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St. Bernard Preparatory School



Spring 2021



St. Bernard Salutatorian and Valedictorian

Fr. Joel Martin, OSB and Abbot Marcus Voss, congratulate Salutatorian, Anna Beth Guthery and Valedictorian, Kathleen George after their graduation on May 22.

St. Bernard Prep Graduates 30 in 122nd Commencement

As the sun was setting on the athletic stadium and field at Saint Bernard Preparatory School, students gathered for photographs and greeted teachers, parents and loved ones before their commencement march for the One Hundred and Twenty-Second Commencement May 22, at 6 p.m.

Traditionally at St. Bernard, graduation takes place in the Abbey Church. However, the Covid pandemic has affected the customary celebration for the

past two years, but it didn't stop the graduates from taking their final march at The Stadium to be awarded their diplomas.

Fr. Joel Martin, Headmaster, presided over the ceremonies with the invocation given by the school's Chairman of the Board of Directors, Abbot Marcus Voss, OSB.

Following the welcome and introductions, Abbot Marcus and Fr. Joel presented the awards. Anna Beth Guthery

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St. Bernard Prep Hosts '20-'21 Honors Night

Students at St. Bernard Preparatory School were recognized and honored in the Fazi-Richard Athletic Center on Wednesday, May 5 for their outstanding academic achievements at St. Bernard Preparatory School for the 2020-2021 academic year. Headmaster Fr. Joel Martin served as Master of Ceremonies and opened the evening with a prayer thanking God for His gifts, the school community and the many

benefactors of the school.

Assisted by Guidance Counselor Mary Mayo, Fr. Joel, class instructors presented awards in Science, Mathematics, English, Social Studies, English, Foreign Languages, Theology and Fine Arts.

Following the academic awards, Fr. Joel Martin honored the Knights of the Altar and recognized Grand Supreme Knight John-David Grey, for his willingness to

coordinate the assignment of servers for the many liturgical events during the year. Grey assisted Fr. Joel with honoring each knight and announced the 2021-22 Grand Supreme Knight José Zatarain.

The Christian Service Award is the highest non-academic award that Saint Bernard Preparatory School can bestow upon a student. In order to be nominated for the award, a student must be of outstanding character and

striving to live according to the difficult way of Christ. In addition, he or she must live a life characterized by Christian love shown through one's daily good example of true

selflessness and by working for the good of individuals and of the community. Important qualities include:

demonstrating goodness of (Continued on page 4)

Alumni Returning to St. Bernard

Abbot Marcus Voss and the St. Bernard Community are looking forward to the Alumni Reunion June 24-27, 2021 following a one year hiatus. Abbot Marcus says the school will take all precautions to host the event out of doors to allow for social distancing as alumni return to their beloved alma mater.

The Alumni Golf Tournament has a new venue – Terri Pines Country Club,

and a tournament sponsor, Cullman Jefferson Gas. Four man teams can enter or individuals may sign up and be placed on a team. Golfers will meet on Thursday evening for a golf reception, and to make final preparations before the 8 a.m. tee time on Friday, June 25.

A large tent will cover the quad area at St. Bernard in order to provide plenty of outdoor space for fellowship and to allow for social

distancing. Food for the weekend is being catered by Freddie Day Catering of Cullman and will include a fish fry on the quad Friday evening, bbq lunch on Saturday; and steak and chicken dinner on Saturday evening complete with DJ services provided by St. Bernard Parent, Mark McBride. Other activities are scheduled throughout the weekend.

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Christian Service Award

Fr. Joel Martin, OSB presented Caleb Norman with the Christian Service Award – the highest non-academic award that St. Bernard Preparatory School can bestow upon a student.

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St. Bernard Class of 2021 Valedictory Speech

Kathleen George

My Valediction

I'd like to begin by welcoming everyone who has come here today - Abbot Marcus, Fr. Joel, the monks of St. Bernard, the faculty and staff as well as our family and friends and to thank them for all their support of St. Bernard and our class. Our senior year hasn't exactly been normal, but then again no one in the entire world has had a normal year this past year either. And so, I'd like to once again thank the staff as well the administration for allowing us to continue with in person classes, as well as to still compete in sports and extra curriculars.

I think myself and my classmates can attest that these past four years have frankly been a whirlwind of both emotions and experiences. None of us are the same people who walked into the high school

doors on the first day of freshman year. For example, the Luis Garcia sitting (to my right, here) isn't the same one who fell during the Latin fly swatting-vocab game freshman year and ripped his pants in front of the class. In addition, the David De Jesus sitting (to my right,) isn't the same one who may or may not have accidentally thrown a paper airplane at Fr. Linus during freshman theology.

To all of my classmates- Thank you for these memories that we share from all of our time here at St. Bernard. And while I could stand up here and proclaim that I will forever remember every moment of our time together, that would simply not be true. I've realized that I tend to forget my own age as much as I forget everyday joys. And yet, when I'm sitting in my car waiting for a green light, I'm able to magically remember that one stupid thing I did (or said?)

that one time three years ago.

One thing I've always found charming about memories - Unlike physical gifts, they can never be taken away or given away to someone else. They can only be forgotten. Our memories and experiences- the good and the bad- together shape us into who we are. If anything, the bad more so than the good. Unfortunate and painful things force us to choose between changing for the better, or reverting to bad habits. Countless times throughout my life, I felt like I've lost sight of myself as a person after making such decisions- even when I believed my decision was right.

In a sense, I was right to feel that way on those occasions because those experiences did in fact change me. Even if I didn't realize it at the time, in hindsight I would sometimes as much as years later. As I walk away from this podium, I stride away from

my past selves that I've outgrown and left behind, but I can never really truly forget them because they are a part of me. They are a part of me just as my memories of St. Bernard and you, my friends, classmates, teachers, faculty and family are a part of me.

In Walt Whitman's poem "O Living always- always dying", the speaker addresses his past selves by saying, "O me, what I was for years, now dead, (I lament not—I am content;)" I've read this poem during different times of my life and I've always agreed with it. Well obviously, we shouldn't constantly zero in on our mistakes. But, I also don't think we should be blinded by our victories, and think ourselves invincible, because we simply aren't/are not. Rather, we should view our past selves in their fullness- good and bad- in order to truly accept who, we are. In the poem Ulysses, the speaker says, "I am a part of all I have met."

As a class we've endured many ups and downs, new friendships as well as break ups. The biggest down point of all of course being all the effects of the pandemic. However, as we all know, Mr. Griffin has always been there playing Funky Town to cheer us up. Whenever we were studying frantically for the

next AP exam or math test, he and Scipio- our class mascot- have always been there for us with a smile as well as countless anecdotes. As a class we've been able to pull through and make it here where we stand today. And if we are able to make it through the trials and drama of four years of high school - as well as a pandemic- then I know that we will make it through college, careers, perhaps even parenthood and beyond. One of my favorite poets, Rudyard Kipling said in his poem If-, "If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster / And treat those two impostors just the same..." then, "Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it." We have met both, time and again, and if we can do that, then we can do anything.



Kathleen George



St. Bernard Preparatory School Class of 2021

1st Row – Caleb Norman, Gary Contreras, Daniel Bamberry, Daniel Campos, David De Jesus. 2nd Row – Alex Lewis, Sara Barck, Daisy Gutierrez, Katherina Gil, Samantha Stefani. 3rd Row – Anna Beth Guthery, Marianee Pichardo, Kathleen George, Toni Shuper, Isabella Warden, Chloe Tombo. 4th Row – Justin Anders, Francisco Tona, Conor Berry, Girvin Garcia. 5th Row – Jackelyn Arteaga, John-David Grey, Nikolas Borths, Francis Mami, Luis Garcia, Joseph Arriaga.

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received the Salutatorian Award while Kathleen George earned the position of Valedictorian as well as the school's most prestigious honor – The General Excellence Award. In giving the General Excellence Medal, Fr. Joel stated, "among the criteria for this award, a student must show a dedication to academic excellence, have exercised leadership in the student body, and represent the values of the school."

To date, St. Bernard's Class of 2021 has been offered over \$2 million dollars in scholarships and grants.

In a brief speech, Fr. Joel encouraged the class to take the life lessons imparted to them by the school and applying them. He quoted Booker T. Washington, born a slave, and who led Tuskegee Institute in Alabama for over 30 years. His words: "If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."

Music before the exercises and for the post-graduation recession was provided by Alabama Pipes and Drums, the 21st year of their involvement in graduation ceremonies at St. Bernard.

St. Bernard Happenings

St. Bernard Students Inducted into National Honor Society

New inductees and a host of parents gathered in the Abbey Byre on Thursday, February 25, 2021 to honor and induct fourteen St. Bernard Prep high school students into the National Honor Society.

The National Honor Society is the nation's most prestigious organization recognizing outstanding high school students distinguished by scholarship (at least 90 average), leadership, service, and character.

Addressing those in attendance, St. Bernard Headmaster Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B. said, "You are here for two reasons: your use of intellect and will. Your intellect and other considerable gifts are not your doing; they come from God. But what you do with those gifts is your choice, and you've chosen to use them well, in academic

pursuit, leadership, service of others and shaping good character in yourself. Congratulations and thank you. The world needs you?"

Anna Guthery, president of the National Honor Society, presided over the ceremony. Each of the other officers presented one of the four qualities for NHS membership: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

Faculty sponsor Joseph Bond said the NHS officers were faced with the daunting task of making a brief formal speech before a large audience. "They did an excellent job! We wish to congratulate and welcome each of our new members."

Immediately following the ceremony, students and parents enjoyed a nice reception.



Honor Society Members

Front Row: (L-R): Natalie Garcia, Allison Stidham, Brianna Garcia, Kiara Garcia, Ava Buckingham, Elizabeth Hazard, Ashley Morris, and Mary Ella Cockerham. Back row: Luis Garcia, Adrian Cortes-Villegas, Jiovany Arriaga, Cole Bissot, Ethan Powell, Charles Gil, and Xavier Pautler.

St. Bernard Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

Students at St. Bernard Middle School took a break from the traditional school week and focused on Faith, Excellence and Service in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

For the week students

attended school out of uniform dressed as cartoon characters, dressed in different time periods and spirit day while friendly competitions for the best of the best in "Bee Competitions" were held.

Middle School Principal William Calvert said Catholic schools week is an annual celebration of Catholic Schools in the United States. This is a good time for students, faculty and staff to express themselves, have fun

while learning, and reflect on Catholic education and service to others.

"We had quite the week of fun mixed with friendly competitions of social studies, science, English, Math and Religion. "We mixed in a athletes vs. mathletes competition and finished the week with pizza and the movie, "The Miracle," concluded Calvert.



Joey Shadowens – Winner character day



St. Bernard Bee Winners

St. Bernard Bee Winners (L-R): Marissa Hazard – Social Studies; Allie Stewart – Science; Madi Kerber – English; Sara Woods – Math and Makenzie Cruce – Religion.



Mr. Clean Character Day

(L-R): Aubrey Hastings, Madi Kerber, Lesly Garcia, Officer Don Slocumb.

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St. Bernard Prep Hosts Honors Night

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Caleb Norman was selected to receive the Christian Service Award. Fr. Joel read words from students, faculty and staff describing Caleb in their recommending him for the award: *"He has shown a lot of character, and helps when people ask... A person with a good vibe. Always happy, brightens your day. An upstanding person, honest and kind. Exceptional young man and student. Regardless of the task, Caleb is always one of the first students to step forward and volunteer. He is extremely courteous and respectful in and out of the classroom to both faculty and peers. Attentive and polite, with genuine care toward his work and fellow classmates. Serves with humility."*

The Benedictine Medal of Merit Award was also given to students, recognizing those whose life is characterized by exemplary character and a way of life that reflects the virtues contained in the Holy Rule of St. Benedict. The Benedictine Medal of Merit was given to three students, seniors Kathleen George, Sara Barck, and Francisco Tona.

In closing, Fr. Joel thanked the parents for entrusting their sons and daughters to St. Bernard Prep and for their support throughout the school year. Special recognition was given to the faculty and staff of the school for the wonderful work of assisting

their students to grow in knowledge and grace.

The evening ended with comments from the Chairman of the Board of St. Bernard Prep, Abbot Marcus Voss, who also thanked the students and parents of the St. Bernard Family, encouraging students to treasure their accomplishments. After a blessing from the Abbot, the assembly was dismissed.

Individual award winners are as follows:

Walter Adams – Freshman, Knights of the Altar

Justin Anders – Outstanding Scholarship in Creative Writing; Excellence in Government; Excellence in Economics

Joseph Arriaga – Outstanding Leadership in Journalism, Yearbook Design, National Latin Award – Magna Cum Laude – Latin II

Jackelyn Arteaga – Excellence in Honors Pre-calculus

Jose' Arteaga – Special Recognition for Service Project Participation – Saxophone; Middle School Knights of the Altar

Daniel Bamberry – Outstanding Leadership in Journalism; Senior, Knights of the Altar

Sara Barck – National Latin Award – Summa Cum Laude (Gold Medal)– Latin IV; Academic Excellence in AP Calculus AB; Outstanding Discipleship in Creative Writing; Excellence in Economics; The Saint Thomas Aquinas Award for Excellence in Moral & Ethical Thought; Most Creative in AP Biology; Magnificat Award to those serving as "Doves of the

Altar"; Benedictine Medal of Merit Award

Conor Berry – Senior, Knights of the Altar

Cole Bissot – National Latin Award – Cum Laude – Latin II; Sophomore, Knights of the Altar

Nikolas Borths – Senior, Knights of the Altar

Bradley Burrows – National Latin Award – Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal)– Latin I

Daniel Campos – Senior, Knights of the Altar

Katie Chamblee – Outstanding Achievement in Middle School Art

Mary Ella Cockerham – Outstanding Achievement in Computer Applications; The Charles Borromeo Award for Excellence in Catholic Catechesis

Gary Contreras – Senior, Knights of the Altar

Adrian Cortes-Villegas – National Latin Award – Magna Cum Laude – Latin II; Outstanding Discipleship in Pre-AP/Honors English 10;

Makenzie Cruce – Highest Average 8th Grade Pre-Algebra

Scarlette DeCicco – Excellence in 9th Grade Pre-AP English, Excellence in Latin I, National Latin Award – Summa Cum Laude (Gold Medal)– Latin I; Outstanding Student in World History; Academic Excellence in Religious Literature; Excellence in Honors Geometry

David De Jesus – Senior, Knights of the Altar

Nic Fallin – Outstanding Achievement in Middle School Art

Brianna Garcia – Most Outstanding Chemistry Student

Emily Garcia-Cerna – Outstanding Achievement in Spanish I

Kiara Garcia – Academic Excellence in Spanish II; Outstanding Achievement in Computer Applications; The Saint Robert Bellarmine Award for Highest Excellence in Catholic Catechesis

Lesly Garcia – Highest Average 7th Grade Math

Luis Garcia – The Saint Jacob Award for Exuberance in Wrestling with Moral & Ethical Issues

Natalie Garcia – Excellence in Latin II, National Latin Award – Cum Laude – Latin II; Outstanding Scholarship in Pre-AP/Honors English 10;



Latin Awards

Cesar Hernandez, Joseph Arriaga and Allison Stidham. Middle row (L-R): Justin Anders, Kathleen George, and Sara Barck. Back row (L-R): Bradley Burrows, Maggie Holsomback, Joseph Keith, Natalie Garcia, and Scarlette DeCicco.

Outstanding Achievement in Computer Applications

Kathleen George – Excellence in Latin III/IV, National Latin Award – Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal)– Latin IV; Excellence in Government; Excellence in Economics; Highest Average in AP Biology; Overall Biological Sciences Award; Benedictine Medal of Merit Award

Adrian Gershfeld – Outstanding Achievement in Art

John-David Grey – Outstanding Achievement in Art; Excellence in Honors Precalculus; Senior, Knights of the Altar – Grand Supreme Knight

Anna Beth Guthery – Outstanding Achievement in Art; Academic Excellence in AP Calculus BC; Excellence in Government; Excellence in Economics; Outstanding Student in all Physical Sciences

Parker Guthery –

Outstanding Achievement in Middle School Art; Highest Average in 7th Grade English; Highest Average in 7th Grade Geography; Outstanding Achievement in 7th Grade Religion

Daisy Gutierrez – Yearbook Design

Enrique Gutierrez – Outstanding Achievement in Art

Elizabeth Hazard – Academic Excellence in Spanish II; Academic Excellence in Honors Algebra II; Outstanding Achievement in Computer Applications; Most Outstanding Pre-AP Chemistry Student; The Charles Borromeo Award for Excellence in Catholic Catechesis

Marissa Hazard – Highest Average in 8th Grade English; Excellence in Honors Algebra I; Outstanding Achievement in



Theology Awards

Theology Instructor, Matthew Shaddrix, Elizabeth Hazard, Mary Ella Cockerham, Kathleen George, Sara Barck, Marianne Pichardo, and Luis Garcia.



Benedictine Medal of Merit Awards

Sara Barck, Francisco Tona, and Kathleen George

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8th Grade Religion; Overall Academic Excellence Silver Medalist

Cesar Hernandez – National Latin Award – Summa Cum Laude (Gold Medal) – Latin I; Excellence in Honors Algebra I

Maggie Holsomback – National Latin Award – Summa Cum Laude (Gold Medal) – Latin III; Academic Excellence in Honors Algebra II; Outstanding Leadership in Creative Writing; Excellence in AP U.S. History; Excellence in the Study of Church History; Most Outstanding AP Chemistry Student; Magnificat Award to those serving as “Doves of the Altar”

Joseph Keith – National Latin Award – Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal) – Latin III; Excellence in AP U.S. History; Excellence in the Study of Church History; Scholar’s Bowl MVP

Madi Kerber – Highest Average in 8th Grade World History, Outstanding Achievement in Middle School Art; Highest Average in 8th Grade English; Most Outstanding Middle School Physical Science Student; Outstanding Achievement in 8th Grade Religion; Overall Academic Excellence Gold Medalist

Alex Lewis – Outstanding Achievement in Art; Excellence in Government; Excellence in Economics

Ashton Lindsey – National Latin Award – Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal) – Latin I

Abby McBride – Outstanding Achievement in 8th Grade Religion; Good Citizenship Award in Middle School; Overall Academic Excellence Silver Medalist

Maddie McBride – Outstanding Achievement in Art
Abel Morris – Outstanding Achievement in 7th Grade Religion

Ashley Morris – Outstanding Achievement in Spanish II

Joseph Morris – Highest Average 7th Grade Math

Alexander Nacilla – Outstanding Achievement in 7th Grade Religion; Highest Average 7th Grade Life Science

Mikaela Netherton – Special Recognition for Service Project Participation – Food Drive (67 items)

Jade Nguyen – Highest Average 8th Grade Pre-Algebra
Caleb Norman – Excellence in Government, Senior, Knights

of the Altar; Christian Service Award

Grayson Olszowka – Freshman, Knights of the Altar

David Pascual-Contreras – Outstanding Achievement in Art

Xavier Pautler – Academic Excellence in Spanish III; Outstanding Leadership in Pre-AP/Honors English 10; ; Outstanding Student in U.S. History I

John Pechon – Excellence in AP U.S. History; Excellence in the Study of Church History

Marianee Pichardo – Excellence in Government; The Saint Dominic Award for Excellence in Moral & Ethical Debate

Ethan Powell – Sophomore, Knights of the Altar

Charli Roberson – Outstanding Achievement in Middle School Art; Highest Average 7th Grade Life Science; Highest Average 7th Grade Math; Outstanding Achievement in 7th Grade Religion

Felice Rogalski – Outstanding Achievement in Art

Emmanuel Santiago – Freshman, Knights of the Altar

Merrilee Schartung – Most Outstanding AP Chemistry Student; Highest Average in Anatomy & Physiology

Joey Shadowens – Outstanding Achievement in 8th Grade Religion; Special Recognition for Service Project Participation – Trombone

Xiran Shu – Outstanding Achievement in Art; Hardest Worker in Anatomy & Physiology

Toni Ann Shuper – Outstanding Achievement in Art
Caroline Sidley – Magnificat Award to those serving as “Doves of the Altar”

Willa Smith – Highest Average in 8th Grade World History; Outstanding Achievement in Middle School Art; Outstanding Achievement in 8th Grade Religion

Samantha Stefani – Academic Excellence in Spanish III

Allison Stidham – National Latin Award – Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal) – Latin II; Outstanding Student in U.S. History I

Amelia Tafazoli – Academic Excellence in Spanish I, Excellence in 9th Grade Honors English, Outstanding Student in World History; Academic Excellence in Religious Literature; Highest Average in

Honors Biology; Excellence in Honors Geometry

Elle Tillitski – Special Recognition for Service Project Participation – Trumpet

Andrew Tombo – Academic Excellence in Spanish I, Outstanding Student in World History; Academic Excellence in Religious Literature

Chloe Tombo – Outstanding Achievement in Art

Francisco Tona – Senior, Knights of the Altar; Benedictine Medal of Merit Award

Vivian Tran – Outstanding Achievement in Middle School Art

Izzy Warden – Outstanding Achievement in Art; Most Creative in AP Biology; Magnificat Award to those serving as “Doves of the Altar”

Piper Watson – Outstanding Scholarship in AP/Honors English 11

Sydney Watwood – Outstanding Achievement in Spanish I; Outstanding Student in World History; Academic Excellence in Religious Literature; Hardest Worker in Honors Biology; Excellence in Honors Geometry

Campbel Whaley – Outstanding Leadership in AP/Honors English 11; Academic Excellence in U.S. History II; Junior, Knights of the Altar



Middle School Awards

Front row: Abigail McBride, Elle Tillitski, Marissa Hazard, Mikaela Netherton, Jade Nyugen. 2nd row: Makenzie Cruce, Charli Roberson, Katie Chamblee, Lesly Garcia. 3rd row: Parker Guthery, Madi Kerber. 4th row: Willa Smith, Abel Morris, Vivian Tran, Joey Shadowens. Back row: Alexander Nacilla, Sarah Woods, Nic Fallin, Cristopher Torres.

Emma Whaley – Yearbook Design; Outstanding Discipleship in AP/Honors English 11; Academic Excellence in U.S. History II

Sarah Woods – Highest Average in 7th Grade English; Highest Average in 7th Grade Geography; Outstanding Achievement in 7th Grade

Religion; Highest Average 7th Grade Life Science; Highest Average 7th Grade Math

David Zatarain – Special Recognition for Service Project Participation – Euphonia; Middle School Knights of the Altar

Jose’ Zatarain – Junior, Knights of the Altar



Fazi Award Winners

Nikolas Borths and Joseph Arriaga received Saint Bernard Prep’s coveted Fr. Luke Fazi Award - named in honor of Fr. Luke Fazi who was athletic director, coach and mentor for hundreds of St. Bernard athletes. It is the most prestigious award presented to a St. Bernard athlete. Candidates for the award must excel in two major sports, perform at the highest level of their ability and be a leader in athletic competitions. Pictured with the winners are Athletic Director William Calvert and Headmaster Fr. Joel Martin.

St. Bernard Happenings

St. Bernard Prep's Bloomin' Festival Welcomes Thousands

Prayers were answered the weekend of April 17/18 as rain showers stayed south of Cullman to make for a perfect

weather for the 37th Bloomin' Festival, one of the South's most prestigious festivals held at St. Bernard

Prep School in Cullman, AL.

Thousands of people attended the two-day event, and were delighted to get back to a sense of normalcy. The Bloomin' Festival is a time honored tradition for many families. The festival includes quality arts and crafts created by artisans who work tirelessly at their trade and who recently have struggled to find a venue for their products because of the pandemic.

Festival Director, Joyce Nix, was all smiles throughout the weekend. "We are blessed to have the community support of Cullman and the neighboring counties and states who enjoy Bloomin' Festival. Our goal is to provide a fun-filled family atmosphere while promoting the arts, and with the help of our sponsors, parents, school community and friends, we were able to exceed our expectations," Nix said.

The festival included live demonstrations ranging from a bladesmith and a blacksmith to a broom maker, a woodturner and chair caners. In addition there were birdhouses, windchimes, jewelry and ornamental iron, as well as flowering plants, pottery, clothing, quilts, and dried flower art which were top sellers.

Smoked chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, and polish sausages were served as well as fresh baked cookies, breads, candies, and fudge. Nanny's fresh squeezed lemonade and Pepsi products completed the menu.

Coletta Schmidt of Huntsville, Alabama was the grand winner of the sweepstakes and took home the grand prize of a 2021

Jeep Renegade. Barb Pastuzuka of Leighton, AL won the Apple earpods; the Fitbit 3 was claimed by Ronald P. Barnes of Ootlewah, TN. Steven R. Parris of Owen Cross Road, AL won the Google nest hub; and James Oenbrink of Clarksville, FL won the Oral B toothbrush.

St. Bernard thanks everyone who came and supported the artisans and school. "We want to thank everyone for their support of our Bloomin' Festival and invite all to save the date of October 30-31, 2021 as the school will host the 5th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ," concluded Nix.

The 38th Annual Bloomin' Festival will be held April 23-24, 2022.



Jeep Renegade Winner Coletta Schmidt of Huntsville is congratulated by Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B., Headmaster

Honor, Merit Roll

HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

DeCicco, Scarlett
Gil, Audrey
Hernandez, Cesar
Lyons, Will
Sidley, Caroline
Tafazoli, Amelia
Tombo, Andrew
Watwood, Sydney
Wu, Ethan

Grade 10

Bissot, Cole
Cockerham, Mary Ella
Cortes-Villegas, Adrian
Garcia, Kiara
Garcia, Natalie
Gil, Charles
Hazard, Elizabeth
Morris, Ashley
Pautler, Xavier

Grade 11

Fallin, Claudia
Gutierrez, Enrique
Holmes, Riley
Holsomback, Maggie
Keith, Joseph
McBride, Maddie
Pascual-Contreras, David

Pechon, John
Schartung, Merrilee
Waites, Morgan
Watson, Piper

Whaley, Campbell
Whaley, Emma
Woods, Mollie

Grade 12

Anders, Justin
Arteaga, Jackelyn
Barck, Sara
Berry, Conor
Borths, Nik
De Jesus, David
George, Kathleen
Grey, John-David
Guthery, Anna Beth
Lewis, Alex
Norman, Caleb
Pichardo, Marianne
Shuper, Toni
Tombo, Chloe
Tona, Francisco
Warden, Izzy

Middle School

Grade 8

Hazard, Marissa
Kerber, Madi
McBride, Abby
Smith, Willa

Grade 7

Guthery, Parker
Nacilla, Alexander
Woods, Sarah

MERIT ROLL

Grade 9

Lindsey, Ashton
Powell, Emma

Grade 10

Arriaga, Jiovary
Buckingham, Ava
Ramirez, Ricky
Stidham, Allison

Grade 11

Gershfeld, Adrian
Rogalski, Felice
Sammon, Joseph
Shu, Xiran

Grade 12

Arriaga, Joseph
Garcia, Luis
Kim, Haeun (Helen)
Mami, Francis
Stefani, Samantha

Middle School

Grade 8

Cron, Dylan
Cruce, Makenzie
Daily, Carter
Garcia, Lesley
Nguyen, Jade
Shadowens, Joey
Stewart, Allie

Grade 7

Bissot, Reid
Chamblee, Katie
Garcia, Danny
Lewis, Gavitt
Morris, Abel
Roberson, Charli

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**OCTOBER
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ARTS, CRAFTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

WIN \$10,000!!!

St. Bernard Happenings

St. Bernard Kicks Off Summer Appeal

St. Bernard officially kicked off the 24th Annual Summer Appeal in hopes of taking care of challenges currently facing the Abbey and School.

With so many struggling with the recent COVID pandemic, St. Bernard is no exception. Over the past twelve months, with prayers and support of our alumni, family, and friends, we were able to follow protocols of this unprecedented time and escape serious infections while at the same time remaining open with in-class instruction for our students. The downside led to decreased enrollment, significantly reducing the level of tuition income.

Abbot Marcus Voss, Chairman of the Board,

said as the school prepares for the upcoming academic year, there's a wide range of needed repairs and upgrades. Destructive storms in the Southeast have overpowered our drainage systems which is requiring immediate attention and replacement of drain lines around many of the buildings, especially the Abbey. The parking lots are in desperate need of resurfacing, a school bus used for many of our students' transportation needs is past time for replacement, and additional work is needed with technology upgrades on campus.

Given all these challenges, St. Bernard has now opened the 24th Annual Summer Appeal in an

effort to raise \$250,000. Recently a mailing was sent requesting assistance to all of our alumni, families, and friends.

"Together we can make a difference as we look to a fresh start with a new academic year. With God's help and your generosity, I know we will be successful in reaching our goal, and in so doing, be better prepared as we face our future," said Abbot Marcus. "I am truly grateful for the generous support that we receive from so many of our alumni, friends and benefactors."

Enclosed in this edition of the Happenings is a Summer Appeal envelope. Bless you for your generosity.



Blood Drive

Saint Bernard Saints are Hero's too. David Parrish a junior at St. Bernard donates blood during a recent LifeSouth Blood Drive at Saint Bernard Prep.

Saints Assist LifeSouth

Saint Bernard students rolled up their sleeves in support of donating blood to LifeSouth on Monday, March 1 at the school. Of the twenty four units collected; twenty were first-time donors.

According to LifeSouth's Donor Recruiter, Kimberly Gilbert, one unit of blood saves three people! Seventy-two people were helped

because of the generous donors at St. Bernard!

"This is the first time in my working years that I look forward to doing the Math! There were twenty - first time donors. Seeing that number feels like finding hidden treasure on my end," Gilbert said.

While all donor were tested for Covid -10

antibodies, each one of them also received a t-shirt from LifeSouth; a coupon for a free Lawler's barbecue sandwich; and a pound of Papa Murphy's chocolate chip cookie dough w/ purchase.

Gilbert thanked the students and community and looks forward to future drives at St. Bernard.

Camp St. Bernard to Reopen in June

Camp St. Bernard will be in full swing at St. Bernard this June offering traditional camp programs for children ages 8-12; and 10-14. Located on the beautiful campus of St.



Campers will have access to a registered nurse if needed and are being housed on campus in order to prevent any contact with the virus."

Each camp session begins on Sunday and ends on Friday and will have a

maximum of 104 campers. The weeks of June 6-11; and June 13-18 have been set aside specifically for students between the ages of 8-12; June 20-25; and June 27-July 2 have been reserved for students 10-14 years of age. The cost for camping is \$500 per session. Siblings and repeat campers receive a \$50 discount. To register visit www.campstbernard.com

Camp St. Bernard strives to help each individual camper attain skills that will enable each one to achieve a strong sense of self-value and self-responsibility in a safe, enjoyable, and highly active setting.

Camp Director, John Arndt said "Due to COVID, all campers will board this year in the residential halls that are a part of St. Bernard Preparatory School.

"You will find something more in woods than in books. Trees and stones will teach you that which you can never learn from masters." – St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Historic Year for SBP Lady Saints Soccer

The home stands roared as Piper Watson ('22) placed her free kick over the Whitesburg Christian Academy goalkeeper. The Lady Saints were back in the game, tied 1-1, with time left to play. Save after save from Aubrey Hastings ('25) brought the same response from the student section just behind the

home net. Though the game finished 1-3 after a late push from the Lady Saints allowed a counterattack, the girls jogged over to thank their classmates.

The Lady Saints soccer team had hosted the program's first ever home playoff game. After graduating seven seniors last year, the girls had returned

to show how capable they still were.

The Lady Saints ended the season with a 5-1 record in area play, with their only area loss during a penalty shootout. In the final two games of the regular season, they beat Tharptown 5-0 and JB Pennington 3-0 to clinch the number one spot over

Danville on goal differential.

After the season ended, Piper Watson ('22) and Sara Barck ('21) were selected by coaches voting statewide for the 1-3A All-State team. Emma Powell ('24), Madi Kerber ('25), and Aubrey Hastings ('25) received honorable mentions.

At the athletic awards ceremony, the Lady Saints presented the school with an area championship banner. Coaches John Drake, Will Drake, and Dani Hernandez recognized the following athletes for their outstanding contribution to the team this

year:

Sara Barck ('21): Best Defender and Senior Award
Makenzie Cruce ('21): Most Improved
Aubrey Hastings ('25): Best Goalkeeper (six clean sheets)
Madi Kerber ('25): Best Forward
Emma Powell ('24): Impact Player
Chloe Tombo ('21): Senior Award
Izzy Warden ('21): Senior Award
Piper Watson ('22): Captain, MVP, Best Midfielder, and Golden Boot (seven goals)



Area 7 Champions

(L-R): Madi Kerber, Aubrey Hastings, Sara Barck, Makenzie Cruce, Amelia Tafazoli, Elle Tillitski, Izzy Warden, Piper Watson, Sarah Woods. Team members not pictured: Brianna Garcia, Natalie Garcia, Emma Powell, Allison Stidham, Chloe Tombo.



Arriaga Signing

Joseph Arriaga signs a cross country scholarship with Wallace State. (L-R): Rick Bryant; Jiovany Arriaga, brother; Joseph Arriaga; Jessica Arriaga, sister; and Maria Arriaga, mother.



Joseph Arriaga Signs with Wallace State

Although his prep career is over, Joseph Arriaga's running days most certainly are not.

The St. Bernard senior signed a cross country scholarship with Wallace State earlier this spring and will join the Lions later this year to begin a new chapter in his young life.

Arriaga competed in 11

meets during the 2020 season, winning one individual crown (Athens Bible Invitational) and placing inside the top five in eight other competitions.

His consistency throughout the season helped the Saints earn nine team titles, including the 3A, Section 4 Meet and 3A State Meet – where he was an All-State selection – Championships.



Girls Track Team

(L-R): Kneeling: Caroline Sidley, Audrey Gil, Madi Kerber, Charli Roberson, Abby McBride. Standing: Asst. Coach Alli Messick; Merrilee Schartung, Claudia Fallin, Toni Shuper, Mary Ella Cockerham, Kathleen George, Asst. Coach Katie Clemmons, Head Coach William Calvert.



Boys Track Team

(L-R): Kneeling: Abel Morris, Jiovany Arriaga, Xavier Pautler, Justin Anders, David Parrish, Parker Guthery. Standing: Morgan Waites, Joseph Keith, Nic Fallin, Francis Mami, Nik Borths, Joseph Arriaga, Eli Loyd, Francisco Tona, Head Coach William Calvert, Asst. Coach Katie Clemmons.



Tennis finishes strong at SBP

Saint Bernard Tennis had an incredible season working hard and showing much improvement throughout the season while advancing to sectionals and semifinals.

Alex Lewis and Ava Buckingham advanced to the sectional semi-finals in doubles play. Katherina Gil and Pepper Hastings won the sectional doubles tournament and advanced to the state tournament in Mobile. Pepper Hastings won the singles sectional tournament championship and advanced to the state tournament in Mobile. Pepper and Katherina were one of eight doubles teams to make it and Pepper was one of 8 girls to make it in singles play.

Pictured left: Pepper Hastings, Katherina Gil, Ava Buckingham, Alex Lewis and Marianne Pichardo

SBP Scholar Athlete Signs With Jacksonville

Eli Loyd, a Senior, at St. Bernard Prep School recently accepted an academic scholarship to Jacksonville State University as well as an invitation to walk on to the Gamecock's Cross Country team.

Athletic Director, William Calvert commented "Eli has accomplished a lot in his abbreviated 2 year career at SBP. He certainly has the potential to compete at the college level. JSU Cross Country is currently in a rebuilding stage with a young new coaching staff. I think Eli will contribute greatly to that rebuild."

Eli transferred to St. Bernard his sophomore year from Fairview High School in Cullman County. Due to AHSAA transfer rules, he could not compete for his first year. However, Eli used that year to train with the team and made every practice possible during cross country and track seasons. His junior year of cross country was a breakout experience for Loyd. He quickly became one of the top runners in the area and consistently finished high for Saint

Bernard Prep at meets. He helped the Saints win their 7th straight sectional championship and a 3rd place finish at the 3A State Meet. He earned a place on the All-Section 3 Team. Eli and the Saints were off to a great start in outdoor track in the spring of 2020 achieving a number 1 state ranking after the first two weeks. Then came the corona virus pandemic and the successful season had to be cancelled.

Eli took advantage of his off time and trained all spring and summer for cross country. It paid off with an outstanding cross country season for Loyd and the Saints. SBP won the 3A Section 3 Championship on the way to the 2020 3A State Championship. Eli was named again to the All-Section 3 Team and missed earning All State by 1 second placing 16th in state meet.

"Loyd's running career has been short, but it's certainly been successful." Calvert said, "His best running is definitely ahead of him on the collegiate level and we are excited to watch him compete!"



Eli Loyd Signs with Jacksonville State

Front seated (L-R): Eli Loyd front and center is surrounded by his sister, Gracie (PS '19); Mom, Brandi Outzen; and his dad, Brandon Loyd. Standing (L-R): Grandparents, Larry and Sandra Snow; Step-father, Hugh Outzen; Assistant Coach, Deacon Tim Vaughn; Athletic Director/Coach, William Calvert; St. Bernard President, Fr. Joel Martin, OSB; Assistant Coach, Katie Clemmons; and Grandparents, Joey and Belinda Loyd.

St. Bernard Alumni news

Congratulations

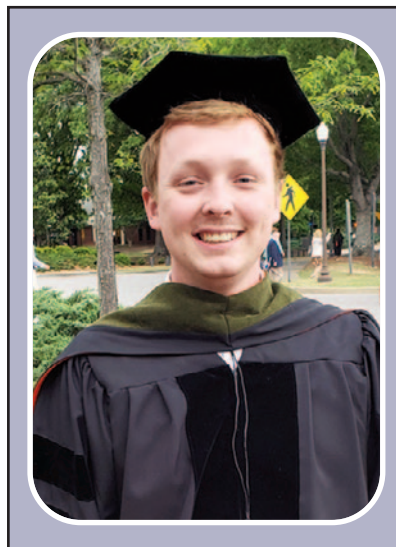
Meg Borths (PS '16) graduated from Jacksonville State University with a BA in Marketing. She finished 4 years at the International House Program at JSU where she was a Resident Assistant for the International House, an executive officer for the International Student Organization on campus as the PR Rep, a Global Ambassador, and Culinary Council.



Meg Borths

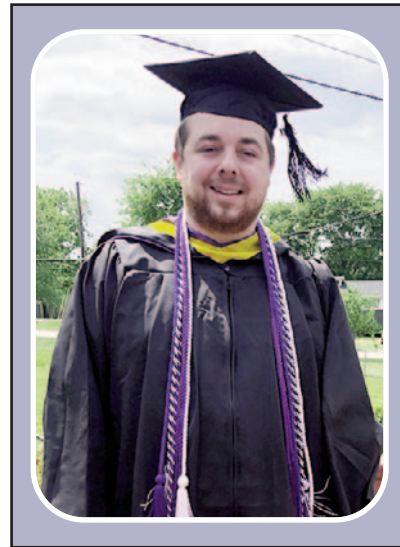
Congratulations to Michael Howley, professor of English and Drama during St. Bernard's college years. He received this year's Suzanne Davis Award, recognizing his years of work in the dramatic arts. His citation read: "Imagine an educator, theatre artist, director, actor, critic, and writer, who brings a lifetime of support and opportunity to students and adults in the celebration of theatre. His voice shares his excitement for the work of diverse artists, technicians and leaders. His rare gift zeroes in on the strengths of each member of the team; and identifies each individual's north star to take their work to the next level." In addition to the Susanne David Award, the Alabama Conference of Theatre has recognized Mike Howley's important contributions to theatre with the Marion Galloway Award and the Hall of Fame Award.

John Andrew Woods (PS '13) also pictured below) was awarded the Doctorate of Pharmacy Degree, Summa Cum Laude, on May 3rd from Auburn's Harrison School of Pharmacy.



John Andrew Woods

Graham Sanders (SBP '17) graduated from Furman University majoring in psychology. He is planning on attending Optometry School in the Fall.



Graham Sanders

New Arrival



Bishop Family

Jeremiah Bishop (PS '06) and wife Ashley welcomed their second child, Brooke Margaret Bishop on April 16, 2021. She weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. She joins her proud big sister, Macey at their home in Vestavia, AL.

Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. John Andrew Woods

John Andrew Woods (PS '13) and Mackenzie Bockhold (PS'14) received the Sacrament of Matrimony on January 2, 2021 at St. Bernard Abbey with Fr. Joel Martin, OSB officiating. Andy graduated Auburn's Harrison School of Pharmacy and Mackenzie continues to work toward her doctorate degree in Chemical Engineering at Auburn University. The couple makes their home in Auburn, Alabama.

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Isabella Cline

Isabella Cline (PS '17) recently graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor's in Microbiology. She plans to pursue a Masters of Clinical Laboratory Sciences at UAB starting in August.

Jake Lewis (PS'13) graduated from the University of Alabama with his MBA.

Katelyn Cowie (PS '17) graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of South Alabama. While at South, she received an award for most outstanding student in accounting. After graduation, Katelyn plans to work for Horton, Lee, Burnett CPA firm in Birmingham, Alabama.



Jake Lewis

St. Bernard Alumni news

In Memoriam

Prayers are requested for family and friends:

James Donald Bagwell, (C'67), 76, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born May 21, 1944 to James and Mabel Bagwell. Jim was a generous and long-time friend of St. Bernard Abbey and School. Survivors include a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Donna Gay Blackmon, 71, of Cullman, AL, died on April 19, 2021. She is the mother of Leah (Keith) Messick and grandmother of Alli Messick (PS'16), both strong members of the St. Bernard Prep family.

Michael R. Blais, MD, (JC'42), 100, died January 24, 2021. After graduation from St. Bernard Junior College, he earned his medical degrees and served in the US Army during the Korean War. He founded the Advanced Urology Institute and practiced at the Halifax Medical Ct. Daytona Bch. over 30 yrs. He was a member and served as president of many service organizations. His favorite hobby was fishing. He is survived by his children, Micheline Grant, Michel Blais, Lorraine Blais Knoble, and Roland Blais; as well as, large extended families that include, former step children, nieces, and nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Emmett Seimon Blocher, Jr., 72, of Cullman passed from this life January 7, 2021 at the Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was the owner of the Blocher Company which specialized in residential, commercial and industrial plumbing, electrical and heating and air conditioning. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Marcia Blandenburg Blocher; Daughter, **Natalie Blocher Cox (PS'93-95)**; and two grandchildren.

Edward "Ed" John Casey (C'70), 72, of Crestwood, KY passed away Sunday, May 2, 2021. Ed was a US Army veteran and worked as a Special Agent for the FBI. He was also a member at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Pewee Valley, KY. Left to cherish the memory of Ed are his wife of 40 years, Beverly Casey, daughters, Jennifer Casey and Alicia Casey and two grandchildren.

David George Caya (C'72), age 70, passed away on October 3, 2020. After graduating from Camden Catholic High School in 1968, he enrolled at Saint Bernard College where he earned a B.A. degree in Business Administration in 1972. David went on to establish a career as a Systems Analyst, working for PECO, later Exelon, for over 27 years. In his younger years, David loved skiing, waterskiing, and league bowling. As his lung condition progressed, David contented himself with watching sports, especially his beloved Flyers, Eagles, Phillies and 76ers. David was a great father, a gifted mentor, and a loyal friend. David is survived by his sons: Gunnar Caya, John Tyler Caya (Katie Anderson, fiancé) and Bryan Caya (Lauren Caya, wife); and his two Grandchildren: Parker and Austin.

Dr. Jude Patrick Dougherty (JC'50), 90, passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at his home in Potomac, Maryland. He received his Associate Degree at St. Bernard Junior College in 1950 and remained a life-long friend with Fr. Thomas Schnurr, O.S.B. He earned his Bachelor's degree, his Master of Arts, and his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Catholic University in Washington, DC. He was the first lay Dean of the School of Philosophy at The Catholic University of America, a position he held over 30 years. For 44 years, he was the Editor-in-Chief of The Review of Metaphysics. Dr. Dougherty was a confidant and friend of Polish prelate Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, who would become Pope John Paul II. During his career, Dr. Dougherty wrote numerous books and essays on various philosophical topics and held leadership positions in multiple organizations. He was preceded in death by Patricia Ann

Regan Dougherty, his wife of 62 years. He is survived by his sons, Thomas H. and his wife Lynne, Michael T. and his wife Angela, John C. and his wife Michelle, and Paul R. and his wife Elizabeth. He is also survived by his ten grandchildren.

Gregory Lane Felton (HS'58), 80, of Mt. Jackson, passed away on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, at his home. A Graveside Service was held in Sarasota National Cemetery. Gregory was born on Jan. 17, 1940. He served in the Air Force. After leaving the military he made his career in the restaurant industry. Gregory is survived by his wife, Regina; four children, Risa Felton, Dustin Felton, Lynne Lyman, and Margaret Logas; twelve grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and a brother, Ralph Felton.

Janet Gugliotta, 78, died on Friday, April 30, 2021 at her residence. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelvis Box, long time employees of St. Bernard. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Hartselle. In her younger years she was active in the Jayettes. She retired from Crestline Elementary in 2005 after over 30 years of service. Survivors include her husband, Sam Gugliotta; daughters, Angela Gugliotta Brothers (Tommy) and Teresa Marie Cobb (Chuck); three grandchildren and two great grandchildren

Anthony Joseph Passarella, (HS-61-62), 74, passed away peacefully February 4, 2021 surrounded by his family. An alumnus of St. Bernard High School and Subiaco Academy, he earned his Bachelor's degree from Christian Brothers College in Memphis, TN. During his work career he became the Vice President of Operations at the Loretto Telephone Company. Tony was an active parishioner at St. Michael's Catholic Church in St. Florian. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Mary Beth; daughter Sonya (Stephen) Loflin of Duluth, GA; daughter Rene (Dan) Ciarametaro of Brentwood, TN; son Dr. Michael Joseph (Courtney) of Mountain Brook, AL; and six grandchildren.

Davie Allan Sears, 64, passed away Friday, March 26th, 2021 at his residence. He was the son of Monroe & Julie Sears, long time member of the St. Bernard family. Fishing was his passion and life. He ran a fishing tackle business for many years. Survivors include his mother, Julie Sears; son, Allan (Michelle) Sears; daughter, Alanna (Cody) Kelso; and, three grandchildren.

Dr. Stanley F. Seipel, 97, passed away Sunday, May 23, 2021 at his home in Lanesville IN. He grew up on the family farm. After graduating from New Middletown High School, he entered the US Navy during World War II. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Indiana Univ. Medical School in 1952. He had a private General Practice in Lanesville for 38 years. Dr Seipel loved his patients and took great pride in providing the best care possible, at the lowest price. Not only did he go on house calls, and spend many hours at his office, but when his office was closed, he also had patients come by his house for on-the-spot care. Dr. Seipel was married to Joan Sieg Seipel. They enjoyed 65 years of marriage. He was a faithful member of St. Mary's Church in Lanesville since 1954. As a lover of nature, he spent his retirement years on his tree farms tending to and planting trees. He is survived by sons, Dr. Joseph Seipel (Carla), **Brother Brendan "John" Seipel OSB**; daughters, Ann Hudgins (Orville), Mary Seipel, Helen Lhotka (Daniel), Jane Seipel, Martha Wingate (William), Son-In-Law Robert Ehrhardt; twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Barbara Alline Blake Thornton passed away on August 17, 2020. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, **Thomas Joseph Thornton, Sr. (HS'49)**, 4 daughters: Susan Thornton, Linda Thornton Watson (Jim), Patty Thornton, Dottie Thornton and

daughter-in-law Sarah Hillhouse Thornton. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and by three great grandchildren.

Edward R. Tracy (C'69) of Bradenton FL, 73, died on Good Friday, April 2, 2021. Ed grew up in River Edge, NJ. After he graduated from St. Bernard College in 1969, he obtained an MBA from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1971. A devout Catholic, Ed was a long-time member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in High Point, NC, and currently St. Joseph Church in Bradenton, FL. He was also a faithful member of the Knights of Columbus for over 50 years. He played a vital role in growing Operation LAMB, which contributes to agencies that assist people with intellectual disabilities. Surviving, is his wife Sue (Dennis) Tracy of 51 years whom he met their freshman year at St. Bernard; his son Michael Tracy (Stacy) of Cranberry Township PA, daughter Jacqueline (Tracy) Crombie and husband Christopher of Bradenton FL, and four grandchildren.

Susan Ho Tubbs, 68, passed on February 2, 2021 at UAB hospital. Susan came to Alabama and married Terry Tubbs on January 30, 1977. She worked in local Chinese restaurants, building relationships with friends and in 1992, she started her own business and restaurant- Susy's Wok. In the early 2000's she became the head of St. Bernard's cafeteria where she planned and prepared meals for the students and the monks. Susan is survived by her husband, Terry Tubbs and her sons, Andrew Tubbs and Peter Tubbs (Hannah Kren); along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Harry Elzy Bivins, (C'72) of Cullman passed away on Monday, February 8, 2021, at Cullman Regional at the age of 70. Harry owned his own auto sales company in Cullman. He is survived by his wife, Mavolene Bivins; daughters, Tracy (Jason) Pylant, Elizabeth (Derrick) Pylant, and Hannah (Nic) Nunnelley, and a host of grandchildren, family and friends.

Gregory Lane Felton (HS'58), of Mt. Jackson, Virginia passed away at his home on Monday, December 7, 2020 at the age of 80. Gregory was born on January 17, 1940 and was the son of the late Alvin and Marie Dupuich Felton. He served in the Air Force. After leaving the military he made his career in the restaurant industry. Gregory is survived by his wife, Regina; 4 children, Risa Felton, Dustin Felton, Lynne Lyman, and Margaret Logas; 12 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren and a brother, Ralph Felton.

Frank Williams Jr., (C'79) passed away peacefully on January 26, 2021 at Veterans Hospital in West Roxbury after succumbing to an illness. Frank began his own law practice in 1985 in Cullman. During his practice he was a member of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He dedicated years of his life for athletic organizations and groups that his children were involved in. His law practice ended in 2006 when he recommissioned within the Army as a JAG Officer and was deployed to Iraq and served 17 months. From November 2008 - March 2010 he was deployed to Guantanamo Bay with CIA. He was reassigned to Vermont reporting to the Pentagon. Following his deployment he became disabled and was discharged from the military. He is survived by his wife, Tong Li and children, Jenna Williams of Mass., Carson Williams of Mass., Mary Beth Williams Talmadge of Alabama, Elizabeth Wu of Canada, and David Wu of Illinois.



Frank Williams

Alumni Visit

Suzanne Boles Hosn (PS'94) and son Weston, from California, visit St. Bernard. Pictured from right, Tyler Hooper, Joyce Nix, Abbot Marcus Voss, O.S.B., Suzanne and Weston, Bro. Charles Manning, Helen Glasscock and Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B.



St. Bernard Happenings

Giving Day 2021 Raises 150% of Goal



Thanks to the overwhelming response and generous support of the St. Bernard Family, St. Bernard's second annual Giving

Day on March 21 raised \$60,213 for the St. Bernard Educational Foundation. Tyler Hooper (PS '07), St. Bernard's Development and Alumni Officer and creator of Giving Day, said of the event, "I am beyond thrilled by the tremendous outpouring of support by our donors again this year. I am so thankful to each and every person that participated in Giving Day 2021. To be able to meet our \$40,000 goal is humbling, to have

exceeded it by \$20,213 is beyond words!"

Each year Giving Day supports the St. Bernard Educational Foundation. The Foundation was established in 1998 to support the ongoing educational activities of St. Bernard Preparatory School and makes it possible for deserving students with proven financial need to attend St. Bernard. Need-based scholarships are awarded annually and require that the recipients meet both the academic and behavioral standards of the school.

Donors were able to visit the Giving Day site, make a gift, and track the event's progress all in real time. Hooper continued, "I was so pleased to see so many people participating in Giving Day – especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. We were able to welcome twelve donors giving to St. Bernard for the very first time, including faculty, current parents, current students, and alumni, both from the college and prep school. Fifteen returning donors from Giving Day 2020 also increased their gifts to us this year. We are truly blessed to have such generous supporters."

Hooper remarked that he is very pleased that Giving Day 2021 could again support the St. Bernard Educational Foundation in such an impactful way. He continued by saying, "Thanks to our Giving Day donors investing in our students' futures, young men and women will be able to

receive or continue their St. Bernard education. The Foundation sustains every part of the Bernardian experience – academic programs, campus ministries, classroom enrichment, fine arts, athletics, financial aid, and more." Next year's Giving Day is set for Monday, March 21, 2022.

To learn more about the Development and Alumni Office's work, contact Hooper at (256) 255-5857 or thooper@stbernardprep.com. Visit donate.onecause.com/sbpgivingday to learn more about Giving Day 2021 and view our donor wall.

Alumni Returning to St. Bernard

(Continued from page 1)
Alumni Reunion is a fun weekend at St. Bernard. "Whether you graduated in 1950 or 2021; or if you were enrolled for only a semester, everyone is welcome," said Abbot Marcus.

A schedule of events can be found in the alumni section of

the school website: www.stbernardprep.com or you may register online at <https://one.bidpal.net/alumniunion2021/browse/all>

Anyone who needs assistance registering may contact the office by calling (256)739-6682.



Thursday, June 24	
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Golf Reception St. Bernard Quad
Friday, June 25	
7:30 a.m.	Golf Registration Terri Pines Country Club
8:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament Shotgun Start Terri Pines Country Club
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Alumni Check-in, Location TBD
5:30 p.m.	Fish Fry Freddie Day Catering, St. Bernard Quad
Saturday, June 26	
7:00 a.m.	Trail Run/Walk, St. Bernard Woods
9:00 a.m. – Noon	Alumni Check-in, Location TBD
9:30 a.m.	Abbot's Presentation, Heidrich Library Building
Noon	BBQ Lunch Freddie Day Catering, St. Bernard Quad (Class photos on steps of Admin Building)
2:00 p.m.	Grotto Reception, Ave Maria Grotto
4:45 p.m.	Vespers, Abbey Church
5:30 p.m.	Mass, Abbey Church
6:15 p.m.	Alumni Social, St. Bernard Quad
7:15 p.m.	Dinner with the Monks and Alumni Freddie Day Catering, St. Bernard Quad
Sunday, June 27	
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast, St. Bernard Dining Hall
10:30 a.m.	Mass with Monastic Community, Abbey Church

**Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, events, locations, and times are subject to change without notice.*



St. Bernard Receives CCCDC Grant

Joe Golden and Cherri Haney of the Cullman County Community Development Commission present Saint Bernard Prep's Development and Alumni Officer, Tyler Hooper with a \$12,000 grant for virtual learning technology/Infrastructure. Funding for CCCDC grants comes from taxes - Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in lieu of taxes and beer taxes.

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