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St. Bernard Preparatory School



Spring 2022



St. Bernard Class of 2022

Front row (L-R): Emma Whaley, Riley Holmes, Xiran Shu, Piper Watson, Merrilee Schartung. 2nd row: Maddie McBride, Claudia Fallin, Mollie Woods, Maggie Holsomback. 3rd row: José Zatarain, Arturo Bonilla-Calinao. 4th row: David Parrish, Joseph Keith, Morgan Waites, Josh Kennedy, Adrian Gershfeld, David Pascual-Contreras, Joseph Sammon, Enrique Gutierrez. Back row: Campbel Whaley, John Pechon. Not pictured: Diego Garcia and Maybrit Freudenberg.

Miller named CEO at St. Bernard Prep

On behalf of the Board of Directors at St. Bernard Preparatory School, Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B., President-Headmaster, is happy to announce the appointment of Jim Miller as Chief Executive Officer of St. Bernard Preparatory School beginning March 21, 2022.

Miller, who graduated from St. Bernard College, was instrumental in the re-opening of St. Bernard Prep in the early 1980's, serving as the school's headmaster. Jim's wife and school board member Kathy Pinehart Miller, joins the staff as the

Education and School Liaison to the Board. She will assist Fr. Joel on a part-time basis, with particular attention to faculty/staff support and other aspects of school administration as requested.

Under the direction of the Board of Directors the CEO is responsible for the overall management of St. Bernard Prep and other education, social and recreational activities of the school. The new appointments reflect the Board's decision to support the school by being actively involved in the administrative

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St. Bernard Seniors Receive \$3,262,522 in Scholarship Offers

St. Bernard Preparatory School is proud to announce that thus far the Class of 2022 has received well over three million dollars in scholarship offers from colleges and universities in the United States. Twenty-three seniors celebrate the completion of high school education on Sunday May 22, 2022 with a

Baccalaureate Mass in the Abbey Church at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Senior lunch in the Byre at 11:45 a.m.

Graduation commencement exercises begin at 2 p.m.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception will be held in the St. Bernard Dining Hall Brahma Room.

Alumni Weekend Planned

St. Bernard is excited to host the 2022 Alumni Reunion the weekend of June 24-26, 2022 for all classes paying special attention to the classes ending in (2) and (7).

Alumni are invited to meet up with friends for a round of golf at Terri Pines Country Club on Friday to tee off just after noon. Friday evening a fish fry by Freddie Day will take place on the quad.

Alumni may check in on Friday at 4 p.m. or from 9 a.m. – noon on Saturday.

Saturday morning alumni can enjoy a run/walk through the wooded trails at St. Bernard before breakfast. Following breakfast, Abbot Marcus will present a program in the Heidrich Library followed by a BBQ

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Christian Service Award and Benedictine Medal of Merit

Fr. Joel presented Maddie McBride with the Christian Service Award; the Benedictine Medal of Merit was awarded to Emma Whaley and José Zatarain.

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Senior Class Officers

(L-R): Merrilee Schartung, President; Piper Watson, Vice President; Morgan Waites, and John Pechon, Treasurer.



New National Junior Honor Society Members

Pictured above:

Front row (L-R):

Anna Rogallski, Joshua Marks, Roselyn Chavez, Logan Kretschmar, Sean Daly, Karly Arndt, James Crabb, Alexis Cron, and Emilie Gutowski.

Back row (L-R):

Georgia Metrock, Saray Cortes, Camilla Guevara, Logan Bello, Nathan Gaspar, Matthew Garcia, Alexander Nacilla, Presley Shealy, Lily Tillitski, Rowan Hines, Sam Myers, and Tessa Sanders.



New St. Bernard National Honor Society Members

Gabriella Chiodo, Caroline Sidley, Audrey Gil, Emma Powell, Amelia Tafazoli, Ethan Wu, Ezra Penner, Will Lyons, Ezra Penner, Andrew Tombo, Cesar Hernandez, Scarlett DeCicco, and Sydney Watwood.

Honor Society Induction Held at St. Bernard

On Thursday, February 24, parents, students, faculty and staff gathered in the Abbey Church for a prayer service to celebrate twelve outstanding students as they were inducted into one of the oldest, largest and most prestigious high school programs: The National Honor Society.

During the prayer service, President Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B. delivered an uplifting message reminding students of the purpose of St. Bernard. "Of course you want to make good grades and get admitted to the college you choose," then he added, "but our purpose is much bigger than those; you are called to greatness."

Fr. Joel encouraged students to make the purpose of being at St. Bernard a reality in their life. "We are here to know what is true, do what is good, and delight in what is beautiful," Fr. Joel said, adding, "God is truth, goodness and beauty, and St. Bernard wants each of you to know, love and serve Him, accepting challenges, living and guided by others, using God's gifts just as these students being honored today have."

Fr. Joel thanked the student body for helping these students being honored along the way. "It's a cool thing at St. Bernard to do what these students have done; you've helped make their

achievement possible."

Following the prayer service, Mr. Joseph Bond, Honor Society faculty moderator, turned the program over to Honor Society Officers.

Students recognized the four qualities exemplified in NHS—Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character—by lighting candles representing each. Natalie Garcia spoke about scholarship—the commitment to learning; Riley Holmes addressed service—establishing a routine of giving to others; Maddie McBride explained leadership—taking the initiative to train and aid others; and Cole Bissot defined character—the personal commitment to moral and compassionate decision-making.

Each student was awarded a membership certificate and pin by Mr. Bond and Fr. Joel.

After accepting this honor, students pledged to maintain high scholastic standing, to hold as fundamental and worthy an untarnished character, to endeavor intelligently and courageously to be a leader, and to give of themselves freely in service to others.

The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization recognizing outstanding high school students. More than just an academic honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character that demonstrate fullness of life. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the society since its beginnings in 1921.

Music was presented by St. Bernard Choral music under the direction of Mrs. Ashley Russell, with support from Mr. Jonathan Farley, St. Bernard instrumental music. The event ended with the singing of the school's Alma Mater and a blessing of all those in attendance.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held for Honor Society members and their parents in the Dining Hall's Brahma Room.

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Jim Miller named CEO at St. Bernard Prep



Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B., welcomes Jim and Kathy Miller Back to SBP

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arm of St. Bernard Preparatory School.

“St. Bernard recently received high praises for the school’s operation by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (S.A.I.S.),” Fr. Joel said, “And this new action by the board will be a huge boost to St. Bernard life. The Millers have impressive careers in education and bring not only a wealth of experience but much love for St. Bernard.”

The Millers returned to Cullman in 2019 after Jim retired

from Shelby County Schools and Kathy retired from the DAY Program-Shelby County. They have three grown children –

Leah Miller, Ben (Amanda) Miller and Emily (Guy) Myers; and two grandchildren: Marlow Miller and Lucas Myers.

Former Ambassador Pays Visit to St. Bernard

St. Bernard seniors recently enjoyed a visit from Alabama gubernatorial candidate Lindsey Blanchard of Pike County, AL who also served as the U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia.

Blanchard shared her experiences with the senior class and encouraged each student to consider the opportunities of becoming a U.S. Ambassador. While Ambassadors are ultimately responsible for everything that occurs in their area on their watch, they rely on a solid team to best serve American citizens abroad and represent our national interests.

“Slovenia is not very far removed from being a socialist country,” Blanchard said. She saw firsthand how they are still struggling with their legacy. This experience gave her a renewed appreciation of the benefits of a free society and reinstated her absolute opposition to socialism in any form.

“While serving as our

country’s ambassador appointed by President Trump, I had the opportunity to help my home state of Alabama and our state’s economy,” said Blanchard. “I returned to Huntsville from Slovenia to broker a deal to sell our Alabama defense products from Redstone Arsenal to our NATO partners in Europe worth millions. The ambassadorship gave me great insight into the challenges and opportunities those in the military and our defense field are facing. Having been briefed at the Pentagon, at NATO, and at European Command, I’m ready to get to work with our defense operations, Space Force, and all of our military bases here in Alabama.”

Mr. James Griffin, History Instructor, expressed his sincere thanks for her being with his class, and was very impressed with the students attention and questions presented to Blanchard.

Bloomin’ Festival “One for the History Books!”

by Ben Bullard
The Cullman Times

Perfect weather (and perhaps a little pent-up pining to head outdoors) conspired over the weekend to draw throngs of guests to the grounds of St. Bernard monastery for this year’s annual Bloomin’ Festival, marking what coordinator Joyce Nix calls one of the most successful iterations of the event in its nearly four-decade history.

“It was one of the most incredible weekends we’ve ever had,” a fatigued but upbeat Nix said Monday. “It was certainly one for history books. We just had fantastic weather on both days, and that really does bring people out.”

No formal attendance numbers were available on Monday, only one day after the weekend-long event concluded. But this year’s festival attracted big crowds, slowing eastbound traffic along U.S. Highway 278 at times to a near standstill, with the busiest hours finding vehicles at a bumper-to-bumper crawl as far back as Main Avenue in Cullman — a distance of nearly three miles from the St. Bernard campus.

“We haven’t had a chance yet to recap from the event, so I don’t know how many people came through at this point, but it was a multitude,” said Nix.

“Our artists were delighted with the crowds, of course, but they were also delighted with our community. Cullman put its

best foot forward to visitors this weekend, and everyone involved — from our sponsors, to our student and parent volunteers, to the local people who just came out and enjoyed the festival — they all gave our event tremendous support. We couldn’t be more pleased with how everything went — or more grateful to the community.”

Organizers already are eyeing the calendar for October, hoping that the momentum of this year’s huge Bloomin’ Festival turnout carries over to Bernard Blues & BBQ, the St. Bernard Prep School’s other big annual fundraising festival. “I’ve already got people signing up for Blues & BBQ and for next year’s Bloomin’ Festival; vendors who loved how things went over the weekend and want to go ahead and get on board,”

said Nix.

A big part of the appeal, she added, comes from each festival’s focus on curating its lineup of arts and crafts vendors. “When you watch a man sit down and make a broom out of the very corn straw that he grew himself, or see our own local blacksmith, Allan Kress, hammering away on a piece of his work — that’s remarkably appealing for people. It’s something unique that you can’t find at a retail store or online, and I think that extends a really strong appeal.”

Made-to-order weather, of course, certainly helps, too. “Oh, there’s no question,” laughed Nix. “Weather makes all the difference. But none of it would have been possible without the terrific support of our community.”



Fr. Joel Martin, OSB, presents the Jeep Renegade key to the Bloomin’ Festival Grand prize winner Storm Janaszak



Lindy Blanchard Visits With SBP Seniors

“God Bless St. Bernard”

Cullman resident and proud St. Bernard Prep parent Storm Janaszak, left, drove away with the winning ticket for a brand-new Jeep Renegade, the home-run raffle prize at this year’s Bloomin’ Festival. An elated Janaszak told organizers she’d been praying for a much-needed helping hand when it comes to nabbing some new wheels: “When she first bought her

raffle tickets, she’d written ‘God Bless St. Bernard,’ on each of them,” said event coordinator Joyce Nix. “So when we pulled out the winning ticket, I saw what was written on it and who had won — and I read it out loud, but with a little twist: ‘God bless Storm Janaszak!’” Pictured with Janaszak is St. Bernard Prep School headmaster Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B.

St. Bernard Honors

St. Bernard Prep Hosts Honors Night

St. Bernard celebrated the successes of students during two special ceremonies. One for high school students; and the other for Middle School students.

Students were honored by their instructors and presented certificates of achievement for their hard work and dedication.

Lynda Carter presented **Claudia Fallin** with a \$1,000 Scholarship from Cullman Electric Cooperative.

Auburn University's Haylee Dorrill presents students with scholarships. **Merrilee Schartung** received the Spirit of Auburn Presidential Scholarship and **John Pechon** received the Spirit of Auburn Founders Scholarship.

Anna Walton presented **Joseph Keith** with the Presidential Scholarship for Scholastic Excellence and Personal Achievement.

Jon Stephenson presented scholarships from Wallace State Community College to **Campbel Whaley** and **Riley Holmes**.

High School Awards

Walter Adams – Knights of the Altar

Jiovany Aguilar – National Latin Exam – Latin III – Magna Cum Laude

Logan Bello – National Latin Exam – Latin I – Summa Cum Laude (Gold Medal)

Cole Bissot – Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Advanced Placement U.S. History; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Church History; High School Best Actor; Excellence in Honors Precalculus; Appointed Grand Supreme Knight of the Altar

Bradley Burrows – National Latin Exam – Latin II – Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal)

Roselyn Chavez – Excellence in Honors Algebra I

Gabriella Chiodo – Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Advanced Placement U.S. History; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Church History; Outstanding Achievement in Anatomy & Physiology – Third Place

Mary Ella Cockerham – Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Advanced Placement U.S. History; Cum Laude in the Study of Church History

Sara Cortes – National Latin Exam – Latin I – Magna Cum Laude

Adrian Cortes-Villegas – National Latin Exam – Latin III- Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal); Outstanding Leadership in English 11; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Advanced Placement U.S. History; ; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Church History

Cash Daly – Excellence in Latin I; National Latin Exam – Latin I- Summa Cum Laude (Gold Medal); Knights of the Altar

Scarlette DeCicco – Excellence in Latin II; National Latin Exam – Latin II- Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal); Academic Excellence in Honors Algebra II; 10th Grade U.S. History “National Hero”; The Saint Robert Bellarmine Award for Highest Excellence in Catholic Catechesis

Claudia Fallin – Excellence in Senior AP English; Cum Laude in the Study of Economics; Cum Laude in the Study of Government

Maybrit Freudenberg – Excellence in Senior Honors English

Natalie Garcia – Excellence in Latin III; National Latin Exam – Latin III- Maxima Cum Laude; Outstanding Scholarship in English 11; Father Aloysius Plaisance, O.S.B. Award for Highest Achievement in the study of History; Summa Cum Laude in the Study of Advanced Placement U.S. History; Summa Cum Laude in the Study of Church History; Magnificat Award for serving as “Doves of the Altar”

Nathan Gaspar – Excellence in 9th Grade Honors English; Knights of the Altar

Audrey Gil – Excellence in Honors Geometry



Mu Alpha Theta

Front row (L-R): Cole Bissot, Mary Ella Cockerham, Adrian Cortes, Ashley Morris, Elizabeth Hazard, Charles Gil, Natalie Garcia and Joseph Keith. Second Row (L-R): Chanda Dabbs, Instructor; Claudia Fallin, Margaret Holsomback, Abby McBride, Merrilee Schartung, Xiran Shu, Piper Watson, and Kim Whaley, Instructor. Back row (L-R): John Pechon, Campbel Whaley and Morgan Waites.

Charles Gil – Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Advanced Placement U.S. History; Cum Laude in the Study of Church History; Excellence in Honors Precalculus

Enrique Gutierrez – Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Economics; Excellence in Honors Precalculus

Elizabeth Hazard – Summa Cum Laude in the Study of Advanced Placement U.S. History; Summa Cum Laude in the Study of Church History; Excellence in Honors Precalculus; Outstanding Achievement in Anatomy & Physiology – Second Place

Marissa Hazard – Excellence in Honors Geometry; Outstanding

Achievement in 9th Grade Honors Biology Second Place

Cesar Hernandez – National Latin Exam – Latin II- Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal)

Rowan Hines – Excellence in Honors Geometry; Outstanding Achievement in 9th Grade Honors Biology First Place

Riley Holmes – Cum Laude in the Study of Economics; Cum Laude in the Study of Government

Maggie Holsomback – National Latin Exam – Latin IV- Summa Cum Laude (Gold Medal); Academic Excellence in AP Calculus AB; Outstanding Leadership in Creative Writing; Summa Cum Laude in the Study of Economics; Magna Cum

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High School Science Awards

Merrilee Schartung, Andrew Tombo, Madi Kerber, Abby McBride, and Marissa Hazard. Back Row (L-R): Joy Wu, Amelia Tafazoli, Piper Watson, Elizabeth Hazard and John Pechon.



High School Social Studies Awards

Front row (L-R): Mary Ella Cockerham, Allison Stidham, Elizabeth Hazard, Ashley Morris, Scarlette DeCicco, Madi Kerber, and Natalie Garcia. Second row (L-R): James Griffin, Instructor; Morgan Waites, Piper Watson, Campbel Whaley, Claudia Fallin, Riley Holmes, Xiran Shu, and John Pechon. Back row (L-R): Joseph Keith, Margaret Holsomback, Merrilee Schartung, Ezra Penner, Charles Gil, Cole Bissot, Adrian Cortes, and Andrew Tombo.

St. Bernard Honors

Latin Awards

Annually St. Bernard Prep Latin Students take The National Latin Exam. This Exam is a standardized test given to Latin high school students around the country. The possible awards are Cum Laude (with praise), Magna Cum Laude (with great praise), Maxima Cum Laude (with greatest praise), and Summa Cum Laude (with highest praise). St. Bernard students performed very well.

Outstanding Latin students include the following: Front row (L-R): Maggie Holsomback: Summa Cum Laude (Gold); Cash Daly: Summa Cum Laude (Gold); Logan Bello: Summa Cum Laude (Gold) and Anna Rogalski: Summa Cum Laude (Gold). Middle row (L-R): Cesar

Hernandez: Maxima Cum Laude (Silver); Adrian Cortes: Maxima Cum Laude (Silver); Bradley Burrows: Maxima Cum Laude (Silver); Joseph Keith: Maxima Cum Laude (Silver); Scarlett DeCicco: Maxima Cum Laude (Silver); and Willa Smith: Maxima Cum Laude (Silver). Back Row (L-R): Ashton Lindsey: Cum Laude; Joey Shadowens: Maxima Cum Laude (Silver); Jiovany Aguilar: Magna Cum Laude; Saray Cortes: Magna Cum Laude; and not pictured is Natalie Garcia: Magna Cum Laude.



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Laude in the Study of Government; Journalism "Cat Herder"; Most Outstanding AP Chemistry Student; The Saint Thomas Aquinas Award for Highest Excellence in Moral & Ethical Thought

Jack Janaszak – Knights of the Altar

Joseph Keith – Excellence in Latin IV; National Latin Exam – Latin IV- Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal); Father Edward Markley, O.S.B. Award for Excellence in Writing in the Social Sciences; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Economics; Summa Cum Laude in the Study of Government; The Saint Jacob Award for Exuberance in Wrestling with Moral & Ethical Issues

Joshua Kennedy – Class Participation in Senior Honors English

Madi Kerber – Excellence in 9th Grade Pre-AP English; 9th Grade Religion "Chief Scribe"; 9th Grade World History "Renaissance Woman"; Outstanding Achievement in 9th Grade Honors Biology First Place

Ashton Lindsey – National Latin Exam – Latin II – Cum Laude

Will Lyons – Knights of the Altar

Abby McBride – Outstanding Achievement in 9th Grade Honors Biology Third Place

Maddie McBride – Outstanding Discipleship in Creative Writing; High School Best Actress; Christian Service Award

Madison Moody – Best Supporting Actress

Ashley Morris – Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Advanced Placement U.S. History; ; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Church History

David Pascual-Contreras – Excellence in Senior Honors English; Cum Laude in the Study of Economics; Cum Laude in the Study of Government

Xavier Pautler – Summa Cum Laude in the Study of Advanced Placement U.S. History; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Church History

John Pechon – Academic Excellence in AP Calculus BC; Summa Cum Laude in the Study of Economics; Summa Cum Laude in the Study of Government; Outstanding Achievement in Anatomy & Physiology – First Place

Ezra Penner – Outstanding Leadership in English 10; Outstanding Student in U.S. History 1

Ethan Powell – Knights of the Altar

Enrique Ramirez – Outstanding Discipleship in English 11; Best Supporting Actor

Anna Rogalski – National Latin Exam – Latin I – Summa Cum Laude (Gold Medal)

Joseph Sammon – Outstanding Student in Finite Math; Cum Laude in the Study of Economics

Emmanuel Santiago – Best Debut Performance; Knights of the Altar

Merrilee Schartung – Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Economics; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Government; Most Outstanding AP Chemistry Student; Outstanding Student in Physics; Outstanding Student in all Physical Sciences

Joey Shadowens – National Latin Exam- Latin I – Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal)

Xiran Shu – Cum Laude in the Study of Government

Caroline Sidley – Outstanding Discipleship in English 10; Magnificat Award for serving as "Doves of the Altar"

Allison Stidham – Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Advanced Placement U.S. History; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Church History

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Middle School Academic Achievement Awards

(L-R): William Calvert, Alexander Nacilla, Overall Outstanding Academic Achievement; Sarah Woods, Overall Superior Academic Achievement; and Fr. Joel Martin.



Middle School Math Awards

(L-R): Sr. Therese Lopez, LIHM; Alexis Cron, Karley Arndt, and Reid Bissot.

Middle School Algebra Awards

(L-R): Kim Whaley, Instructor; Alexander Nacilla, Sarah Woods, and Abel Morris.



St. Bernard Honors

St. Bernard Prep Hosts Honors Night

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Amelia Tafazoli – Academic Excellence in Honors Algebra II; Outstanding Scholarship in English 10; Most Outstanding Pre-AP Chemistry Student; Knights of the Altar

Andrew Tombo – Academic Excellence in Honors Algebra II; 10th Grade U.S. History “National Hero”; Most Outstanding Pre-AP Chemistry Student

Cristopher Torres – Knights of the Altar

Peter Tran – Academic Excellence in U.S. History II

Morgan Waites – Outstanding Scholarship in Creative Writing; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Economics; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Government

Piper Watson – Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Economics; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Government; Outstanding Achievement in Anatomy & Physiology – Third Place

Sydney Watwood – Journalism Certificate of Appreciation; The Charles Borromeo Award for Excellence in Catholic Catechesis



Middle School Journalism Appreciation Award

Sarah Cumbie and Dr. Craig Mann, Journalism Instructor.



Middle School Science Awards

Martha Wells, Instructor; Alexis Cron, Sean Daly, Sam Myers, Abel Morris, and Sarah Woods.

Campbel Whaley – Excellence in Senior AP English; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Economics; Magna Cum Laude in the Study of Government; Knights of the Altar

Emma Whaley – Benedictine Medal of Merit Award

Ethan Wu – Academic Excellence in Honors Algebra II; Excellence in Honors Geometry

Joy Wu – Most Improved Chemistry Student

Thomas Yohe – Scholars' Bowl MVP

David Zatarain – Knights of the Altar

Jose' Zatarain – Grand Supreme Knight of the Altar; Benedictine Medal of Merit Award

Middle School

Karly Arndt – Academic Excellence in 7th Grade English; Academic Excellence in 7th Grade Social Studies; Highest Average in 7th Grade Math; Middle School SGA Treasurer

Reid Bissot – Highest Average in 8th Grade Algebra IA; Knights of the Altar

Alexis Cron – Academic Excellence 7th Grade Civics; Academic Excellence in 7th Grade English; Highest Average in 7th Grade Math; Outstanding Achievement 7th Grade Life Science – First Place

Sarah Cumbie – Journalism Certificate of Appreciation

Luke Daly – Pope John Paul II Award; Knights of the Altar

Sean Daly – Academic Excellence 7th Grade Civics; Academic Excellence 7th Grade Geography; Middle School Best Actor; Director's Award; Outstanding Achievement 7th Grade Life Science – Third Place; Knights of the Altar

Rafaella Guevara – Good Samaritan Award

Aiden Hays – Knights of the Altar

Caroline McBride – Middle School Best Actress

Abel Morris – Highest Average in 8th Grade World History; Most Outstanding Physical Science Student; Excellence in Honors Algebra I

Sam Myers – Outstanding Achievement 7th Grade Life Science – Second Place; Middle School Scholars' Bowl MVP; Middle School SGA Secretary

Alexander Nacilla – Highest Average in 8th Grade World History; Academic Excellence in 8th Grade English; Excellence in Honors Algebra I; Overall Outstanding Academic Achievement

Cherli Roberson – Highest Average in 8th Grade World History; Middle School SGA Vice-President

Tessa Sanders – Academic Excellence 7th Grade Civics; Academic Excellence 7th Grade Geography

Cameron Smiley – Knights of the Altar

Sarah Woods – Highest Average in 8th Grade World History; Academic Excellence in 8th Grade English; Totus Tuus Award; Most Outstanding Physical Science Student; Excellence in Honors Algebra I; Middle School SGA President; Overall Superior Academic Achievement.

Gabriel Zimmerman – Knights of the Altar



Middle School Theology Award

(L-R): Sr. Therese Lopez, LIHM, and Rafaella Guevara.



Middle School English Awards

(L-R): Meghan Epperly, Instructor; Alexis Cron, Karly Arndt, Sarah Woods, and Alexander Nacilla.



Middle School Social Studies Awards

(L-R): Alexis Cron, Tessa Sanders, and Sean Daly.

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Spirituality & Apologetics Class Offered at St. Bernard Prep

Sr. Gianna Casino, LIHM is preparing seniors at St. Bernard Prep to be ready to defend their faith when they leave high school and into the world.

She currently teaches a new theology elective for seniors, "Spirituality and Apologetics in the New Evangelization," which was developed for students to be prepared to embrace and defend their faith when they go onto college and into the world.



Since the seniors are older and have acquired much experiential knowledge, she wanted to give them a chance for others to hear their voice. "Nowadays, young people want to be seen and heard. What is really beautiful is when they use their gifts for the greater glory of God. We decided to start a podcast wherein we could share our spiritual discussions with others and also have guests come in and tell their faith stories," Sr. Gianna continued.

After two unsuccessful attempts to obtain grants for a podcast studio, Sr. Gianna said she was not sure how she could purchase the microphones and equipment.

However, she did not give up. "We prayed that God's Will would be done, and He would provide. I am so grateful for the 30 Days of Giving - Tyler Hooper's efforts to procure for our teachers; and the benefactors who made this all possible, Sr. Gianna smiled. "We currently have about a

hundred listeners who tune in to each episode."

Young Davids: Change the Trend podcast episodes are now available on Spotify, Anchor, Apple Podcast, and YouTube.

Sr. Gianna said, "If you love a good story, if you love to be inspired, or want to be challenged to go deeper

into your faith, listen to Young Davids: Change the Trend podcast, created by Sr. Gianna's Spirituality & Apologetics Class for seniors at St. Bernard Prep. Take a listen to Arturo, Claudia, Diego, Emma, Maddie, Mollie, and Jose' as they talk all things spiritual and human.



Spirituality and Apologetics Class

Diego Garcia-Cerna, Jose' Zatarain, Arturo Calinao, Mollie Woods, Claudia Fallin, Emma Whaley, and Maddie McBride pictured with Sr. Gianna Casino, LIHM.



Middle School Scholars Bowl

James Crabb, Sam Myers, Sarah Woods, Br. Thomas, Daniel Pichardo, Ruth Adams, Sarah Elizabeth Cumbie.

High School Scholars Bowl

Joseph Keith, Morgan Waites, Br. Thomas, Maggie Holsomback, Merrilee Schartung.

St. Bernard Happenings

Clairvaux Society Plans for Future



Abbot Marcus Voss, OSB; RuthAnn Burton, and Fr. Joel Martin, OSB.



Abbot Marcus Voss, OSB; Margaret Feist, and Fr. Joel Martin, OSB.



Abbot Marcus Voss, OSB; Br. Christopher McBride, OSB; Barbara McBride, and Fr. Joel Martin, OSB.

The Clairvaux Society of St. Bernard Abbey and School added eleven new members during the organization's annual meeting held on the evening of March 12th. The five-course meal, that was part of the evening, gave the monks of St. Bernard a chance to thank members of the Clairvaux Society for their generosity. Abbot Marcus Voss presided over the event and thanked the members for the significant role they play in the overall financial well-being of the School and Abbey.

Members join the Clairvaux Society by completing a pledge card to remember St. Bernard Abbey and School in their wills and estate plans. These generous planned-gifts help St. Bernard secure its financial future. The newest members who were enrolled at this year's meeting included the following: Ruth Ann

Burton, Eddie and Kim Canaday, Frederick and Barbara Carroll, Andrew Doherty, Margaret Feist, John and LuAnn Gissell, Ferris and Gail Maloof, Barbara McBride, Jim and Kathy Miller, William and Elizabeth Venditta and Rev. Jack Ventura.

During his comments at the dinner, Abbot Marcus said, "Historically, the monks of St. Bernard have lived 'hand-to-mouth' for the most part. Now, because of the Clairvaux Society, we have begun to build an endowment that is a significant step toward greater financial stability. Currently, we have commitments of a little over \$13M pledged to the Society and in the years ahead we will be working to continue its growth. Donors who become members of the Clairvaux Society are helping us build a firm financial foundation that will help

us secure the future for both our Abbey and our School."

After the dinner, the new Clairvaux Society members received a commemorative pin, a book on the life of St. Bernard and a Certificate of Honor and Appreciation from the Society. In concluding, Abbot Marcus blessed the pins, prayed in thanksgiving for all members of the Society and asked God's blessing on all. Throughout the year, members of the Clairvaux Society are remembered in special prayers and Masses offered for their intention.

For more information about becoming a member of the Clairvaux Society, please contact Regina Gongre at 256-739-6682 Ext 7110, or email at: rgongre@stbernardprep.com.

Additional information can be found on-line at: Clairvaux Society – Saint Bernard Abbey.



Abbot Marcus Voss, OSB; John and LuAnn Gissell, and Fr. Joel Martin, OSB.



Abbot Marcus Voss, OSB; Jim and Kathy Miller, and Fr. Joel Martin, OSB.

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St. Bernard Clairvaux Society

Front row (L-R): Admiral John Natter, Nancy Natter, LuAnn Gissell, Abbot Marcus Voss, OSB; Ruth Anne Burton, Margaret Feist, Catherine Rymer, Don Meagher, Kathy Miller, and Jim Miller. Second row (L-R): Paul Harrison, Natalie Harrison, Carolyn Eck, Clifford Gissell, Rosemary Malinowski, and Peggy and George Dyar. Third row (L-R): John and Charlotte Kearney, Mike and Susan Natter, Br. Michael Gregersen, Bill Malinowski, General Bill Fiorentino, and The Very Rev. Joseph Culotta.



Enjoying Clairvaux Dinner



Fr. Joel Martin, OSB, with Roy Drinkard



Dorenda and Jimmy Doyle

The Clairvaux Society of Saint Bernard Request for Information Form

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Yes, I am interested in becoming a member of the Saint Bernard Clairvaux Society of Cullman, AL.
- ☐ I have already provided for the Monks and/or Students of Saint Bernard of Cullman, AL, in my will or estate plans.
- ☐ I plan to include Saint Bernard of Cullman, AL in my will or estate plans.
- ☐ I would like to receive a visit from Abbot Marcus or Tyler Hooper (Development & Planned Giving Office) regarding my potential Clairvaux Society membership.

Please complete the following information:

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Saint Bernard Abbey
1600 St. Bernard Dr., SE
Cullman, AL 35055

Claudia and Nic Fallin Win State Honors

The Saint Bernard Saints Track and Field Teams qualified 5 boys and 5 girls to compete at the AHSAA 1A-3A State Track and Field Championships held at Woodard Stadium in Cullman on May 6-7. The individual athletes advanced to the state meet by placing in the top 5 in their respective events at the AHSAA 2A Sectional Meet held at Guntersville High School on April 29-30. The sister and brother combination of **Claudia and Nic Fallin** highlighted the state meet for the Saints by each finishing as 2A State Champions. Claudia, a senior, won the discus with a throw of 106 feet 8 inches. Nic, an 8th grader, finished first in the triple jump competition with a jump of 41 feet 8.25 inches. Freshman **Abby McBride** also made the podium placing 2nd in the 300m hurdles with a time of 50.68. Abby also scored points by placing 6th in the high jump with a jump of 4' 8" and 7th in the 100m hurdles with a time of 18.76. Another freshman, **Madi Kerber** had a good showing by placing 6th in the 1600m (5:52.39) and 7th in the 3200m



Claudia Fallin



Nic Fallin

Run (12:42.56). The **girls team** scored a total of 30 points for 10th place in the final team standings while the **boys team** finished with 10 points for 18th place.

Individual Results

Claudia Fallin: Discus - State Champion (106' 8")
Javelin 10th Place

Nic Fallin: Triple Jump - State Champion (41' 8.25")

Abby McBride: 300m Hurdles - Silver Medalist (50.68); High Jump - 6th Place (4' 8"); 100m Hurdles - 7th Place (18.76)

Madi Kerber: 1600m Run - 6th Place (5:52.39); 3200m Run - 7th Place (12:42.56); 800m - 12th (2:39.82)

Charli Roberson: 100m Hurdles - 12th (19.40); 14th - 300m Hurdles (55.49); Triple Jump 14th (29' 6.5")

Tessa Sanders: 1600m - 21st (6:21)

Parker Guthery: 1600m - 20th (5:36.37) 3200m 16th (11:35)

4 X 800m Relay (Boys) - (**Jiovany Arriaga, Parker Guthery, Sean Daly, Abel Morris**) 9th Place (9:33.34)



St. Bernard Prep Track Team State Qualifiers

Seated: Charli Roberson (state qualifier in 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, and triple jump), Abby McBride (1st place in 300m hurdles and high jump, 2nd place in 100m hurdles), Claudia Fallin (3rd place in discus, state qualifier in javelin), Madi Kerber (state qualifier in 1600m and 3200m), Tessa Sanders (state qualifier in 1600m). Back row: Coach William Calvert, Nic Fallin (1st place in triple jump), Parker Guthery (3rd place 4x800 relay and state qualifier in 1600m, 3200m), Jiovany Arriaga (3rd place 4x800 relay), Abel Morris (3rd place 4x800 relay) Sean Daly (3rd place 4x800 relay).



Boys Track and Field

Coach Blake Calvert, Joseph Keith, Morgan Waites, Xavi Pautler, Nic Fallin, David Parrish, Coach William Calvert, Coach Griffin Wacker, Daniel Pichardo, Sean Daly, Cameron Smiley, Parker Guthery, Abel Morris, Joey Shadowens.



Girls Track and Field

Coach William Calvert, Sarah Woods, Abby McBride, Claudia Fallin, Maggie Holsomback, Coach Griffin Wacker, Coach Blake Calvert, Joy Lamote, Tessa Sanders, Madi Kerber, Charli Roberson.

Girls Tennis

Coach Tim Burleson, Pepper Hastings, Elle Tillitski, Ruth Adams, Lily Tillitski.





Girls Varsity Soccer

Coach Will Drake, Amelia Tafazoli, Caroline McBride, Emma Powell, Annabelle Marte, Allie Stewart, Pepper Hastings, Sarah Woods, Piper Watson, Elizabeth Hazard, Coach Dani Hernandez, Coach John Drake, Alexis Cron, Charli Roberson, Elle Tillitski, Madi Kerber, Ruth Adams, Yesi Aburto, Madison Moody.



Girls JV Soccer

Coach John Drake, Coach Will Drake, Elle Tillitski, Caroline McBride, Emma Powell, Annabelle Marte, Allie Stewart, Pepper Hastings, Sarah Woods, Elizabeth Hazard, Madi Kerber, Ruth Adams, Coach Dani Hernandez, Alexis Cron, Gigi Metrock, Rowan Hines, Saray Cortes, Presley Shealy, Yesi Aburto, Madison Moody.



Boys Varsity Soccer

Coach Greg Bissot, Enrique Gutierrez, Ashton Lindsey, Emmanuel Santiago, Will Lyons, José Zatarain, Diego Garcia, Ethan Powell, Cole Bissot, David Pascual, Coach Diego Garcia, Jacob Hilb, Reid Bissot, Abel Morris, Gavitt Lewis, Cesar Hernandez, Adrian Cortes, Jiovany Arriaga, Charles Gil.



Boys JV Soccer

Coach Greg Bissot, Abel Morris, Luke Daly, Emmanuel Santiago, Will Lyons, Ethan Powell, Jacob Hilb, Cole Bissot, Coach Diego Garcia, Reid Bissot, Ashton Lindsey, Gavitt Lewis, Cesar Hernandez, Jiovany Arriaga, Charles Gil, Cash Daly.



High School Archery

Joseph Sammon, Ezra Penner, Carter Daily, Coach Elicia Fallin, Jackson Metrock, David Parrish, Morgan Waites, Sydney Watwood, Allison Stidham, Rowan Hines, Amelia Tafazoli, Joy Wu, Claudia Fallin, Maggie Holsomback, Abby McBride.



Middle School Archery

James Crabb, Cameron Smiley, Gabriel Zimmerman, Caroline McBride, Sarah Elizabeth Cumbie, Logan Kretzschmar, Nic Fallin, Aiden Hays, Sarah Woods, Katie Chamblee, Coach Elicia Fallin, Yesi Aburto, Emilie Gutowski.

St. Bernard Happenings



Pepper Hastings State Level Tennis

Pepper Hastings poses with Coach Tim Burleson after qualifying for State. Hastings, a ninth grader – punched her ticket to the state tennis tournament by winning both of her matches in the Class 1A-3A Section 3 tournament in Huntsville. She won the single bracket (No.5) beating players from Whitesburg Christian 10-0 and Decatur Heritage 10-0 to advance to Montgomery for the second straight season.

At the State tournament, she won her first match against Westminster Christian. However, she lost the semi-final to a German Exchange student from Mars Hill.



Br. Joseph Goode Looks Forward to Learning More About Beekeeping

Abbey Farm Adds Two Beehives

Recently, St. Bernard welcomed a new colony of bees to the Monastery. Two beehives have been established by the monks, and along with the cows and chickens, will help contribute to the Abbey farm.

Br. Joseph Goode, a novice at St. Bernard Abbey, started the beehives in hopes of collecting good honey within the next year. “These industrious little insects, numbering about 80,000 per hive at full strength, have already been seen whizzing back and forth the grounds collecting pollen and honey to make delicious honey,” Br. Joseph said.

A healthy hive can produce up to 70 pounds of

honey every year. In addition to pollinating flowers all across the country, busy bees are responsible for up to 30% of the productivity of American farms! The honey bee is a calm and gentle creature, and has been kept by humans as far back as 3,000 years ago.

With a little help from Rob Werner, beekeeping is something Br. Joseph is looking forward to learning. “It is our hope to reap a generous harvest for the monastery table, and, if things go well, for the local community as well, he added.

Any donations to help the Abbey Bee project would be gladly welcomed.



St. Bernard Prep Performs Disney's "Aladdin Jr."

St. Bernard Prep's Drama department presented “Aladdin Jr.,” a little twist on Disney's popular telling of the tale of an orphaned “street rat” who is offered three wishes by a genie. With his heart set on the love of a princess, Aladdin must balance rising fame and fortune with an ultimate need to be true to who he really is.

“I am extremely proud of the Aladdin cast for several reasons,” said Director Ashleigh Russell. “One is that these kids are so busy with schoolwork, sports, holding down jobs, and being involved in their community, but still find time to rehearse several times a week, outside of school, to put on a great show. I am also very proud of this group for coming together to become a team. They range from 7th to 12th grade, and may or may not have known each other before this show. Lastly, I have grown to love these kids as my own and have enjoyed seeing them grow and improve their talents and theatrical skills. They have been open to becoming better and improving and I can't wait for the community to see them take the stage.”

Cast and crew

Aladdin - Adrian Cortes
Genie - Cole Bissot
Jasmine - Maddie McBride
Sultan - Campbell Whaley

Jafar - Emmanuel Santiago
Iago - Madison Moody
Magic Carpet - Caroline McBride
Abou - Sean Daly
Rajah - Daniel Pichardo
Babkak, Omar and Kassim - Gabriel Zimmerman,
Cameron Smiley, Josh Marks
Isir - Maybrit Freudenberg
Manal - Joy Lamote
Beggars - Reid Bissot, Alexander Nacilla
Apple Vendor - Caroline McBride
Razoul - Ricky Ramirez
Guards - Sarah Woods, Luke Daly, James Crabb
Prince Abdullah - Abel Morris
Attendants - Parker Guthrie, Daniel Pichardo
Entourage/Agrabahns - Above cast plus Emma Whaley, Maggie Holsomback, Sarah Cumbie
Voice of the Cave of Wonders - Mr. Matthew Shaddrix
Stage hands - Samuel Myers, Adrian Gershfield, Abby McBride
Choreographers - MerriLee Schartung, Emma Whaley, Maggie Holsomback
Set design - St. Bernard Prep Middle School art class with Elicia Fallin and Meghan Epperly
Lights, sound - John Caples, Adrian Gershfield

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St. Bernard Abbey news

"The Church Has Been Waiting for You"

Two Benedictine monks ordained to the transitional diaconate

Abbot Marcus Voss, O.S.B. and the Monks of Saint Bernard Abbey celebrated the Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon of two monks on Saturday, April 9. Rev. Brother Paschal Pautler, O.S.B., and Rev. Brother Pachomius Alavarado-Garcia, O.S.B., were ordained deacons by Bishop Steven J. Raica of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama in the St. Bernard Abbey Church. Several priests and deacons from the diocese, visiting monks and clergy, religious sisters, and many lay faithful attended the ordination.

Speaking directly to the candidates at their ordination, Bishop Raica said during his homily, "Just as you have been waiting for this day, the Church and this Abbey have been waiting for you. Today, the wait comes to an end, and another chapter begins - another journey launches for you. It is a journey that has moments of elation and great joy when you experience all the meaning and purpose of the diaconate as one of service - service to the Church and especially to this local community." The bishop offered some guidance and charged the candidates to "serve God with your heart," to "give Him your all," and to "serve with joy." He concluded by expressing his gratitude: "My dear sons, thank you for saying 'yes' to God's call here at St. Bernard's Abbey."

Rev. Brother Paschal was born in

Birmingham and was educated by the Nashville Dominican Sisters at St. Rose Academy in Birmingham, before attending St. Bernard Preparatory School, an apostolate of St. Bernard Abbey. Rev. Brother Paschal entered the monastery after high school and has been studying for the priesthood since the time he made his first profession of vows as a Benedictine monk in 2015. He earned a B.A. in Philosophy from Belmont Abbey College in Charlotte, North Carolina, before entering St. Meinrad Seminary to earn a M.A. of Divinity.

Rev. Brother Pachomius was born in Perico, Cuba, where his mother still lives. Active in catechetical activities as a teenager in his hometown parish, he later pursued religious studies at Instituto María Reina in Havana, Cuba. As a young man, he moved to Colombia and entered Monasterio Benedictino de Tibati in Bogota, Colombia. It was there that he had his first contact with St. Bernard Abbey, through Father Joel Martin, O.S.B., who, at the time, was visiting the Colombian monastery on business. When Rev. Brother Pachomius later made his way to the United States, he contacted Father Martin and entered St. Bernard Abbey. Rev. Brother Pachomius has been studying at St. Meinrad Seminary to earn his M.A. of Divinity.

After their ordination, Rev. Brothers Paschal and Pachomius both served as deacons for the liturgical celebrations of Holy Week, assisting the abbot throughout

the high holy days of the Sacred Triduum. As deacons, they are responsible for proclaiming the Gospel at Mass, preaching, assisting the priest at Mass and other liturgical rites, distributing Holy Communion, leading public prayer, and ministering with charity, especially to the sick and the poor. Deacons can also baptize, witness and bless marriages, and perform

funeral and burial rites. As transitional deacons, Rev. Brothers Paschal and Pachomius will be ordained to the priesthood, God willing, in June of 2023. We ask you to keep these brothers in your prayers as they advance in their ministerial service in the Church!



Rev. Brother Pachomius Alavarado-Garcia, O.S.B. and Rev. Brother Paschal Pautler, O.S.B.



Bishop Steven J. Raica of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama in the St. Bernard Abbey Church ordains Rev. Br. Paschal Pautler, O.S.B.

Br. Romanus Davitt Instituted Into Ministry of Lector



Brother Romanus Davitt, O.S.B., a seminarian from the Saint Bernard Abbey, Cullman, Alabama, was instituted into the Ministry of Lector on March 23 by Most Rev. Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica. He is in his first year of theology studies at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe.

Brother Romanus Davitt, O.S.B., was among twelve seminarians from Saint Vincent Seminary who was instituted into the Ministry of Lector at Saint Vincent Seminary on March 23 by Most Rev. Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica. He attended Pleasant Valley High School in Jacksonville, Alabama, completing his studies in 1994. He earned a bachelor of arts

degree in 2021 from Wallace State Community College/Belmont Abbey College in philosophy. His parents are the late Lawrence Davitt and the late Pamela Jean Clements-Chaney.

The lector is appointed to read the word of God in the liturgical assembly, except the Gospel, in the Mass and in other sacred celebrations.

A seminarian from the Saint Bernard Abbey, Cullman, Alabama, was instituted into the Ministry of Lector at Saint Vincent Seminary on March 23 by Most Rev. Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica. Taking part in the Mass and Vespers were, from left, Archabbot Martin de Porres Bartel, O.S.B., Seminary Chancellor; Brother Romanus Davitt, O.S.B., who was instituted; Bishop Kulick; and Seminary Rector Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B.



St. Bernard Alumni news

Congratulations

Tori Badar (PS'16) received a Masters Degree in Public History from University of North Alabama. Torey was a Graduate Assistant and received full tuition scholarship along with a monthly \$1,000 stipend.



Tori Badar

Nursing. She is currently employed at Children's Hospital in Birmingham on the Hematology/Oncology Unit.



Shivangi Patel

received her Bachelor's of Science Degree (2019) from Birmingham-Southern College. Shivangi is now living in Atlanta, GA and works at Revenue Cycle Coding Strategies as a financial analyst. Shivangi believes learning is a fun lifelong process, and her future involves exploring consulting and expanding into the hospitality sector. She says she owes the St. Bernard community for shaping her for who she is today.

Aileen Cunningham Swartz (PS'96) is an author/illustrator and has published a Children's instructional book on swimming. "How to Swim Like a Mermaid" starts with a magical story and incorporates swim games that strengthen technique in young swimmers. She is a Marketing/English graduate from Auburn University. Aileen is passionate about swim safety; she coached Swimteam and taught several children to swim,

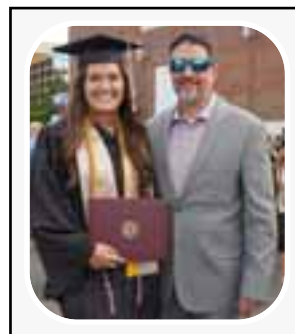


Aileen Cunningham Swartz

including her own. Visit www.aileenswartz.com to join her readers club or to purchase the book.

Mike Moore (C'69) and his wife Virginia will be celebrating their upcoming 52nd wedding anniversary with a trip to England and Scotland. Mike recently retired from coaching varsity basketball at L'Anse Creuse North in Michigan where he taught for 35 years.

Avy Whaley (PS'18) graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor Degree of Commerce and Business Administration, Cum Laude. She majored in Business Management with a specialization in Entrepreneurship and minored in Services Marketing.



Avy Whaley Graduation



Christian Garcia

Christian Garcia (PS'17) graduated from the University of Alabama in Huntsville majoring in Information Systems with a Cybersecurity concentration in the Fall of 2021. After graduation, he started working at Redstone Federal Credit Union as a Cyber Security Analyst. He plans to pursue his Master's in Computer Science at Georgia Tech in the Fall of 2022.

Alex Ginás (PS'13) graduated JSU in 2019 with a bachelor's in Exercise Science and Wellness. He is currently attending graduate school at the University of South Alabama in the Occupational Therapy program. He was recently featured in an article at the University of the South focusing on males in the study of Occupational Therapy. <https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/alliedhealth/news/brots.html>



Alex Ginás

Anna Myers (PS'17) graduated from Jefferson State Community with an Associate Degree in



Dorenda Doyle Publishes Her First Book

Can you love someone but not like them? Can you learn to forgive what you can't forget? And, can it ever be too late? This is a "tears to cheers memoir" set in the Midwest during the last half century. Her book is available on Amazon.

Dorenda Doyle, a former instructor at SBP, recently published her first book "How I Learned to Like My Mom." It is the story of a woman who drank too much, parented too little, and married seven men! She was beautiful, talented, wrote country songs, and she happened to be her mother.

Wedding

Paula Barnes Taylor (SBP 2001) married Steven Taylor on January 15, 2022.

The newlyweds will reside in Memphis, TN where Paula is a Senior Advisor - Marketing Research for ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Steven is a Technical Training Specialist and Adjunct Professor for Southwest Tennessee Community College.



Mr. & Mrs. Steven Taylor

New Arrivals

Nathan (PS'13) and **Maddie** (PS'12) Cline announced the arrival of their second daughter, Miss Kit Kolbe on February 17, 2022. She joins her big sister, Felicity at their home in Madison.



Kit Kolbe Cline

Tyler (Richards) (PS'03) and Mitchel Gaston recently welcomed their third child, Thomas, on March 3 weighing 6 lbs, 11 oz, and was 19.25 inches long. He joins his Big brothers Isaac (6) and James (3) at their home in Mount Olive, Alabama.



Thomas Gaston

St. Bernard Alumni news

In Memoriam

Shirley Livingston Blackwelder, 73, of Piedmont, passed away on Saturday, January 22, 2022. She was a certified legal assistant and a member of Nances Creek Worship Center. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Ed Blackwelder, who, during his career taught as a member of the St. Bernard College faculty. Shirley and Ed are longtime friends of St. Bernard Abbey and, in recent years, often visited the monastery.

Dr. Albert Thomas Fromhold, Jr. (HS'53, JC'55) of Auburn, Alabama passed away on April 17, 2022 at his residence. He was 86 years old. After Dr. Fromhold graduated from St Bernard High School and St Bernard Junior College, he enrolled at Auburn University where he earned a Bachelor degree in Engineering Physics and a Master of Nuclear Science degree. He then entered Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and completed his Ph. D. degree in Engineering Physics with a specialty in Surface Physics. He taught undergraduate and graduate physics at Auburn University, directed the research of graduate students and published a textbook on Quantum Mechanics. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of Toastmasters. He is survived by his wife Regina Fromhold; sons Thomas Fromhold and wife Maria Emilia and Matthew Fromhold and wife Karen; granddaughter Kaitlin Fromhold; sisters Mary Ann Brannan and her husband Edwin and Martha Jane Adams and her husband Clyne and their families.

George Albin Hagman (SB '49), passed away peacefully at home in Louisville, Kentucky on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at the age of 91 - just 2 days before his and his beloved wife, Georgiana's 67th wedding anniversary. George was born on September 20, 1930 in Skillman, Kentucky. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951-1955. In addition to his wife, George is survived by five children: Stephen, Paula (Phil) Mattingly, Mark, Barbara, and Julie (Jeff) Thomison. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren: Joseph and Andrea Mattingly, Dallas and Courtney Hagman and Ethan, Charlie, Matthew and Jaimie Thomison as well as numerous brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.



George Hagman

Francis Joseph Johnson, (HS'51) a life-long resident of Pensacola, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at the age of 88. After graduating from St. Bernard in 1951, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served on the USS Bushnell during the Korean War. After leaving the Navy, Francis worked for Chemstrand/Monsanto, a career that spanned 45 years. Francis is survived by his children, Patricia Marchione (Joseph), Kenny, Stephen, Susan Emmanuel (Stephen), Larry Johnson (Darla), Theresa Bruno (Anthony), William Johnson (Linda), Kathy Hood (Brad) and Chris Johnson (Cathy); eighteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Anne Bruno LaRussa passed away peacefully at home. Anne was a lifelong resident of Birmingham and grew up in a close Italian American community. She attended John Carroll High School and married her childhood sweetheart, Benny LaRussa at age 20. Together, they built a life centered on family and faith. After having six children in seven years, Anne returned to school to complete her BA degree in Journalism from Samford University in 1976. In addition, she received a Masters degree in Counseling from UAB followed by an Ed.S in Counseling from UAB in 1994. She was a licensed professional counselor and in 1995

she founded Oasis Counseling for Women and Children in Birmingham. In 2018, through her initiative, the Psychiatric Intake Response Center (PIRC) was established at Children's of Alabama to help patients, families and providers better navigate the mental health system. She is survived by her husband, Benny LaRussa and her children, Benny LaRussa, Jr (Lynn), Karen Persinger (Steve), Joe LaRussa (Cornelia), John LaRussa (Mary Carson), Marian Phillips (Steve), and David LaRussa (Mary Lyn).



Bernard A. O'Hara

commercial real estate agent. Later, Ben was a math and social studies teacher at St. Michael's School for Boys in Falls. In addition to his wife, Kathy, Ben is survived by his daughter, Siobhan Rois O'Hara and husband, Colin Lang, Philadelphia; two brothers, Joseph O'Hara, Independence, Mo., and Larry O'Hara and wife, Ann Louise, Scranton; a niece, MaryRose O'Hara and nephew, Tommy O'Hara, both of Independence, Mo.; a stepsister, Susan Reining Gould, Orlando, Fla.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dr. Kenneth Lawrence Ozmon, (C'55; Sem'58) age 90, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2022. He graduated from St. Bernard College and went on to earn a master's degree from Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. After spending time at Marianopolis College in Montreal, he made his way to Maine where he earned his PhD in Psychology. Now Dr. Ozmon, Ken had a long and successful career in academic administration, serving as Dean of Arts at UPEI. From there he was named President of Saint Mary's University in 1979. Ken is survived by his daughter, Kendi, (Brian) Kim and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Elizabeth and his daughter Angela Vecchio-Ozmon, as well as his brothers Howard and Raymond Ozmon.

Dr. Samuel Davis Parker (C'63) passed on Tuesday, March 29, following a lengthy decline in his health. He graduated from West Point High School and earned a A.B. Degree from St. Bernard College (magna cum laude with the Gold Medal Award for Academic Achievement), a M.Ed. from Auburn University, and the Ed.D. from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. He served as associate professor, then professor, in the Education Department at St. Bernard College, later Southern Benedictine College, until its closure in 1979. For five consecutive terms he was elected by his colleagues to serve as president of the Faculty Senate at St. Bernard. He then became an instructor at Wallace State Community College, teaching classes in psychology and sociology until his retirement in 2001. Dr. Parker

Bernard A. O'Hara, 69, of Scranton, PA died Thursday at Abington Manor. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Kathleen Kelly O'Hara. Throughout his youth, Ben was a gifted athlete, excelling on the basketball court and baseball diamond. Ben graduated from Scranton Central High School, class of 1970, and furthered his studies at St. Bernard's College in Cullman, Ala. After graduation, he enjoyed a successful career locally as a



Dr. Samuel D. Parker

was proud to have been a part of the development of the St. Bernard Preparatory School, serving as the original Chairman of the Board of Directors during the initial phase of its opening. More recently, in June 2015, Dr. Parker was honored to have been presented with The Abbot Benedict Menges Medal for Outstanding Service by St. Bernard Abbey and St. Bernard Preparatory School. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Betty M. Parker, and his son and daughter-in-law, Stephen Davis and Annette Irons Parker. Abbot Marcus Voss and Elder Ricky Harcrow officiated at the funeral service.

Dr. John Charles Scharfenberg, (HS'55) 84, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2022. After graduating from St. Bernard High School and Spring Hill College, he attended Tulane Medical School and graduated in 1963. From 1964-1966, John served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1966 with the rank of Captain, and a Bronze Star for his service. John and his wife, Ann, moved to New Orleans and spent his career as a staff pathologist at the Ochsner Clinic until he retired in 2002. He served on my boards and medical associations. John is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Ann Laville Scharfenberg, a daughter, Mary Connelly Scharfenberg George (Kevin), sons John Charles, Jr. and Edward Parkerson (Katherine), granddaughters Charlotte Love Scharfenberg and Virginia Laville Scharfenberg, a brother, Stephen Andrew Scharfenberg (Suzanne), and many nieces and nephews.

Ralph Stanfield (C'70) passed away after a brief illness in his hometown of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, November 27, 2021 at the age of 74. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Susan. He is survived by his two sons, Brian and Bart and his two granddaughters Bryce and Briana. Ralph grew up in Attalla, Alabama where he was a star basketball and baseball player for Etowah High School. He received a scholarship to play those two sports at St. Bernard, playing a key role on St. Bernard's conference championship basketball team in 1968. As a senior Ralph would win the Luke Fazi Award for being the outstanding athlete at St. Bernard. After graduation Ralph was a successful basketball coach at high schools in Alabama and Georgia. He would eventually be elected to the Etowah County (Alabama) Sports Hall of Fame. Ralph would spend the majority of his life working with Nationwide Insurance. He was eventually placed in charge of dozens of agents across the state and enjoyed a very successful career.

Gerald (Jerry) Michael Sullivan, (JC'53) age 87, of Signal Mountain, TN, died at home, March 24, 2022. After graduating from the University of Tennessee with a degree in civil engineering, he worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Army Corps of Engineers, Breeko Industries, and Ross Bryan Associates. For more than forty years he was self-employed, specializing in structural and roofing design. He is survived by his daughters Cindy Robinson (Ken) Moffett, Jan Sullivan (Hayden) McKaskle, and Edie Sullivan Sutter; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

St. Bernard Happenings

Giving Day 2022 Raises 113% of Goal

Thanks to the overwhelming response and generous support of the St. Bernard Family, St. Bernard's third annual Giving Day on March 21 raised \$56,271 for the St. Bernard Educational Foundation. Tyler Hooper (PS '07), St. Bernard's Chief Development Officer and creator of Giving Day, said of the event, "I am humbled 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 2022. To be able to exceed our \$50,000 goal is truly exciting!"

Each year Giving Day supports the St. Bernard Educational Foundation. The Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, 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 again in Giving Day – especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continued. Our donors understand the need of this most important educational ministry and include

college alumni, prep school alumni, board members, parents, faculty, staff, Abbey oblates, and friends. We are truly blessed to have such generous supporters than answered our call to action on Giving Day."

Hooper remarked that he is very pleased that Giving Day 2022 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 Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

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 2022 and view our donor wall.



Fazi Award Winners

Athletic Director, Tim Burleson presented José Zatarain, and Claudia Fallin with 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.

Over the years, the St. Bernard Summer Appeal has provided significant support for the overall wellbeing of St. Bernard Abbey and School. Especially during recent years, St. Bernard was able to meet the financial challenges caused by the COVID pandemic because of donations received during the Summer Appeal. In a recent self-study during the school's reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Independent School (S.A.I.A.), high praise was given to St. Bernard benefactors because of their solid support.

This year, the Summer Appeal will have three major objectives according to Abbot Marcus Voss. "One of our objectives this summer will be to retire the remaining deficit

caused by the pandemic. This will help us focus on the future as our enrollment gets stronger and stronger and the school continues to grow," Abbot Marcus said. "In addition, the Summer Appeal will help us educate and prepare our four deacons for priestly ordination as well as continue the formation of our two novices and the other candidates who plan to join the Abbey this summer. And a third objective this summer, will be to complete needed repairs and improvements on the campus.

Special attention will be given some roof repair."

This appeal will begin during the month of June. "I will certainly be grateful to everyone for their support of our Summer Appeal," continues Abbot Marcus. "Our supporters make it possible for us to continue and expand the St. Bernard tradition of work and prayer." To donate online visit <https://stbernardprep.com/summer-appeal/>.

Alumni Weekend Planned

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Chicken lunch at noon.

Goat Island Brewery has extended an invitation to all alumni to join them for an afternoon of fun from 1-4 p.m. (Dutch treat). Ave Maria Grotto is also open for tours.

Join the monks for Vespers in the Abbey Church at 4:30 p.m. Followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m. An alumni social will be held on the quad at 6:15 p.m. followed by a steak dinner at 7:15 p.m.

On Sunday enjoy breakfast at St. Bernard Dining Hall followed by Mass with the Monastic Community at 10:30 a.m.

For the entire weekend the cost is \$150 per person. This includes - Check in on Friday afternoon and a fish fry with Freddie Day Catering under the tent Friday night. Saturday this package includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks. There will be plenty of time to tour the campus, hike the trails, take a trip through town, and revisit old stomping grounds. (Does not include Boniface Hall reservations.)

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