheny High Schools, as well as The Frederick Force Home School team. A particularly satisfying win came when the Saints traveled to Winchester, VA and defeated James Woods High School by fourteen points. This victory came just over a week after the Saints lost to James Woods at home. Also worthy of note is the fact that the girls did not lose a game between the first week of January and the second week of February.

While the Saints met with great success as a

team, there were a number of strong individual accomplishments and performances over the course of the season. Statistically, the Saints were led by Treadwell who averaged nearly 19 points, eight rebounds, two blocks, and four steals per game. Fourth Former **Christa Bartlett**, who started at the point guard slot, was a tremendous defender averaging more than five steals per game while handing out six assists and scoring more than nine points. **Morgan Moseley** (Third Form) and **Tessa Douglass** (Fourth Form) each averaged nearly nine points per game. Douglass shot a team-leading 63 percent from the free throw line to go along with six rebounds and just over two steals per game. Moseley averaged more than seven rebounds and two steals per contest. The Saints' only Sixth Form starter, **Liz Fahey**, was the team's most consistent defender and, as the season unfolded, became a key scorer, averaging nearly eight points a game over the last month of the season.

The Saints' bench made

a number of significant contributions to the team's success during the season. Fourth Former **Lilly Noel**, playing her first season on the varsity level, was a focused defender whose shooting improved significantly to the point where she hit some important three-point shots during the last few games of the season. Third Former **Rachel Levasseur**, playing her second season on the varsity level, was one of the first players off the bench at the guard slot. Over the course of the season, she improved significantly, especially as a shooter and passer. Sixth Formers **Chandler Marshall** and **Naydia Rowe** were also important to the team's success. Marshall was an aggressive defender, and Rowe, an accomplished shooter. Third Formers **Darcy Farrell**, **Taylor Spikell**, and **Maggie McFillen** (Fourth Form), like Noel, were playing their first year of varsity basketball and showed improvement on both ends of the court.

I would also like to acknowledge my fellow coaches, who were a big part of our success this year: Mrs. Douglass, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Camp. The fact that four of the Saints starters are returning means that the team's success should continue next year as the squad is already one of the strongest in the region.



VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

Coach Dan Prete

MVP: Bryce Golden

MIP: Isaiah Mucius

Coaches' Award: Omar Habwe

The varsity boys' basketball team played the toughest schedule in school history. The Saints played three nationally ranked teams in their pre-season scrimmages, which then led right into the fire of the season. The squad was led by two returning Sixth Formers, **Omar Habwe** and **Jaiyer Jinwright**. Unfortunately, at the end of December, the Saints lost Jaiyer due to injury. So, a very talented and young team had to fight through a challenging schedule.

The team did just that.

falling to MAC Champions, Sidwell Friends. The schedule highlights started with The National Nike Festival in Washington, DC, a Christmas Tournament in NC, our own SJIT, the IPSL Championship game, and finally, the MAC Tournament.

The Saints were led by the strong play of Omar Habwe, who has committed to attend and play next season at Mount Saint Mary's, and Fifth Formers **Isaiah Mucius** and **Bryce Golden**.

They fought and scrapped all year long, eventually

This trio led the team in scoring and rebounding throughout the season. All three are receiving local, regional, and national recognition. The young backcourt of **Callum Baker** and **Anthony Torelli** came on strong at the end of the year, with both Fourth Formers showing tremendous promise.

Once again, the Saints had the opportunity to participate in our own SJIT, which the Saints lost in the Third Place game to Sunrise Christian from Kansas. The team is honored and excited to continue the SJIT tradition. We feel privileged to have such talented teams come to Hagerstown, and to be



given the opportunity to compete against them in a tournament-style event. The young Saints have a lot of returning student athletes next year, and will look to build on the challenges of this season.



VARSITY WRESTLING

Coach Steve Lachut

MVP: TJ Quelet

MIP: Noel Patterson

Coaches' Award: Tucker Almany

The 2016-2017 season for the Saint James wrestling team was characterized by highs and lows that culminated with a program first. The Saints opened the season with a less-than-ideal fifth place finish in the Admiral Holloway Tournament. Although the Saints did not achieve the team placement they would have liked, there were several performances worth highlighting. Leading the way for the Saints was Sixth Form Captain **Tucker Almany** who captured his first Holloway title, winning the 170 lb. weight class. Two Third Formers also placed for the Saints, with **Diego Morgan** earning second place at 113 lbs., and **Griffin Almany** taking third place at 106

lbs. Rounding out the Saints' place-finishers were Sixth Former **Noel Patterson** (138 lbs.), Fifth Former **James Swanson** (145 lbs.) and Fourth Former **TJ Quelet** (160 lbs.) who all finished fourth in their respective weight classes.

After a back-and-forth season during which the Saints never seemed to gather much momentum winning or losing, the team moved on to the MAC Championship,



which they hosted for the first time since 2012. To secure at least a share of the conference title and avenge their regular-season loss to Sidwell Friends, the Saints had to win the tournament. The team did just that by putting together perhaps their best team performance of the season, scoring 124 points to best Sidwell's 119 and earn the MAC Conference Tournament Title. The Saints were led individually by champions **TJ Quelet** (160 lbs.), **Cole Menas** (Sixth Form, 220 lbs.) and **Nick Sattlecker** (Fourth Form, 285 lbs.). Finishing in second for Saint James were **Teddy White** (Third Form, 113 lbs.), **Diego Morgan** (120 lbs.), **Noel Patterson** (138 lbs.),

and Sixth Formers **Tucker Almany** (170 lbs.), **Cody Barnhart** (182 lbs.), and **Armando Alvarez** (195 lbs.). This is the Saints' first MAC title in wrestling since 2013.

Perhaps the crowning achievement of the season for the Saint James wrestlers was their performance at the Maryland Independent School State Championship. The team brought only five wrestlers to the event. With strong performances by co-captains **Noel Patterson**, **Tucker Almany**, and **TJ Quelet**, the Saints captured the School's first ever "B" Division State Title. **Tucker Almany** completed his career with a seventh place finish at 170 lbs. **TJ Quelet** followed up his sixth place finish from last year with a fifth place



finish this year. TJ also won the tournament's aggregate pin award with five pins in just over ten minutes. This was the first time the Saints have had two wrestlers finish in the top seven since 2008 when Saint James had three: Luke Salisbury '08 (189 lbs.) at sixth place, Joey Sutch '07

(119 lbs.) and Patrick Solberg '08 (125 lbs.), both seventh place. In 2002, brothers Jon Moyet '02 (third place) and Will Moyet '02 (second place) earned the highest individual placings on record for Saint James.

As for individual accomplishments, the Saints

were led by Quelet and Almany. Quelet finished the season with a record of 52-12, with 77 percent of those victories creating bonus points for the Saints (three technical falls and 37 falls). He also won two matches at the National Prep. Tournament placing him

in the top 16 of his weight. Almany finished the year with a record of 45-10, with 24 of those being falls. His strong season performance helped him eclipse the 100-career-win mark and set the School record with 116 wins.



Tucker Almany Hits 100

This winter, Tucker Almany '17 won his 100th career match with a first period pin against Landon School. He became the second wrestler in Saint James School's history to reach 100 career wins.

"It's been a goal of his since he came in, and he's been working hard toward it," said Coach Steve Lachut. "He's committed to it this year and has done a great job. He used to be comfortable winning 3-2 or 4-3, but now he wants to dominate. He wants to put up points and get pins and is really enjoying being a good wrestler."

Tucker is shown with Joey Sutch '07 (115-23 career record).

SAINT JAMES HOSTS 2016 ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The Holloway Tournament has been a tradition at Saint James for nearly two decades. This annual wrestling event is named after Admiral James L. Holloway III, class of 1939. Admiral Holloway is a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

On December 3rd, thirteen teams from the tri-state area competed for the 2016 tournament title:

Saint James School
Georgetown Day school - Washington, D.C.
Mercersburg Academy - PA
Landon School - MD
St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School - VA
Episcopal High School - VA
Bullis School - MD
McLean School - MD
The Heights School - MD
Saint Andrew's Episcopal - MD
Covenant Life - MD
Paul VI Catholic High School - VA
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - MD

Sixth Former Tucker Almany (captain) captured the title at 170 pounds, helping the Saints finish in fifth place. Diego Morgan placed second at 113 pounds, Griffin Almany was third at 106, and Noel Patterson (138), James Swanson (145) and T.J. Quelet (160) each placed fourth.

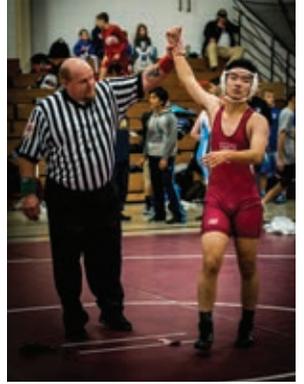
Paul VI took the team championship with 205 points, while Saint James finished with 88 points in the 13-team field.

To learn more about this athletic tradition, visit the Holloway Tournament site at: <https://www.stjames.edu/athletics/tournaments/holloway-tournament>. If you missed the action, check out livestream of the finals here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HoJFWsjOPY&sns=tw>





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Spectators Fill the Field House for the 2017 SJIT

For the second year in a row, Saint James hosted the SJIT after reinstating this venerated athletic tradition. Many alumni will remember that the SJIT took place for nearly thirty years before it went on hiatus in 2002. The success of the 2017 tournament made it clear that the SJIT is back, and bigger than ever.

From February 2-4, spectators filled the field house to capacity to support their favorite teams. “We couldn’t be more excited about the turnout” said Coach Dan Prete. “The gym was filled for three nights in a row. We are so pleased that the Saint James School community came together to support the tournament in such a big way.”

The eight-team field included:
 Saint James School
 Montverde Academy (FL)
 St. Benedict’s Prep (NJ)
 Sunrise Christian Academy (KS)
 Martinsburg High School (WV)
 St. Vincent Pallotti (MD)
 Benedictine High School (VA)
 National Christian Academy (MD)

Mr. Charles “Chick” Meehan ’65 was honored during the tournament for organizing the first SJIT 30 years ago, for establishing an athletic tradition of excellence, and for his loyalty, dedication, and sense of humor.

“The level of play throughout the SJIT was outstanding,” said Prete. Ultimately, after an electrifying final game on Saturday, St. Benedict’s Prep claimed the title, winning the 2017 SJIT Championship. The team defeated Montverde Academy 50-49. Congratulations to St. Benedict’s Prep!



OUR FAVORITE SJIT MEMORIES

MR. DAVE RATH '85 AND DR. KASEY KESSELRING '86 REFLECT ON THE TOURNAMENT THEN AND NOW

Dr. Kasey Kesselring and I are thrilled to be asked to share our memories of the SJIT from its inception to the present. We both bring an interesting perspective to the piece, I think, because we both grew up not far from the campus. Kasey lived with his family not far from the old Bloom's store practically adjacent to campus. I lived a couple of corn fields away from campus off of the Downsville Pike. Kasey and I are about the same age, and we both attended Saint James at the same time. We sang in the barbershop quartet together, played on the varsity

football team together, and we both later returned to our alma mater to work (though we served the School at different times). Now, many moons later, we work together at Montverde Academy. Kasey is the Headmaster, and I work in athletics and fundraising.

My earliest memories of the SJIT probably date back to the 1977 Saint James team. My older brother Lee attended SJS. At the time, I was ten years old and enjoyed running all over campus whenever possible. The Saint James teams of 1976, 1977, and 1978 were phenomenal, and I particularly remember the 1978

team comprised of John Puento '78, Brad Bailey '79, Mike Brennan '79, Sandy Sommer '80, Paul Katinas '78, the late great Donny Anderson '78, Scott Barr '78 (who actually babysat me on occasion), Jim Kirby '78, Tony Brennan '78 and Ben Civiletti '79 (see team photo). A couple of these guys played on the team from 1976-1978, and they served as a solid nucleus for a great team. The 1978 SJIT is perhaps my earliest clear memory of the SJIT (see sidebar), and the final was a nail-biter. Don Woodruff's Saints beat a highly talented Flint Hill team coached by Stu Vetter (who later led perennial nationally top ranked teams) 65-63 in overtime to capture the championship trophy for the good guys!

Not long after, I became a student at Saint James. Although I played basketball as well as football and lacrosse, I moved from a 5'8" center of the atoms team in Second Form to a 5'9" bench-warming bowling ball of a point guard by my Sixth Form year. Prior to playing in the SJIT, I can remember the shenanigans that some of us enjoyed as Second and Third Formers. We had good

VARSITY BASKETBALL



Mr. Woodruff (Coach), John Puento, Brad Bailey, Mike Brennan, Sandy Sommer, Paul Katinas, Don Anderson and Scott Barr (Coaches); Jim Kirby, Jamie Sterling, Tony Brennan, Ben Civiletti, Mr. Eshison (Coach)

The 1978 team

varsity teams, but we were not the same caliber as those earlier SJS teams. To my recollection, we did not make the finals during my time as a student. This was due to the fact that the tournament's reputation was growing, and more and more high-caliber teams were added each year.

We always had a student section in the Cotton Gymnasium down at the end of the bleachers. We took great pride in rooting for any team that happened to be playing our crosstown rival, St. Maria Goretti. Goretti always had (and still has) a very competitive team, and we would make signs that read things like, "Anybody but Goretti." I do not want to mention some of the other things we put on our signs. During one SJIT game, a Goretti parent actually stormed down and tried to rip up one of our signs—not a good move—but we were just youngsters then, and we have learned from the error of our ways. I was fortunate to be a bench-warmer playing for the Saints in Fifth and Sixth Form. I would get in a game when we needed to foul someone, or if the game was all but decided.

One of my funny memories as a player occurred when we



David Rath



Kasey Kesselring

were playing Maret. Now, we had a great football rivalry with them, and I knew some of their basketball players very well through that rivalry. Terry Coffey was their quarterback, and Flip Chaney was one of their receivers. They never beat us in football when I was a student, but we had some close games! When the SJIT rolled around, I found myself on the court with my football foes. I remember near the end of the game (mop-up time when I was out there) driving the lane, and then watching as the players parted like the Red Sea. I assumed Flip was going to block my layup attempt, sending the ball into the lights precariously dangling from above. So while I ascended for what appeared to be an easy layup, I instead dished to Donny Woodruff for the put-in. Terry asked me as we were running back why I didn't shoot, and I told him my fear. He said, "We won't touch your shot. Trust me." We went back down the court, and again

the lane opened up, so I drove and probably said a quick prayer. I laid it in, and they made a half-hearted attempt to stop me, but honestly just let me score. Terry subtly smiled on the way back down. We could be intense rivals, yet still amicable towards one another.

Kasey had the distinct opportunity to enjoy the SJIT from some of the same perspectives that I have shared when we were students. He also had the opportunity to run the SJIT when he returned as a staff member from 1990-1993. We all know that Chick Meehan '65 was the man behind the scenes who ran the tournament for many years. So, Kasey learned the ins and outs from him for a year before taking the helm for his last two years on staff. Kasey recalled a year in which the tournament was so popular (a handful of the eight SJIT teams were ranked in the top 10 nationally) that the doors had to be closed due to overflow. Many angry fans were pounding on the doors to get in. These games were held in Alumni Hall where the tournament is played today. Kasey remembered renting the bleachers from a local service organization that came in every year to set

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them up. Think about the rise in popularity of the SJIT from a set of small bleachers in the gymnasium decades ago to what we have today. Kasey also recollected a time when a melee broke out between two powerhouse rival teams as they were headed up the tunnel at about the same time. Players from both teams involved in the “disagreement” went on to play in the NBA, and that gives you a sense of the competition that existed as the SJIT rose in high school basketball stature to one of the best tournaments in the country.

Even though there was a hiatus for the SJIT, it is great to see it back again. It is a natural gathering

opportunity for alumni to return. We had the chance to reconnect for an incredible three days of basketball at a place that meant so much to all of us growing up. Although it was a bit strange to find myself working at a school that was invited to play in the SJIT, I wear the insignia for my new place of employment with mixed emotions, and a fondness for my alma mater. To that end, this year’s SJIT did not disappoint. The Saints played very well and exuded a toughness and a “never quit” attitude throughout the tournament. The eight-team field was solid, and the championship game did not disappoint, except for

the final score when St. Benedict’s defeated our Montverde Eagles by one point. For me, though, this was about the wonderful opportunity to return to my “home away from home” and to reconnect with so many alumni who span many years at SJS. Spending so much time running around the campus as a young child, then later as a student, and later still as a member of the staff, I have had the amazing fortune to know so many SJS alumni. I will always be thankful for this fine community. I’m also a big proponent of keeping the SJIT alive and well to provide another opportunity for alumni to gather!



Front Row: George Moody '88, Alec Riser '16, Eric Riser '87, Dave Rath '85, Grant McWilliams '09, Jimmy Sutch '07, Eddie Dorsey '07, Taylor Young '09. **Middle Row:** Jeff Hayzlett '75, Mike & Jeannette Lelchitski '03, Jason Ottley '98, Matt Greissing '05, Geordie Newman '93, Randy Finn '89. **Back Row:** 15) Brock Twigg '03, Mike Brooks '96, Scott Barr '78, David Hawbecker '85, Chris Ginter '85, David Finn '85

FLASHBACK TO ONE OF THE SAINTS' FINEST SEASONS: AN UNFORGETTABLE SJIT MOMENT

excerpted from the 1978 *Bai Yuka* Yearbook



"Tournament Director Charles G. Meehan brought together the strongest field yet assembled for the SJIT. It was apparent that any of the four teams might well win this fifth annual event, and that two other teams had a good chance at upsetting the favorites."

The yearbook article praised "double figure" scorers Donny Anderson '78, Mike Brennan '78, Jamie Sterling '78, and Scott Barr '78 for their performances during the tournament before describing Saturday evening's final game.

The Saints were led onto the court by a bagpipe player. Then, a Pep Band struck up "When the Saints Go Marching In." Flint Hill began the game with an early lead. The Saints caught up, and were able to tie the game at 63-63, sending it into overtime. The score remained tied as two minutes and fifty-eight seconds ticked away. Then, Paul Katinas '78 "rebounded a missed shot and lofted the winning goal, as the buzzer sounded giving Saint James a 65-63 victory for their third straight S.J.I.T. Championship." Anderson (MVP), Barr, Sterling, and Katinas were selected for the All-Tournament Team.

AN ALUMNI WEEKEND AND FAREWELL DINNER TO REMEMBER

Join Us April 28-30, 2017



This year's Alumni Weekend promises to be one of the biggest and most memorable in the School's history. We've planned a host of events for all ages, including the Class of 1967 reunion, the Run/Walk for Memories, a BBQ picnic lunch, a very special Farewell

Dinner, and Sunday's Bai Yuka Bridge dedication.

All members of the Saint James School community are invited to Saturday evening's Alumni Weekend Farewell Dinner in honor of Mr. Meehan '65, Ms. Pollock and Mr. Collin. This special occasion will afford us the opportunity to gather in their honor as we pay tribute to their decades of hard work, to their innumerable contributions to the School, and to the impact they have made on generations of Saint James alumni. To provide them with a celebration befitting their stature and service, we have planned a lovely evening for all who wish to join in paying tribute to this most deserving trio.

Invitations to the dinner have been mailed to all members of the Saint James School community, and an online dinner registration form is available at the link below. Cocktails will begin at 5:00 pm,

and the dinner will begin at 6:30 pm in Alumni Hall. We hope to see you there.

To learn more about Alumni Weekend and to register for the dinner, please visit: www.stjames.edu/AW2017 +

Would You Share a Favorite Memory?

Mr. Meehan '65, Ms. Pollock and Mr. Collin have given decades of service to Saint James School. Did one or all of these teachers impact your life? If so, please let us know. We're looking for some of your favorite memories to share in the spring/summer Review magazine. Photos are also welcome and appreciated. Please email your favorite memories to: news@stjames.edu



Welcome back SJS alumni!

Please join us for Alumni Weekend 2017.
We have many fun events and activities planned for all ages.

This year, we honor members of the class of 1967.
This class will celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

To learn more about the Happy Hour, 5K run/walk, Alumni Dinner,
and Sunday's Bai Yuka Bridge dedication please visit:

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ALUMNI WEEKEND 2017 EVENTS

Time	Event	Location
FRIDAY EVENTS - APRIL 28, 2017		
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Half Century Club Reception <i>Honoring Class of 1967</i>	Biggs Rectory
7:00 PM	Alumni Reception	28 South Downtown Hagerstown
SATURDAY EVENTS - APRIL 29, 2017		
8:30 AM	5K Run/1 mile Walk for Memories	Kerfoot Refectory Entrance
9:00 AM - Noon	Registration and Student Art Show	Student Center/Kemp Hall
10:00 AM	Campus Tours	Claggett Steps
11:00 AM	All-Alumni Meeting	Kellam Auditorium
Noon	Group Alumni Photo	Claggett Steps
Noon-2:00 PM	BBQ Picnic Lunch	Kerfoot Refectory & Around Turner Field
Noon-4:00 PM	Lawn activities - Ice Cream Truck, Cornhole, Horseshoes	Turner Field
2:00 - 4:00 PM	Bus tours with Ted Camp - Antietam Battlefield (some walking required)	Depart from Kemp Hall
2:00 - 4:00	Kids' Activities - Face Painting, Caricature Drawings, Bouncy House	
5:00 PM	Cocktails	Alumni Hall
6:30 PM	Alumni & Farewell Dinner	Alumni Hall
SUNDAY EVENTS - APRIL 30, 2017		
11:00 AM	Eucharist of Thanksgiving	Chapel
Noon	Dedication: Bai Yuka Bridge	Bai Yuka
12:15 PM	Farewell Brunch	Kerfoot Refectory
2:00 PM	Alumni Movie Viewing: <i>The Guys Next Door</i>	Kellam Auditorium



CLASS NOTES

1945

Dr. Ward O. Griffen, Jr. graduated from Saint James 72 years ago. He and his wife, Margaret count their many blessings, including 19 grandchildren, 6+ great grandchildren, and everything that the holidays mean to them.

1950

Jack Eford is 85-years-old. He resides in Dallas and continues to travel the world. In January, he visited countries including Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, Morocco and Dubai. His adventures included a balloon ride over the Moroccan desert with seven young backpackers.

1999

Laura Day wed **Chris Turner** on February 4th at a ski resort in UT. Father Dunnan presided. Sandra Pollock and Marty Collin attended the wedding.

2002

Dr. Elizabeth "Liz" K. Mallott received her Ph.D. in Biological Anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is now a Postdoctoral Fellow at Northwestern University.

2003

John Hoke and his wife, Patricia welcomed their first baby in December. John "Jack" Boyd McDonald Hoke was born on December 2nd and everyone is healthy and well.

2005

Eric Midthun Brooks married Shannon Marie Bench on September 10th at Belinda Springs Farm (the Brooks family farm) in Sharpsburg, MD. Father Dunnan conducted a celebration of a civil marriage. See photo.

2007

Colin McWilliams will wed **Veronica Thomas** on April 8 at the Davidson College Presbyterian Church in Davidson, NC.

2010

James Post is working at the Wakefield School in The Plains, VA. He is the Director of Student Life. He also teaches 7th grade English and History, and coaches soccer.

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Lauren Bowyer moved back to Baltimore, MD. She is working at a catering company doing event/wedding planning.

Elias Orfan is a salesman for an apparel company. He plans on going back to graduate school to pursue an MBA degree and further his career.

Courtney Peterson is teaching French at Boonsboro High School.

Will Smith is working with several friends who are starting up a new brewery in Winston-Salem, NC.

Callan Spicher works for GE Appliances in New York City, saving the world by selling one refrigerator at a time.

Ellen Barr plans to graduate from physical therapy school in May.

2016

Levi Schindel worked with a team to develop an app called AddU. The app uses a unique QR Code that, when scanned by another user, shares all the social media information from that user (Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, email) all at once. The team of college students see potential for the project and have begun to partner with several colleges to implement the app during orientation. They also hope to partner with businesses. Learn more: <https://appsto.re/us/k34Sgb.i>

Faculty News

Evangeline Lily Teter was born to piano instructor, **Ms. Sadie Teter** on March 1st. Mother and daughter are doing well.

CLASS NOTES

John "Scott" Geare '66 Remembers Aline "Bunny" (Sowers) Hoyer

"Because Bunny and Ed were married some years after Ed had retired, few of Ed's students knew Bunny personally. However, her presence with Ed at campus events such as Alumni Weekend was recognized as a strong indication of her support of Ed's love of the school, and a most obvious indication of her devotion to Ed. Students who met her welcomed Bunny as "family," and reported her gracious appreciation of her inclusion in the Saint James community. Many graduates have terribly regretted the lost opportunity to know her better, owing to the onset of her health challenges. And all are most supportive of loved master, Ed Hoyer, as he makes the adjustment to his great loss, which is our own loss, as well."



Charles Sine '54 Remembers His Brother Jim '56

In a recent letter to Father Dunnan, Charles "Ducky" Sine wrote:

"My wife, Maris, and I wish to express our sincere gratitude for your comforting words and prayers regarding my brother, Jim's recent illness and death....Our mother chose Saint James as an institution where her boys could thrive in a positive spiritual and academic atmosphere.

During Jim's Saint James years, he excelled in sports, which resulted in his captaining three sports—football, soccer, and tennis. During Jim's last year, he was Senior Prefect and was President of many clubs on campus. On occasion, we attended Alumni Weekend together...Jim enjoyed talking to old friends and easily made new ones. All knew him to be a humble, honest, and loving man whose spiritual being molded and comforted those around him. I smile more often now remembering his keen sense of humor and his love of God. Many times the story arose about how Jim was made to eat ice cream in the middle of winter standing in the Bai Yuka—always good for a hearty laugh.

Jim retired in 1998 and moved to Florida in 2015. Our homes were nearby.

My family and I wish to sincerely thank the many Saint James classmates who sent cards, called, and said prayers for my brother. These incredible gestures will never be forgotten. Jim loved Saint James, cherished his friends and classmates, and bathed in the spiritual lessons and atmosphere in and around Saint James. Jim was a great brother who leaves us with memories that will not be forgotten and humor that will continue to make us smile."

IN MEMORIUM

Joshua James Hager '97 died on December 19, 2016.

H. Grant Hathaway '45 died on January 14, 2017.

Jim Sine '56 died on January 15, 2017. He is survived by his brother **Charles Sine '54**. See sidebar.

Ann Camm Wynne Beers died on January 24, 2017. She is survived by her husband, Everette, her son, **Captain Wynne Beers '98** and his wife Nikki, and Ann's sister, Eve Joy of Palmetto, FL.

Frederick S. Vetterlein '43 died on January 25, 2017.

John Winn '51 died on January 29, 2017. He is survived by his twin brother, **Brett Winn '51**.

James Kirk Dille '50 died on February 1, 2017.

Walter Weir Pollard, III '45 died on February 3, 2017.

William "Bill" Whitescarver '53 died on February 6, 2017.

Walter C. Pellish died on February 11, 2017. He was the father of **Dr. Jonathan Pellish '00**.

Aline "Bunny" (Sowers) Hoyer died on February 12, 2017. She was married to **Edgar Hoyer '52** a long-time and beloved former member of the Saint James School faculty. See sidebar.

R. Benjamin Jones died on February 24, 2017. A Presbyterian minister, teacher, and artist, he taught Sacred Studies at Saint James School.

Douglas Mackenzie Henry '55 died on March 13, 2017.



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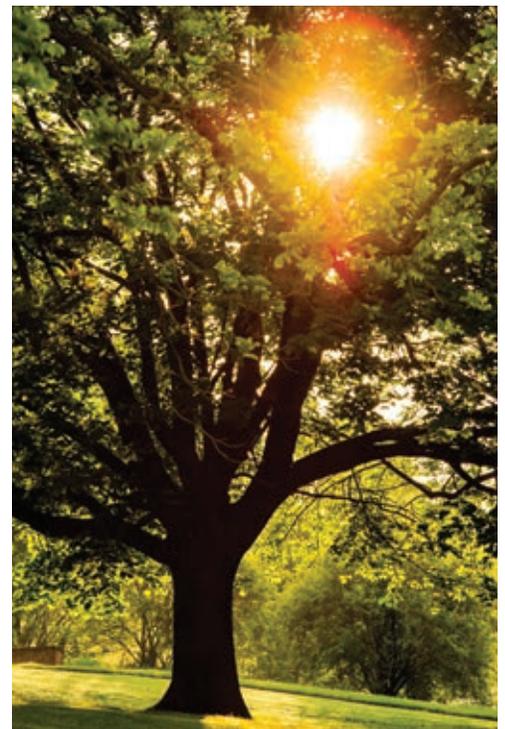
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