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LIFETIME LIONS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2021

Dear Alumni and Alumni Families:

Happy summer! I hope you and your families are enjoying a more relaxed pace and are finding ways to spend quality time together.

In spite of this unprecedented school year, I am proud to say that St. Mark successfully navigated the challenges it presented, and our students thrived. We now turn our attention to the 2021-22 school year and look forward to it with great anticipation, and lots of exciting plans.

We will introduce a brand new Learning Lab this fall dedicated to our Early Childhood through 2nd grade students. While these students will continue to visit the SmartLab, this new facility will provide even more



opportunities for day-to-day, hands-on activities. Stay tuned to our social media for pictures and updates. We're adding the ever-popular "gaga" pits to our PE activity line-up (remember playing "gaga ball" at The Pines Catholic Camp?). After a one year hiatus due the pandemic, we're bringing back the school Auction as an in-person community event. We hope those of you who are 21+ will plan to attend -- see the "Save the Date" below. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring this event, please contact Ashley Ternan at ashleyternan@gmail.com. This is just a sampling of the things we're looking forward to next year as we begin to return to a "normal" school year.

Of course, safety continues to be our #1 priority, and the Diocese of Dallas continues to advise our Catholic schools on COVID protocols in conjunction with the CDC, state, and local health officials. While we remain vigilant and ready to respond to any changing conditions in the surrounding community, as of today, we are planning on opening in the fall with in-person learning only, and returning to our wonderful pre-COVID activities, traditions, and regular campus experiences. Visitors are welcome on campus and may join us again for our weekly Friday Masses. On campus, face masks will be optional for everyone. Consistent cleaning protocols will continue with sanitizing surfaces frequently, routine handwashing, and air purifiers in each room.

School starts August 16. Please consider visiting the campus. We love to welcome our alumni back to the school, and to hear how you are doing.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer. Please keep the St. Mark community in your prayers, as we will keep you in ours.

Peace and prayers,

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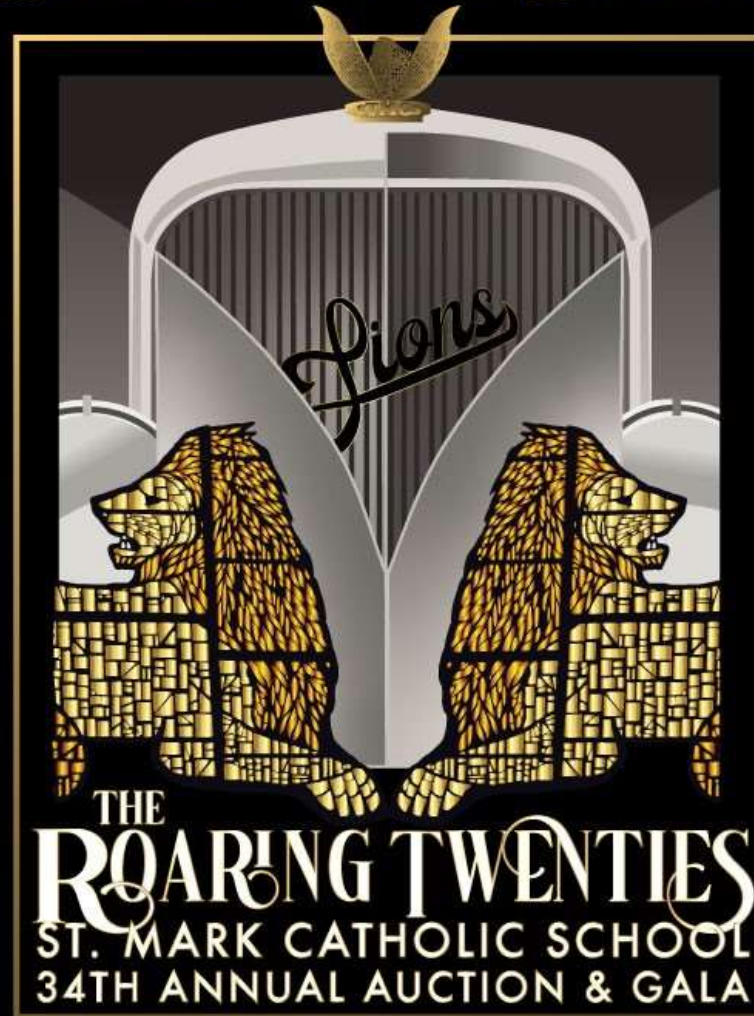




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Follow the new St. Mark Catholic School
Alumni Facebook Group and get connected to friends, references,
internships, job opportunities, and more.

SAVE THE DATE



FEBRUARY 12, 2022

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Catholic High School Academic Awards and Recognitions:

Bishop Lynch High School

Class of 2021: Madelyn B. '17-Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, National Catholic School Ambassador Society; **Sydney B. '17**-National Catholic School Ambassador Society; **Jennifer C. '17**-National English Honor Society; **Kennedy G. '17**-Top 10%, David Post Mock Trial Award, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, National Catholic School Ambassador Society, (Vice President); **Gabriel H. '17**-National Honor Society; National Catholic School Ambassador Society; **Alyssa H. '17**-National Catholic School Ambassador Society; **Lainey M. '17**-Top 25%, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, National Catholic School Ambassador Society, Delivered Graduation Invocation; **Mai-Vi O. '17**-Top 10%, National Catholic School Ambassador Society, National English Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society; **Ariana R. '17**-National Catholic School Ambassador Society; **Zosia S. '17**-Top 25%, AP Scholar, National Honor Society, National English



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Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society; **Tessa T. '17-** Top 25%, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta

Undergraduate:

Jessica C.-JV Volleyball Captain, National English Honor Society, Ambassadors Team Co-Leader; **Hannah R. '20**-Freshman Volleyball Captain, named season MVP; **Sofia M. '20**-8th Place in Duet Acting, TAPPS State Academic competition; **Isaiah T. '19**-Mu Alpha Theta, Science National Honor Society, National English Honors Society

Cistercian Preparatory School

Undergraduate:

Paul S. '19-Head Master Honor Roll Form VI; National Spanish Examination Español 2 Premio de Plata; AP Biology

Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas

REMEMBER WHEN



Remember when these boys were members of a St. Mark Soccer team during the 1984-85 school year?

Be sure to like and comment on our social media pages, and check

Class of 2021: **Michael D.** '17-Drawing; **Harrison K.** '17-Interreligious Dialogue, Music Appreciation 2; **Jacob R.** '17-Statistics, Social Justice & Public Policy

Undergraduate: **Andrew A.** '19-Men's Chorus; **Ben B.** '20-Mandarin I, Intro. to Computer Programming; **Anthony N.** '20-Algebra I, Campus Ministry Award, Model UN Delegate of the Year; **Jon N.** '19-Chamber Orchestra; **Ben P.** '20-Haggerty Math Science Academic Scholarship

John Paul II High School

Class of 2021: **Justus B.** '17-History of World War II, Macro Economics AP, Social Innovation Lab Honors, STEAM EPIC Honors, US Government & Politics AP, Christian Service, National Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, Cardinal Scholar, Honor Graduate; **Hannah B.s** '17-Top 10, Art I:2D, Calculus AB AP, Macro Economics AP, Statistics AP, Theology IV, US Government & Politics AP, Christian Service, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar (4 years), Honor Graduate; **Daniela B.** '17-Astronomy, Economics, Personal Finance, National Honor Society, Honor Graduate; **Jack B.** '17-Astronomy, Debate Honors, Macro Economics AP, Christian Service, National Honor Society, National Speech & Debate Association, Honor Graduate; **Matthew C.** '17-Computer Science I Honors, Macro Economics AP, Strings Orchestra Honors, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Societe Honoraire de Francais, Honor Graduate; **Nick C.** '17- Macro Economics AP, Theology IV, National Honor Society,

out an additional photo of these boys in action!

LIFETIME LIONS



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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 high school service hours.

Science National Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, Honor Graduate; **James E.** '17-Art II:3D, Christian Service; **Marti F.** '17-Environmental Science AP, Latin IV AP, Macro Economics AP, Physics I AP, Theology IV, US Government & Politics AP, Christian Service, Junior Classical League, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, National Latin Exam/Cum Laude, Honor Graduate; **Sammy H.** '17-Music Appreciation, Astronomy, US Government & Politics; **Natalie J.** '17-Bishop Grahmann Award, Chemistry AP, Macro Economics AP, Sports Reporting, Statistics AP, Survey of Calculus, Theology IV, US Government & Politics AP, Christian Service, National Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar (4 years), Honor Graduate; **Sean J.** '17-Astronomy, Economics, Forensic Science, Theatre Production, US Government & Politics, Christian Service, International Thespian Society, Cardinal Scholar; **Jamieson M.** '17-AP Studio Art:2D, Art III:3D, Economics, Philosophy, US Government & Politics, National Art Honor Society; **Mary Kate M.** '17-Astronomy, Forensic Science, Macro Economics AP, Musical Theatre, Theatre Production, International Thespian Society, Cardinal Scholar; **Peter N.** '17-Astronomy, Mixed Chorus Honors, Personal Finance, Theology IV; **Ella P.** '17- Dual Credit English, Economics, Theology IV, US Government & Politics, National Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar (4 years), Honor Graduate; **Olivia S.** '17-Art I:2D, Macro Economics AP, Theology IV, Christian Service, National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society; **Mason T.** '17-Health II, Personal Finance; **Delanie V.** '17-Astronomy, Personal Finance, Forensic Science, Psychology, Christian Service, National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society, Honor Graduate, 1st Place/Yearbook Team/TAPPS Academic State Meet ; **Zach V.** '17-Latin IV AP, Macro Economics AP, Pre-Calculus, Statistics AP, Theology IV, US Government & Politics AP, Christian Service, Junior Classical League, National Honor Society, Science National Honor

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FAVORITE ST. MARK MEMORY



When registering for Lifetime Lions, you are asked to share your favorite

memories from your years at St. Mark Catholic School.

Gena-Marie M. '14 has fond memories of working in the Science labs. Those labs are still in use for daily Science classes. With

Society, Cardinal Scholar (4 years), Honor Graduate; **Declan W. '17-** Concert Band Honors, Economics, Musical Theatre, Theatre Production, US Government & Politics, Christian Service, International Thespian Society, National Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar, Honor Graduate

Undergraduate: **Abby A. '18-** Latin III Honors, Theology III, Junior Classical League, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar; **Jonas A. '19-** Algebra II Honors, Concert Band Honors, Spanish II, Theology II, Cardinal Scholar; **Daniel A. '19-** Journalism, Technical Theatre, Theology II; **John B. '20-** Art I:3D, Biology, Freshman Seminar, Health I, Sports Reporting, Cardinal Scholar; **Natalia B. '19-** Silver Medal, National S Exam, Algebra II Honors, Computer Science I, Mixed Chorus Honors, Spanish II Honors, Theology II, Red Crest Award, Cardinal Scholar; **Ansley B. '19-** Art I: 3D, Health I, Theology II, Cardinal Scholar, Honorable Mention All District, TAPPS Softball; **Justin B. '19-** Art I: 3D, Health I, Theology II; **Catherine B. '19-** Algebra II Honors, Computer Science I, Theology II, Cardinal Scholar; **Liam C. '18-** Astronomy, Health II, Personal Finance, Theology III, U.S. History, Cardinal Scholar; **Ynez C. '18-** Social Innovation Lab Honors, Theology III, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Societe Honoraire de Francais, Cardinal Scholar; **Skylar D. '19-** Art I:2D, Art I:3D, Theology II; **Avery D. '20-** Algebra I, Biology, Freshman Seminar, Health I; **Erin D. '20-** Computer Science I, Dual Credit English 1301, Theology III, Cardinal Scholar; **Riley G. '18-** Art I:3D, Communication Applications, Latin III Honors, Physics Honors, Theology III, Junior Classical League, National Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar; **Allison G. '18-** Latin III Honors, Pre-Calculus, Theology III, Junior Classical League, National

the addition of the SmartLab, the "Backyard" Outdoor Learning Environment, and now the new Learning Lab, students have even more opportunities for hands-on, exploratory learning at St. Mark.

WHAT CAN I DO FOR ST. MARK?

St. Mark Catholic School appreciates your support. If you would like to donate time, talent or treasure, please follow the links below.

*Donate your time or expertise. Simply email [Debbie Reed](#) and let us know what you are interested in contributing.

Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar; **Lauren G.** '19-Health I, Theology II, Junior Classical League; **Marli H.** '20-Art I:2D, Freshman Seminar, Technical Theater I; **Emily J.** '18-Computer Science I, Physics, Cardinal Scholar, 1st Team All District & All Tournament Team, TAPPS Softball; **Maria I.** '18-Art III:2D, Communication Applications, Personal Finance, National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society; **Aaron K.** '18-Algebra II Honors, Art II:2D, Health II, Personal Finance, Physics, Theology III, National Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar; **Lindsay K.** '20-Algebra I Honors, Biology, Freshman Seminar, Professional Communications, Spanish I, Theology I, World Cultures & Geography, Cardinal Scholar; **Kendell K.** '18-Computer Science I Honors, Latin III Honors, Pre-Calculus, Theology III, Junior Classical League, National Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar; **Jason L.** '19-Chemistry, Computer Science I Honors, Concert Band Honors, Theology II, Cardinal Scholar; **Diego L.** '18-Communication Applications, Computer Science I Honors, Health I, Theology III, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Kairos Team; **Gabriela L.** '20: Art I: 2D, Art I: 3D, Biology Honors, English I, Freshman Seminar, Geometry Honors, Health I, Spanish I, Theology I, World Cultures & Geography, President Scholar; **Kyle M.** '19-Bishop Grahmann Award, Algebra II Honors, Chemistry Honors, Computer Science I Honors, Latin II Honors, Theology II, Junior Classical League, Cardinal Scholar; **Matthew M.** '20: Algebra I, Art I: 3D, Biology, Freshman Seminar, Theology I, Cardinal Scholar; **Bridget M.** '20: Art I: 3D, Communication Applications; Freshman Seminar, Health I, Cardinal Scholar; **Madeleine M.** '18: Art III: 2D, Communication Applications, Health I, National Art Honor Society; **Kaitlyn M.** '19: Art II: 3D, Spanish II, Theology II, National Art Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar; **Lanie M.** '18-Computer Science I, Dual Credit English, Professional Communications, Theology III, National Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar, 2nd Place & school record-800M, 3rd Place-400M, 6th Place-

*[Financial Assistance Fund](#) -

Provides immediate financial assistance to qualified school families, helping them to meet their tuition commitments during the coronavirus pandemic.

*[Gap Fund](#) - Helps St. Mark

bridge the gap between the tuition amount our families pay, and the actual cost to educate each student. For 2021-22, that cost is \$1,833 per student.

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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.

4x400 Relay, TAPPS State Track Meet; **Jeremy M. '19**: Academic Octathlon Honors, Algebra II Honors, Chemistry Honors, Computer Science I Honors, English II Honors, European History AP, Spanish II Honors, Theology II, National Spanish Exam Bronze, President Scholar; **Alex M. '18**: Academic Decathlon Honors, English AP, Latin II Honors, Theology III, U.S. History AP, Junior Classical League, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Red Crest Award, National Latin Exam Maxima Cum Laude, Cardinal Scholar; **Nataly M. '20**: Biology Honors, English I Honors, Freshman Seminar, Geometry Honors, Professional Communications, Spanish I Honors, Theology I, World Cultures & Geography, President Scholar; **Anna M. '20**: Algebra I Honors, Biology Honors, English I Honors, Theology I, Cardinal Scholar; **Joseph N. '19**: Art I:2D, Art I:3D, Communication Applications, Theology II, World History; **Quynh N. '18**: Art III: 2D, Journalism, National Art Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar; **Ashley N. '18**: Concert Band Honors, Theology III, Junior Classical League; **Aoife P. '19**: Academic Octathlon Honors, Algebra II Honors, English II Honors, European History AP, Theology II, Honorable Mention, National Spanish Exam, Cardinal Scholar; **Ava P. '19**: Algebra II Honors, Theology II, World History, Cardinal Scholar; **Zach P. '19**: Academic Octathlon Honors, World History, Cardinal Scholar, 3rd Place in Essay, Academic Octathlon; **Mia R. '19**: Algebra II Honors, European History AP, Theology II, Yearbook I, Cardinal Scholar; **Alex R. '19**: Computer Science I, Theology II, Cardinal Scholar; **Taylor R. '20**: Art I: 3D, Freshman Seminar, Professional Communications, Theology I, Cardinal Scholar; **Morgan S. '19**: Art I: 2D, Art I: 3D, Chemistry, Spanish II, Theology II, National Art Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar; **Camille S. '19**: Algebra II Honors, Computer Science I Honors, Latin II Honors, Theology II, Junior Classical League, National Latin Exam Cum Laude, Cardinal Scholar; **Christopher S. '20**: Algebra I, Biology Honors, Communication Applications,

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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

Freshman Seminar, Spanish I, Theology I, World Cultures & Geography, Cardinal Scholar; **Sawyer S. '19**: Musical Theatre, Theology II, International Thespian Society; **Maggie S. '18**: Algebra II, Computer Science I, Cardinal Scholar; **Cristian T. '18**: Communication Applications, Computer Science I Honors, Personal Finance, Physics I AP, Pre-Calculus Honors, Theology III, U.S. History AP, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Cardinal Scholar; **Logan W. '18**: Art I: 3D, Health II, Personal Finance, Professional Communications; **Brenden V. '18**-Honorable Mention All District, TAPPS State Baseball

The Highlands School

Class of 2021: Aenghus D. '17-Valedictorian, National Latin Exam/Maxima Cum Laude, President's Award for Educational Excellence, Philosophy Award, Science Award, Economics/Government Award, Language Award, Arts Award

Ursuline Academy of Dallas

Class of 2021: Courtney B. '17-Summa Cum Laude, AP Literature, Senior Superlative winner of "Most Leadership," recipient of the "Dean of Students Award" for outstanding conduct/attendance, exemplifying the ideals of an Ursuline student, and an excellent

accomplishments -- we'd love to hear from you!

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example of a hard working servant leader; **Sona S. '17**-Human Anatomy Honors, Sacred Scripture

Undergraduate: Genevieve B. '19-Introduction to Computer Science, named as a school Ambassador; **Biya C. '19**-AMC 10: Top 3 Scorer; **Jingyao G. '18**-AP European History, AMC 12: School Winner, Harvard University Book Award; **Alex J. '20**-Geometry; **Aleia L. '20**-Digital Photography Artistic Achievement Award; **Anupa M. '18**-Algebra II, Introduction to Computer Science; **Vivian N. '17**-Ceramics Artistic Achievement Award; **Theresa T. '19**-Algebra II/Precalculus Honors, Texas Math League Winner, named as a school Ambassador; **Paige V. '18**- Alumnae Scholarship Award, Introduction to Java Programming; **Elena V. '18**-The Katherine Bolka Endowed Scholarship for Academic and Visual Arts Excellence

In other alumni news:

Courtney B. '17, a recent graduate of Ursuline Academy of Dallas, was selected by Ursuline to be interviewed by *Preston Hollow Advocate Lifestyle Magazine* and present her perspectives as a UA student who handled the pandemic in a positive manner. The article is displayed on "The Wall" at Ursuline, and is in [the most recent online and print versions of the magazine](#). She was also recognized by the Dean of Students Office and the Principal at the Baccalaureate Brunch as a blessing to her family and to Ursuline Academy for the past four years.



Kennedy G. '17, a recent graduate of Bishop Lynch High School, served as a senior officer of the school's Ambassador program that created a new national organization, the National Catholic School Ambassadors Society (NCSAS). This new organization has been designed to unite Catholic schools across the country in serving and representing their local communities through outreach, leadership and a Catholic spirit of giving.

Emily J. '18, Kendell K. '18, Mia R. '19 and Ansley B. '19 are members of the John Paul II High School Softball team that won the TAAPS State Championship.



The traditional "St. Mark photo call" has been heard at most every major event for these boys throughout their time at John Paul II High School. 2021 Baccalaureate was no exception! Left to right: **Nick C., Matthew C., Jimmy E., Jack B., Zach V., and Justus B.**

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