



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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LIFETIME LIONS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Summer 2019

ALUMNI UPDATES

Catholic high school 2018-19 year-end academic awards and accolades:

Bishop Lynch High School:

Chelsea A. '16 - Spanish Honor Society; **Maddie B. '17** - Junior Class Representative for the Lima House; **Izzy C. '15** - top 10%, will attend Boston College on a volleyball scholarship, National Honor Society, English Honor Society, Rho Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta; **Catherine F. '15** - top 25%, Advanced Placement Scholar (3.0 average on all AP exams and scored 3 or higher on 4 or more AP tests), Mu Alpha Theta; **Justin H. '16** - selected to attend the Goethe Institut Chicago's Sustainability Summit in May which connects sustainability issues with science, technology, engineering, math and German as a foreign language; **Annabella M. '16** - National Honor Society; **Kevin N. '16** - 7th place in 2D Mixed Media at TAPPS Academic State; **Mai-Vi O. '17** - Duet participant at TAPPS Academic State; **Charlie S. '15** - member of the Mock Trial team that placed 10th in their first national tournament appearance; **Alonso T. '18** - Sophomore Class Representative for the Aquinas House, President of the Robotics Club, Captain of the Robotics Team for the TAPPS State Competition in 2020; **Carissa T. '16** - 2nd place Spelling at TAPPS Academic State; **Sharon V. '16** - 6th place Spanish at TAPPS Academic State; **Becca W. '16** - Senior Class Representative for the Angelico House

Jesuit Preparatory School of Dallas:

Braxton B. '16 - Honor Roll, U.S. History, UIL 2nd Team All District/Baseball; **Sam D. '16** - Principal Honor Roll, Community Service, Interact Club, The Last Roundup Yearbook, Haggerty Math/Science Award, T.J. Martinez S.J. Scholarship for community service; **Jonathan D. '16** - Silver Medal/National Latin Exam; **Joseph F. '16** - Honor Roll, The Last Roundup Yearbook; **Ethan J. '16** - Economics,



A NATIONAL SCHOOL
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St. Mark Catholic School is a two time recipient of the U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Award. This means that St. Mark students consistently score in the top 15% in the nation on standardized tests.



St. Mark Catholic School was recognized as 1 of the top 3 Catholic schools in the nation for technology integration by *Today's Catholic Teacher* magazine.

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Community Service/Social Justice, Honors Diploma; **Jalen L. '16** - Honor Roll, English 3; **Michael L. '17** - Music Appreciation; **Antonio M. '16** - Principal Honor Roll, highest scoring junior/American Mathematical Competition 12; **Mark M. '18** - Outstanding Contribution to The Roundup Newspaper; **Matthew N. '16** - Principal Honor Roll, Algebra 2; **Matt N. '16** - Honor Roll; **John N. '16** - Honor Roll; **Jacob N. '16** - Honor Roll; **Ian S. '15** - AP Macro Economics, Honors Diploma; **Cal T. '16** - Principal Honor Roll

Of special note: All of the 2016 St. Mark alumni who attend Jesuit made the 2019 end of year Honor Roll.

John Paul II High School:

Abby A. '18 - Cardinal Scholar, Perfect Attendance, Art I 2D Drawing, Biology, English I Honors, Freshman Seminar, Latin I, Theology I; **Travis A. '16** - Cardinal Scholar, Perfect Attendance, U.S. History, National Honor Society, National Speech & Debate Association, Science National Honor Society, National Junior Classical League; **Hannah B. '17** - Bishop Grahmann Award, Cardinal Scholar, Algebra II Honors, Art I 3D Ceramics, Chemistry Honors, Communication Applications, AP European History, Latin II Honors, Theology II, National Junior Classical League; **Jace B. '15** - Honor Graduate, Cardinal Scholar, American Cultures Studies, Astronomy; Computer Science I Online, Economics, Environmental Systems, Music Appreciation, Sociology, Theology IV, U.S. Government & Politics; **Justus B. '17** - Cardinal Scholar, Art I 2D Drawing, Art I 3D Ceramics, Theology II; **Ashley B. '15** - Honor Graduate, Christian Service, Perfect Attendance, Macro-Economics, Theology IV, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society; **Daniela B. '17** - Computer Science I, Spanish II, Theology II; **Jack B. '17** - Debate I, Theology II, National Speech & Debate Association; **Adam B. '16** - Art I 2D Drawing, Art I 3D Ceramics, Concert Band Honors, Health II, National Art Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society; **Daniela C. '15** - Personal Finance, Student Leadership; **Kaitlin C. '15** - Honor Graduate, Cardinal Scholar, AP Macro-Economics, Symphony Honors, Theology IV, AP U.S. Government & Politics, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Societe Honoraire de Francais, Tri-M Music Honor Society; **Matthew C. '17** - Cardinal Scholar, Chemistry Honors, French I, Symphony Honors, Theology II; **Ynez C. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Art I 3D Ceramics, French II Honors, Freshman Seminar, Theology I, Societe Honoraire de Francais; **Nick C. '17** - Cardinal Scholar, Art I 2D Drawing, Art I 3D Ceramics, Computer Science I, Theology II; **Alejandro C. '15** - Cardinal Women's Scholarship Award, Honor Graduate, Christian Service, Perfect Attendance,



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Alumni and Alumni Families:

We're off to an exciting new school year! Students returned last week to a completely refreshed campus with new paint, carpet, colorful murals, new art installations, new signage, an ever-expanding outdoor learning environment, fabulous library and playground updates, and there is so much more to come!

Our inspiring surroundings are matched only by the inspiring academic and enrichment activities our students continue to enjoy. As you may recall, we're introducing Virtual/Augmented Reality to students this year, as well as coding activities to our youngest students. These serve as wonderful complements to the cutting-edge programming we continue to offer.

We ask that you continue to join us in prayers of gratitude for the Templeton family whose generosity has made so many of these projects possible.

Monthly community service is always one of the most important components of our program. This month's project welcomes all of our new students and staff to St. Mark, something we will carry on throughout the year.

Anatomy & Physiology, Economics, Theology IV, U.S. Government & Politics, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica; **Vanessa D. '16** - Cardinal Scholar, Algebra II, Communication Applications, Health II, Theology II, National Honor Society; **Cristian D. '15** - Forensic Science, Personal Finance; **Rachel D. '16** - Cardinal Scholar, Art I 2D Drawing, Art I 3D Ceramics, National Art Honor Society; **Lauren D. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Biology, Communication Applications, Freshman Seminar; **Isabella F. '15** - Honor Graduate, Christian Service, Concert Band Honors, Forensic Science, AP Macro-Economics, Personal Finance, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society; **Marti F. '17** - Academic Octathlon I Honors, Algebra II Honors, Concert Band Honors, Latin II Honors, Theology II, National Junior Classical League, Tri-M Music Honor Society; **Riley G. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Algebra I, Freshman Seminar, Health I; **Allison G. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Freshman Seminar, Health I, Latin I, Theology I; **Lindsey G. '16** - Cardinal Scholar, Latin III Honors, Pre-Calculus, Theology III, National Honor Society, National Junior Classical League; **Gabby G. '16** - Cardinal Scholar, Musical Theatre, Theology III, U.S. History, International Thespian Society, National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society; **Anna G. '15** - Communication Applications, Dance IV; **Carly H. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Biology, English I, Freshman Seminar, Health I; **Samantha H. '17** - Red Crest Award, Art I 2D Drawing, Art I 3D Ceramics; **Kyanna I. '16** - Cardinal Scholar, Red Crest Award, Art II 3D Ceramics, Physics Honors, Spanish Language/Culture, Theology III, National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, Societe Honoraire de Francais; **M. Ibarra '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Art I 2D Drawing, Freshman Seminar, Spanish III Honors, Theology I; **Samantha I. '16** - Cardinal Scholar, Art II 2D Drawing, Physics Honors, Theology III, AP U.S. History, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society; **Mitchell J. '15** - Economics, Theatre Production, International Thespian Society; **Veronica J. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Algebra I, Freshman Seminar, Health I; **Blake J. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Freshman Seminar, Health I; **Natalie J. '17** - Cardinal Scholar, Algebra II Honors, Chemistry, Computer Science I, English II Honors, Latin II Honors, Theology II, National Junior Classical League; **Aaron K. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Biology, Communication Applications, Freshman Seminar; **Kendell K. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Biology, Freshman Seminar, Health I; **Kate K. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Art I 3D Ceramics, Freshman Seminar, Latin I; **Christian L. '15** - Communication Applications, Economics, Forensic Science, Mixed Chorus Honors, Tri-M Music Honor

Fine Arts continues to grow with more pottery wheels being added to the Art department and Father Cliff continuing his involvement with middle school theater.

One of my favorite things to share with you is our alumni accomplishments. We like to think that each success validates all we do at St. Mark to build a strong foundation for our students. As usual at this time of year, these accomplishments are many, and are always so impressive -- please read through them at left. I know you will be as proud as I am.

We've already seen so many of our alumni on campus over the last week are so proud to show off some of the recent campus enhancements. For those of you who haven't yet stopped by, come see what's happening at St. Mark! It's always a great time to be a LION, but never more so than now.

Sincerely,

Patricia Opon, Principal
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P.S. Don't see your recent accomplishment in this newsletter? Please send it to us at debbie.reed@stmcs.net. We'll include it in the next edition.



Society; **Diego L. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Art I 3D Ceramics, Biology, Freshman Seminar; **Nicholas L. '15** - Anatomy & Physiology, AP Macro-Economics, Music Appreciation, Science National Honor Society; **Lawrence L. '18** - Red Crest Award; **Jamieson M. '17** - Art II 2D Drawing, Oral Interpretation I, National Art Honor Society, National Speech & Debate Association; **Nathan M. '16** - AP Computer Science Principles, Latin III Honors, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, National Junior Classical League, Science National Honor Society; **Lanie M. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Biology, Freshman Seminar, Health I; **Ethan M. '15** - Honor Graduate, American Cultures Studies, AP Macro-Economics, Student Leadership, Theology IV, U.S. Government & Politics, National Honor Society; **Alex M. '18** - Bishop Grahmann Award, 1st place in Essay at Academic Octathlon Competition; Cardinal Scholar, Academic Octathlon I Honors, Computer Science I Honors, English I Honors, Freshman Seminar, Health I, Theology I, World Cultures & Geography Honors; **Zach M. '15** - AP Macro-Economics, Science National Honor Society; **Ashley N. '18** - Communication Applications, Concert Band Honors, Freshman Seminar; **Kevin P. '16** - Cardinal Scholar, Communication Applications, Theology III, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society; **Ella P. '17** - Cardinal Scholar, Red Crest Award, Chemistry, Computer Science I, Geometry, Theology II; **Hannah P. '15** - Health II, Personal Finance, Psychology, U.S. Government & Politics; **Jake R. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Art I 2D Drawing, Freshman Seminar; **Seth R. '15** - Personal Finance; **Harrison R. '15** - Health II, Personal Finance, TAAPS 2nd Team All District/Baseball; **Julianna S. '16** - Art II 3D Ceramics, Theology III, National Art Honor Society; **Peyton S. '18** - Academic Octathlon I Honors, Art I 2D Drawing, Freshman Seminar; **Maggie S. '18** - Cardinal Scholar, Communication Applications, Freshman Seminar; **Nuro T. '15** - Cardinal Scholar, AP Macro-Economics, Mixed Chorus Honors, Social Innovation Lab Honors, Theology IV, Mu Alpha Theta, Science National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society; **Delanie V. '17** - Art I 3D Ceramics, Communication Applications, Photojournalism; **Zach V. '17** - Cardinal Scholar, Perfect Attendance, Art I 2D Drawing, Art I 3D Ceramics, Communication Applications, Theology II, Webmastering; **Declan W. '17** - Concert Band Honors, Musical Theatre, International Thespian Society

The Highlands School:

Manuela B. '18 - Semper Altius Award for the student who best lives up to the THS motto "Always Higher" in academic, spiritual and character formation; **Aenghus D. '17** - Principal's Gold Medal for highest GPA in all subjects areas, 1st Place Gold Medal in Math, Science (Biology,

St. Mark alumni are invited to join Lifetime Lions, our official alumni network. Keep up with former classmates, become a mentor to current students, and learn about opportunities to earn service hours. [Click here](#) to register.

ST. MARK IN THE NEWS

The Pattons, a St. Mark alumni family, were featured in the [July 19, 2019 issue](#) of *The Texas Catholic* for their commitment to serving others on the annual Diocese of Dallas mission trip to Central America. **Emily '11**, a graduate of Ursuline Academy of Dallas and The University of Notre Dame, **Carter '14**, a graduate of John Paul II High School, and **Kevin '16**, a senior at John Paul II High School, have all participated as missionaries. We couldn't be more proud!

FAVORITE ST. MARK MEMORY

When registering for "Lifetime Lions," you are asked to share your favorite St. Mark memories.

Erin S. '03 has fond memories of going to The Pines Catholic Camp (our 8th graders are currently preparing for their leadership retreat at The Pines!), getting to spend time with friends, playing basketball, and winning volleyball tournaments for St. Mark.

YOU'RE INVITED

We invite all alumni and alumni families to come back to campus to volunteer, mentor our

Chemistry), Theology and Latin, Gold Medal and Summa Cum Laude/National Latin Exam

Ursuline Academy of Dallas:

Regina A. '18 - Dance; **Courtney B. '17** - Bronze Medal/National Spanish Exam, Algebra I/Geometry Year 2 & Jesus Salvation & Church; **Athena B. '15** - Summa Cum Laude graduate; **Elena G. '15** - Summa Cum Laude graduate, AP Literature, Gold Medal/National Spanish Exam; **Jingyao G. '18** - Gold Medal/National Spanish Exam; **Savannah H. '15** - Summa Cum Laude graduate; **Sarah H. '16** - Gold Medal/National Chinese Proficiency Test, Wellesley College Award, Mandarin Chinese III Honors, AP Language & Composition; **Chloe K. '17** - Introduction to Computer Science; **Rebecca L. '18** - Bronze Medal/National Spanish Exam, Physics I; **Joann N. '16** - Bronze Medal/National French Exam, 4th Place/Texas French Symposium, **Vivian N. '17** - Algebra I/Geometry Year 2, Studio Art II Drawing; Sacraments/Morality; **Shannon R. '15** - Magna Cum Laude graduate; **Janice R. '15** - Sister Emmanuel Shea Award at graduation for demonstrating commitment to serving Ursuline and her classmates, Summa Cum Laude graduate, English IV One World Many Perspectives; **Sona S. '17** - Bronze Medal/National Spanish Exam, English II, Jesus Salvation & Church; **Tia T. '16** - Sacraments/Morality, First Honor Roll for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters, Bronze Medal/National Spanish Exam; **Shelby V. '15** - Summa Cum Laude graduate, TAPPS All State Academic Honors/Swimming, 4th Place/Texas French Symposium; **Megan W. '16** - TAPPS All State Academic Honors/Softball, Bronze Medal/National Spanish Exam, American Mathematics Competition Level 12 School Winner

In other alumni news ...

Jalen L. '16, Matthew N. '16 and Matt N. '16, students at Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas, participated in a social justice immersion trip to Quito, Ecuador, giving their time and talent.

Angela M. '17, a junior in the International Baccalaureate program at Plano East High School, is a recent inductee into the National Honor Society in the largest chapter in the United States. She also received the All Academic Award, and plays Varsity Softball. Angela was exclusively invited to play at an All Academic game at the "Sparkler" in Colorado this summer hosted by Ivy League universities.

students, or simply take part in our events. If you're a high school student, you can even earn service hours!

Here's what's coming up:



Watch for your separate email invitation to the tournament.

Want to volunteer? Contact marlene.ehring@stmcs.net.



Plan to get up and give to St. Mark during this annual one day, online giving event!

Andrew G. '10, a graduate of Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas and Texas A&M University, is working with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) at the University of Iowa. FOCUS is an organization on college campuses that helps students live a life of purpose. Computer Lab teacher, Mr. Sedge and his family, the St. Mark 8th grade, and others in the St. Mark community are sponsoring Andrew. He recently visited campus and posed for a photo in front of his 2010 class composite with Mr. Sedge and his 3rd grade Religion teacher, Ms. Steinkirchner.



Julianna S. '16, Matthew M. '16 and Kevin P. '16 were chosen to represent John Paul II High School on the Diocesan Mission Trip to Costa Rica this summer.

Sarah H. '16, a junior at Ursuline Academy of Dallas, interned at *The Dallas Morning News* this summer where her story, "Is the Texas flag design stolen from the Chilean national flag? Curious Texas investigates" was published on June 27.

Greyson P. '18, a sophomore at Lovejoy High School, received the "Most Like the Graduate Profile" award at their spring annual awards ceremony.

Two recent Bishop Lynch High School grads posing for the camera -- **Katie F. '15** and **Izzy C. '15**.

[Click here for complete details.](#)



Interested in assisting with the upcoming middle school fall play, "The Queen is Not Amused?"

The play is written by none other than Father Cliff, using characters created by William Shakespeare for "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

It will debut on campus on December 4, 2019.

We can use help with the preparations. Please contact patty.corsi@stmcs.net if you are interested.

STAY CONNECTED

Keep us posted! As we receive alumni updates, we incorporate them into our social media posts, weekly school bulletins, and alumni communications. Tell us about your recent activities and accomplishments -- we'd love to hear from you! Need to update your contact information? Simply contact [Debbie Reed](#) with all of your updates.

WAYS TO GIVE TO ST. MARK



A few proud St. Mark alums at their recent John Paul II High School graduation ceremony: **Alejandro C., Christian L., Nuro T., Nick L., Jace B., and Harrison R.**



Jake R. '18 won 4th place in Black Pencil Drawing at the 2019 National Junior Classical League Convention held at North Dakota State University.

Matt B. '00, a graduate of Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas, is one of the co-founders of the southern soul band Prophets & Outlaws. The band recently released their first full length album, "Dreamer," after a series of successful EPs and multiple singles on the Texas music charts.

Tessa T. '17, a junior at Bishop Lynch High School, entered a steer in the Longhorn World Show held at the Belton County Expo in June. It won National Junior Champion. Her heifer, LV TenBar, also placed first in class winning Tessa her first belt buckle.

St. Mark Catholic School appreciates your support. If you would like to make a donation of time, expertise, or financial support, please follow the links below.

*Donate your time or expertise. Simply email [Debbie Reed](mailto:Debbie.Reed@stmarkcatholic.org) and let us know what you are interested in contributing to our school. Need ideas? Community members have provided special presentations to students on a variety of topics including military service, cell phone use, the Titanic, and the Holocaust. Parents and alumni with interesting careers have presented at the St. Mark Career Days, others have taught electives on subjects such as the stock market and Pinterest projects, and many have served as interviewers at the annual 8th grade interview practice sessions.

*[Gap Fund](#) - This fund helps St. Mark bridge the gap between the tuition amount our families pay, and the actual cost to educate each student. For 2018-19, that cost is \$1,195 per student.

*[Technology Fund](#) - This fund assists St. Mark with keeping current on the technology made available to our students.

*[Other Monetary Donations](#) - Make a general donation, or designate funds towards a specific program such as Fine Arts, Athletics, or Robotics.

*[Legacy Brick](#) - Commemorate your time as a LION. Buy a personalized brick for \$100 that



Erin S. '03, a graduate of Ursuline Academy of Dallas, received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Neuropsychology in May. She is currently beginning her Postdoctoral Residency in Clinical Neuropsychology at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston.

A few 2019 alums on their first day at John Paul II High School:



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