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# A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Saints Family,

It is hard to even imagine a school year like 2020-2021. Reflecting on this past year, it is still difficult to put into words what it was like and how we were able to come through it successfully as a school. We already had plans in place for conducting school in the event of a pandemic. This was something we had looked at many years ago during another possible pandemic; however, we could not have forecast the entire world closing along with ice storms and other major tragedies within our own Saints community. Our Transformation theme was very appropriate as learning was completely transformed, not only once, but many times throughout the year. All procedures had to be reviewed and updated according to the latest information we were given and within the parameters of our resources.

I do not think our teachers and staff could have realized that what they eventually accomplished was possible. To provide good instruction, not only to students in the classroom, but to others at home and

even more in another location, while maintaining safety protocols was nothing short of amazing. I could not be prouder of the love and commitment they provided to ensure that all the students, either in school or at home maintained the highest level of learning. Thanks to their efforts our standardized test scores were well above the prediction for schools nationwide.

Our Saints families also worked incredibly hard at home to partner with the teachers and support the school through donations and volunteerism. This allowed us to do our job in house and work as a trinity for the success of our mission. Students surprised us with their resiliency and flexibility. They quickly adhered to new expectations and learned to adapt to completely new forms of instruction, not to mention protocols such as masks, screens, distancing, ZOOM, Google Classroom, etc.

Looking back, God certainly gave us the strength and guided us through the toughest of times. We continue to mourn for the loss of loved ones and especially our precious Nguyen children. This year will be one that we never forget. We pray that this year of transformation will be a metamorphosis. Hopefully, it will allow us to grow closer to Him and realize our need to rely more fully on the promise that He will never leave our side.

God bless,

*Suzanne Barto M.Ed.*

Principal

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# A LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear St. Laurence Community,

As an SLCS parent for 10 years, I have never been prouder of our faculty and staff than this past year. SLCS stayed open the entire year and thrived when schools in our area and throughout the county struggled mightily. This was not easy, but was a direct result of the dedication of every member of our faculty and staff and the countless hours of planning and work by these same selfless individuals stepping up to the tremendous challenge, so our SLCS kids and families could succeed in the most challenging environment.

I would be remiss if I also did not extend my deepest gratitude to PTO and Booster Club. When I think of PTO and Booster, I often think of the Energizer Bunny! These ladies and gentlemen never quit. Thank you for the support and for making our community better for all of us.

Finally, I want to thank each member of our caring, smart, and hardworking School Board. In working with our faculty and staff, we began revising our strategic plan, so we could document a foundational vision for the future success of SLCS. The School Board also assisted in the creation and ultimately approved a budget that allows us to recruit and retain the best teachers and staff, implement the most modern and effective teaching programs and technology, and maintain facilities that are functional and beautiful. In addition, this year the School Board revised existing policies, conducted and reviewed in detail an annual parent survey, partnered with PTO on several events to show our appreciation to our faculty and staff, discerned 5 new board members, and began taking many steps that hopefully will see changes to our current tuition assistance program and the expansion of financial aid.

Our School Board silently gives so much of their time and talents to make St. Laurence the best Catholic school for each and every child. I hope you will join me in personally thanking each of our School Board members this year.

God Bless,

*Lionel Martin*

SLCS School Board  
President 2020-2021



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# A LETTER FROM THE PTO CO-PRESIDENTS



Dear Parent Community,

As we reflect on this year, it had a much different look. Volunteers were extremely limited with in-school activities, and our monthly PTO Board Meetings and PTO Prayer Group met via Zoom. Despite the challenges, we continued to serve our school community this year.

We are incredibly thankful to our PTO Executive Board; this year would not have been possible without them. We would also like to thank our dedicated carpool volunteers who braved all kinds of weather with the added duty of COVID screenings. Our Teacher Appreciation Committee went above and beyond with additional treats to thank our staff. The Hospitality Committee offered numerous PTO Family Rosaries so our community could come together in prayer. We are also very grateful for our fundraising chairs, Benita Panchamia and Rachel Leaman, who helped us surpass our Steps for Students fundraising goal to raise \$35,000!

Our faculty and staff were pushed beyond their normal job descriptions and yet they all said “yes.” Yes, to returning to SLCS when there was so much uncertainty, yes to offering both virtual and in-person classes, and yes to teaching our children in a Christ-centered environment. The PTO Board concentrated our efforts on treats for our fantastic staff to encourage them throughout the year. We are also incredibly grateful for the \$13,000 you so generously gifted for the end-of-year gift for our staff.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers this year. We had lunch volunteers on the ECC Campus, volunteers that braved the cold during our Father Daughter drive-thru event, braved the heat on Field Day, hosted classroom Christmas parties, and hosted over 100 dads and sons for Hoops & Dogs. It was such a beautiful sight to see our community returning together at this event.

We want our school community to know that all monies raised by PTO go right back to the school. In addition to hosting our regular events such as Father-Daughter Dance, Hoops & Dogs, and Field Day, we are excited to announce we were able to donate \$60,000 back to the school this year. We designated \$5,000 to Tuition Assistance, \$5,000 to the Endowment, and \$50,000 to be split between the ECC Parish Hall playground to convert it to an outdoor STREAM classroom, and Main Campus updates including sensory walks in the hallways, murals, and positive messages in bathrooms and stairwells.

Thank you again for helping us navigate this year successfully. We continue to keep your family in our prayers.

Yours in Christ,

*Mary Esther Phillippi and Jennifer Reyes*  
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2020-2021

# BOOSTER CLUB RECAP

The St. Laurence Booster Club is now in its ninth year and what a year it was! We revamped our sales processes to go completely online and as low contact as possible due to COVID-19. Our Board went above and beyond to make sure that sales ran as smoothly as possible. They met up at the school for countless days filling orders and running drive-thru pickups.

Unfortunately, things were not business as usual this school year. We were unable to host our usual spirit stores, concession stands and the Saints Holiday Classic, things that we dearly missed. We are looking forward to bringing them back for the 2021-2022 school year, bigger and better than before. We look forward to seeing all the smiling faces as we can get back to a little closer to normal.

Despite our early challenges, we exceeded every goal that we had set at the beginning of this year. We were still able to make a sizable donation to the athletic department to support their ongoing programs. This financial contribution is used to provide items such as new team uniforms and new sports equipment for all our student athletes. This year we were also able to provide new soccer goals for the outdoor playground and red athletic bags for each athlete.

A special thanks to the members of the Booster Club Board, the Athletic Directors, the Administration and the coaches for striving to provide our student athletes with the best experience possible in spite of the many challenges of this school year. They have risen to the occasion to meet and exceed every expectation, enhancing the experience of every child and the entire St. Laurence school community.

## BOOSTER CLUB ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided red "Saints" team bags to all student athletes to enhance teambuilding and identity at school sporting events.
- Provided new basketball uniforms for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Provided new soccer goals for the school playground.
- Provided athletic scholarships for student athletes in financial need.
- Hosted spirit nights at local eateries to encourage school spirit and benefit our athletic teams.



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# 2020-2021 A YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION

This school year would truly be a year of transformation for all of us, as we faced challenges that we never imagined and reinvented learning for our students and teachers. With the COVID-19 pandemic dictating a “new normal” of mask-wearing, social distancing, and sanitizing, our leadership team got creative as we figured out how to safely welcome students back to school. Using satellite classrooms, offering remote learning, and having teachers rotate to the classrooms were just some of the ways that we successfully navigated the pandemic while keeping our students and faculty safe.

When Mrs. Barto chose the word “transformation” as our theme this school year, we embraced the idea of transforming to rise to the challenges that we faced. Teachers transformed to utilize technology and tailor their instruction to each student. Students transformed to learn in new places and spaces. Parents transformed to support their children in their learning as never before. And Christ continued to transform all of our hearts to be patient, flexible, and loving throughout this school year.





2020-2021



TRANSFORMATION



# IN MEMORY OF THE NGUYEN CHILDREN

On February 16, 2021, we lost 3 members of our Saints family: Olivia (6th grade), Edison (2nd grade) and Colette Nguyen (Kindergarten). It's been a year filled with incredible tragedy and loss, and our SLCS community has grieved with the Nguyen family. Our faith continues to sustain us as we honor the memory of our eternal Saints.



Olivia's family describes her as smart and thoughtful, caring and protective. She loved music, took an interest in history, and was a great big sister to her younger siblings. Olivia's classmates remember her sarcastic sense of humor and her adventurous taste in food.



Edison was kind, gentle, and had a thirst for knowledge that was unquenchable. He loved art and architecture and his family describes his extra tight hugs and the joy he brought to those around him. He was adored by his classmates and his teachers for his quiet sense of humor and his warmth and jubilation for life.



Colette, known as Coco to her family, was vibrant, sassy, and intelligent beyond her years. She was a natural performer who loved the spotlight and was fascinated with fashion. Her family will remember her infectious laugh, her charismatic presence and the light she brought to the world.





# SLCS SERVICE PROJECTS

2020-2021

Our goal at SLCS is to shape students to be servant leaders, exhibiting Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy through age-appropriate service activities. Although we had to get creative with our annual service projects due to safety protocols, we are blessed to have been able to serve our community in the various ways listed below.

## *Kindergarten Easter Eggs Project*

Filled 2,400 Easter eggs for children at Hope for Three and Bethel Ministries

## *1st Grade Rice and Beans Project*

Helped bag rice and beans to feed the hungry at Casa Juan Diego

## *2nd Grade Heaven's Hands Cardseet*

Handmade cards that were sold to benefit the homeless in Fort Bend County

## *3rd Grade Grow, Make, and Deliver Prayer Chaplets*

Made prayer chaplets from Job's Tears Beads that were grown in our own garden and given to seniors at Mamie George Community Center

## *5th Grade Read-A-Thon for Literacy*

Raised \$3,900 in a Read-A-Thon to benefit Holy Rosary Catholic School in Rosenberg

## *6th Grade Cards for Seniors*

Made cards for Sugar Land Nursing Home residents and provided quarters for BINGO games

## *8th Grade Gift Card Drive*

Collected gift cards for Social Concerns Ministry to send to over 400 families in need

## *School- Wide Effort*

Students celebrated our community by collecting snack items for children in our community during Catholic Schools Week

## *SLCS Staff*

Collected cereal boxes to include in meals given to 100 families at Queen of Peace Parish via Share God's Bounty

# FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2020-2021

St. Laurence Catholic School has been blessed by the continued generosity of parents, grandparents, alumni, parishioners, friends, corporations, and foundations throughout our nearly 30 years as a parish school. This commitment to Catholic education is demonstrated by the support of donors, volunteers, students, and staff as we strive to educate the whole Christian person in body, mind, and spirit.

Our school is unique in that we do not receive significant funding from government sources or the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Currently, our yearly tuition revenue only accounts for about 85% of the funding necessary to educate a student at St. Laurence Catholic School. The Annual Fund, along with other fundraising events, helps to bridge that gap. Your contributions allow us to offer competitive teacher salaries, provide tuition assistance for families in need, continue professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, and expand academic programs.

The St. Laurence Catholic School Advancement Office prepares the annual report and has made every effort to ensure this listing is accurate and complete. The donors listed in the publication made a contribution to SLCS between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.





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If we have omitted your name or listed it inaccurately, please accept our sincere apologies. We ask that you contact the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500 to advise us of any errors so we may make corrections.

*We are a grateful for  
the time and talent of  
our dedicated Finance  
Committee members.*

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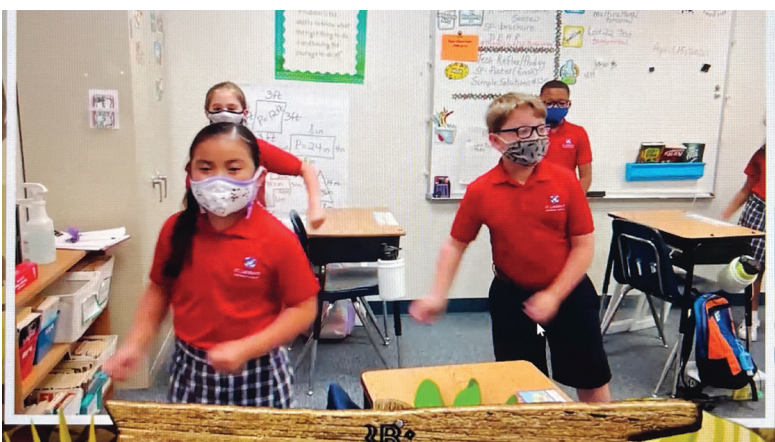
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Sugar Cycles

# IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE GALA & AUCTION

While we made the hard decision to keep the Gala virtual this year, our Saints family came together on April 24th to support our school in a big way! A huge thank you to our community for their tremendous support of our online auction! It was great to see so many attend our school-wide Zoom party as groups hosted parties of their own in their homes. Party-goers were able to celebrate and bid together as the night went on. This year, underwriters received an at-home party kit, complete with a charcuterie board, Jungle Juice, and party favors. With your support, we raised over \$230,000 from donations and our live, big board, and silent auctions. We even had an opportunity to have the students' names placed on a paw print in the hallway when their family joined our "Lion's Den".

The Auction is our biggest single fundraiser of the school year and it is essential to providing for our operating costs. We appreciate those who gave a monetary donation, those who donated auction items, and those who donated their time to making this event a success!

Thank you to our underwriters, sponsors, advertisers, staff, and families who donated to the Auction, purchased raffle tickets, bid on items, and more! Especially in these uncertain times, the support was a huge blessing!







We are grateful for the amazing support of our Underwriters and Sponsors this year. Despite the challenging circumstances, they continued to support our SLCS Gala & Auction and we are so grateful for their gifts:

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# Tuition Assistance GOLF TOURNAMENT 2020

We were so excited to be able to host our annual golf tournament this year at Sugar Creek Country Club! It was great to have our community together again supporting the school in-person. A HUGE thank you to all of our teams, golfers, sponsors, and volunteers who supported the annual tournament on Monday, October 26th. We welcomed over 130 golfers to the tournament and we were blessed with sunny skies and temperatures in the 70's. This year the tournament raised over \$40,000 to support Tuition Assistance. Participants and volunteers alike were able to enjoy new food stations along the course that were donated by local restaurants and we concluded the day with an outdoor lunch. Needless to say, NO ONE left hungry!

## 1st Place

Sean Cain, Travis Kisner, Doug Onstead, Rob Walters

## 2nd Place

Jeff Dye, Will Leaman, Brandon Shimer, Jason Wade

## 3rd Place

Pedro Desdier, Marvin Garcia,  
Jared Mathias, Obed Morales

## Closest to Pin Winner

David Wells



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# ACELERATION OF FOUR UNIQUE GIFTS *recap 2020*

While our community usually gathers at a luncheon, the “Celebration of Our Unique Gifts” event went virtual this year! Our online format allowed us to welcome over 100 guests via Zoom to listen to Catholic speaker, author, and entrepreneur, Michelle Benzinger, speak from her home in Florida. Michelle spoke about her experience as a mother to a child with special learning needs and shared her wisdom about how to celebrate our unique, God-given talents and gifts.

The highlight of the event was hearing from SLCS 8th grade student, Ella Grover, who participated in the SPICE program during her time at our school. Ella shared her transformation from a student who used to agonize over attending school because of her dyslexia to a student who truly loved learning at St. Laurence. Everyone in attendance was moved by the stories of both of our speakers and it was truly a celebration of the ways in which SLCS supports all learners. The luncheon raised over \$16,000 to benefit the SPICE program and we are so grateful to our donors who believe in the gift of Catholic education for all.

## *Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE)*

St. Laurence Catholic School Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) supports students with special learning needs. SPICE serves students who are struggling to meet the demands of the regular classroom setting and who require more support. St. Laurence Catholic School is proud to be a leader among Catholic schools in providing extra assistance to students with special learning needs as well as meeting the needs of students who are capable of more advanced coursework.



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## CLASS OF 1997

*Lori (Mcmenemy) Newell & Elaine (Brown) Garza*

Lori and Elaine met at St. Laurence Catholic School in 6th grade and have been best friends ever since! They graduated from St. Laurence, St. Agnes Academy, and Trinity University together. They recently spent a few days together with their families, and their kids are now best of friends!



## CLASS OF 2002

*Anna Robshaw*

After more than ten years away, Anna moved back to Houston after graduating from law school at UCLA in 2017. After spending two years practicing School and Education Law at Thompson & Horton LLP, she joined Greenberg Traurig, LLP this past January, focusing her practice on commercial and employment litigation. Anna is also involved with Preservation Houston and sits on the Board of Advisors for Incarnate Word Academy. As some may know, Anna's dad was diagnosed with leukemia in 2015, but he is now in clinical remission, and her parents are living their best lives in the Dorset countryside! They retired and moved to England a couple of years ago. They're still singing, even during the pandemic - they recently joined the Self Isolation Choir, which has members from all over the world.

*Alyssa Ladd*

Alyssa won the Moth Story Slam - a community-focused, open-mic storytelling competition - for the fourth time, and her stories have been broadcast to over 400 NPR



stations across the country. The Moth is a non-profit group dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling. In telling "Minimum Wage Millennial," Alyssa recounts the embarrassment of running into familiar faces while working at a Michaels craft store after college graduation. In her TEDx University of Houston talk "Blood and Guts: The Elements of Storytelling," Alyssa uses a tale of donating way too much blood at a blood drive at her office to emphasize the power of storytelling. Alyssa is an associate in King & Spalding's Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity practices. She holds degrees in Philosophy and Italian from Georgetown University and her JD from the University of Houston.

## CLASS OF 2004

*Siobhán Thompson*

Siobhán married Josh Hansel on July 1, 2017, right here at St. Laurence Church. They live in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Siobhán works as a choir director at the middle school and high school in Idaho Falls and Josh works at the Idaho National Nuclear Lab.



They welcomed their first child on Nov. 29, 2019, Alanna Marie, and their little family enjoys hiking and exploring all the beautiful wonders of the country.

*Brittany Dodson*

Brittany works at St. Luke's in the Medical Center in the outpatient cardiac wing as a unit secretary. She is a very active member of St. Faustina Catholic Church as a member of the Core Team for Edge and Life Teen and as a member of the Katy Young Adult Group. She has often been a spokesperson for various groups about her cancer survivor story.



## CLASS OF 2006

### *Jessica (Dodson) Kusenberger*

Jessica (Dodson) Kusenberger is self-employed with her clothing line, Lily Harper. This relatively new company is steadily growing, featuring on-trend, affordable wear for young women. Jessica gave birth to her first child, a boy, in June 2021. She and her husband, Drew, reside in Houston.



## CLASS OF 2008

### *Molly Brown*

Molly is working at the St. Louis Area Food Bank. She is the Youth Programs Coordinator and has spent the last 18 months developing the school market program. This program puts free food pantries in schools in low-income areas to help families



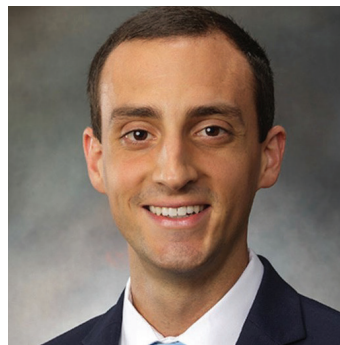
get easier access to nutritious food. This is done through partnerships with community partners such as Fresh Thyme Market. Molly works with Fresh Thyme to order healthy, nutritious food for families that otherwise wouldn't have access to these balanced meals. This has been especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### *Beau Guedry '08 & Brandon Bain '12*

We are so blessed to see SLCS alum Beau Guedry '08 and Brandon Bain '12 enter the Novitiate! They embarked on a two-year period in which they will learn about the Society of Jesus, grow in their prayer and community life, and discern whether God is indeed calling them to life as a Jesuit. Please join us in praying for them!

## CLASS OF 2009

### *Adrian Annicchiarico*



Adrian Annicchiarico will be joining the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey, a religious order in Orange County, California. After a few years of prayerful discernment and one full

year in the diocesan seminary, Our Lord made it clear that He wanted Adrian to continue discerning priesthood with the Norbertines. Adrian says that his path to the priesthood began long ago... in fact, he first heard God's call to the priesthood when he was in 7th grade at SLCS! He spent the last year as a teaching assistant for 7th grade at SLCS and we will all be praying for him as he joins the Norbertines in August.

## CLASS OF 2010

### *Kristin Caeleon*

Kristin recently assumed a role at the University of Missouri Health Care, an academic health system in Columbia, Missouri, as Practice Manager of the newest ambulatory medical building that offers family medicine, women's health, pediatric, and psychiatry services. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she set up a temporary child care facility for the health system's frontline workers.

### *Amy Dodson*

Amy Dodson is employed at Oracle in Austin as a Marketing Account Manager. She is a member of St. Ignatius parish and enjoys her hobbies of painting and kayaking in her free time, when not spending time with family in Houston and Sugar Land.

### *Victor Mendiola*

Victor completed his third year as a medical student at Texas Tech Health Science Center. He graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in Computer Science. Victor is considering a degree in internal medicine.



## CLASS OF 2011



### *Lauren Schiller*

Lauren Schiller is now a registered/licensed dietician with Advent Health Hospital in Winter Park, Florida.

### *Justice Chan*

Justice Chan graduated from Texas A&M University in December 2019 with a degree in University Studies in Biomedical Sciences and Minors in Psychology and Public

Health. He graduated from the United States Marine Corps' Officer Candidates School in the summer of 2019 and was commissioned this past December as a Second Lieutenant. He is attending the Basic School in Quantico, Virginia.

## CLASS OF 2012

### *Kathryn Marianna Grant*

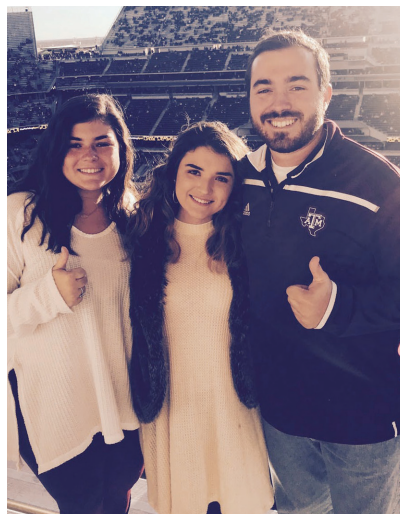
Kathryn Marianna Grant graduated on December 14, 2019, from the University of Houston - College of Education, Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion and a minor in Human Development and Family Studies. She plans to pursue a Masters of Business Administration from Prairie View A&M University in the Fall. Kathryn is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

### *Sara Mendiola*

Sara graduated in May 2021 with a double major in Psychology and Social Policy Analysis. She is applying to Grad school to study Social Policy Analysis.

### *Cameron Cashiola*

Cameron recently discerned a call to religious life and priesthood, which he has decided to continue to explore by joining the Servants of Christ Jesus in Denver, Colorado. The Servants are a missionary group of priests and religious brothers committed to preach, teach, and provide spiritual direction, all for God's greater glory. Cameron has felt the call from the Lord to give up everything and follow him, in total poverty. He is inspired by St. Francis of Assisi and St. Ignatius of Loyola and will be keeping the St. Laurence Catholic School community in his prayers while in the seminary.



### *Where Is The Tumbleson Family?*

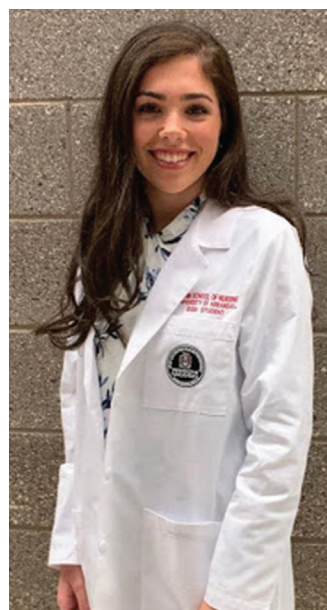
Tyler, class of 2011, graduated from Texas A&M in August of 2019 and now works at Spring Spirit, a non-profit organization in Houston. Kylie, class of 2013, graduated in May 2021 from Texas A&M with a teaching degree.

Avery, class of 2015, is in her sophomore year at Blinn College in Bryan. She is studying Criminal Justice.

## CLASS OF 2013

### *Bradley Burgess*

Bradley Burgess graduated with distinction from the University of Oklahoma. He now has over 900 hours of logged flight time, and continues to work as a Certified Flight Instructor for OU. Bradley is currently awaiting his training assignment from Envoy Airlines. Bradley recently married his wife, Elizabeth, in June 2021 in Norman, Oklahoma at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. He will then move to Midland, Texas with his wife as she starts her new job in airport operations there. Bradley continues to put his faith in God, as SLCS taught him to do, as he embarks on this new adventure.



### *Hannah Kaiser*

Hannah received her White Coat for Nursing at the University of Arkansas. She is studying to become a Nurse Anesthetist. She plans to graduate with a BSN in nursing and will continue with additional schooling and advanced nursing training. Her goal is to get a Doctorate of Nursing in Anesthesia! Hannah is also a student ambassador for the university and works at the Campus Day Care as an assistant teacher.



### *Paulina Kardoush & Jonathon Murray*

Two SLCS alums, Paulina Kardoush and Jonathon Murray, were recently engaged! Paulina and Jonathon grew up together at St. Laurence Catholic School from PK-4 through 8th grade, continuing through high school at St. Agnes and SJ College Preparatory, and Baylor University. Their favorite memory at SLCS is attending Mass every week with our beloved Father Drew Wood. They will be married at St. Laurence and look forward to beginning a new chapter united with love and faith.



## CLASS OF 2015

### *David Gutierrez*

David is loving his second year at University of Texas at Dallas studying Computer Science. He is active in several university clubs and organizations. He is graduating next year and starting his Masters. He is currently interning with Google this summer!

## CLASS OF 2016



### *Mia Clay*

Mia is loving her first year at Texas A&M! She is heavily involved with the Texas A&M freshman student leadership group FORME which plants gardens in community centers, cleans up highways, and assists around campus. She loves St. Mary's Catholic Church and is a proud Aggie water polo player.

### *Alex Garcia*

Alex was accepted into the Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange to spend a year abroad in Germany as a gap year between high school and college. Due to the pandemic, it was moved online, and Alex has been participating virtually. In this time, he has been working as a satellite and BASC teacher at St. Laurence. He will be attending the University of Oxford, in Oxford, England, in the fall.



### *Adrian Pacini*

Adrian graduated from Clements High School with Honors and is going to New York University (NYU) to Major in Film!

### *Bailey Burgess*

Bailey Burgess completed her first year at Baylor University where she is majoring in Elementary Education. Bailey is an active member of her sorority at Baylor, Kappa Chi Alpha. She thanks SLCS for providing a strong Catholic education which has helped guide her to become a member of this Christian based sorority. She enjoys serving her community with her sorority sisters through their philanthropy, Mission Waco.

## CLASS OF 2017

### *Helena Restrepo*

Helena earned her Gold Award with Girl Scouts, the highest award achievable. She educated food-insecure teens on how to eat healthy while on a budget. Helena provided resources that addressed what constitutes a healthy diet and how teens can support their families, especially during the trying times of COVID-19. Together with her team, she provided four videos that include basic kitchen skills and recipes. Additionally, Helena partnered with the Houston Food Bank to create a plan and outline her content. Helena will be attending the University of Miami in Fall 2021, majoring in PR/Advertising.

## *Andy Leon & Jacob Psyk*

Congratulations to Strake Jesuit seniors and SLCS alumni, Andy Leon and Jacob Psyk, who signed their National Letter of Intent to continue their athletic careers in college! Andy will be attending Columbia University and playing baseball and Jacob will attend Harvard University and play football. We are excited to see how they will continue to be leaders at the next level.



## CLASS OF 2018

### *Lilianna Garcia*

Lilianna Garcia is a junior at the British International School of Houston where she is the Deputy Head Girl (Student Body Vice-President). She plays on the varsity soccer team and is the Vice-President of the UNICEF Club. She is a member of the National Charity League, where she enjoys volunteering at local charities with her mom, and she is currently working on her Girl Scout Gold Award.

### *Margaret Riebe*

Margaret swam on St. Agnes' 2021 TAPS Division I State Champion Swim Team and is currently playing varsity Water Polo. She will be a junior in the fall.

### *Andrea Vargas, Jaycie Voller, & Paige Yepsen*

Three Class of 2018 alumni, Andrea Vargas, Jaycie Voller, and Paige Yepsen, went to UIL competition to perform Shakespeare's Twelfth Night with the Clements Theatre Troupe.



## CLASS OF 2019

### *Morgan Leaman*

Morgan attends St. Agnes Academy, where she went to the State meet as an alternate and lettered in Cross Country as a freshman. Last summer, she and her two younger sisters started a candy business together - Sugar Board Sisters. She will be a junior in the fall.

### *Alex Perez*

Alex will be a junior in the fall at Incarnate Word Academy, where she is a member of IWA'S Impact Dance Team and participates in the Young Leaders Program. Alex earned her Letterman Jacket her freshman year and continues to work hard at her academics. She continues philanthropy and service work through Incarnate Word Academy's Service Program. She is a member of the National Charity League and is excited to be an Ambassador for the Epilepsy Foundation.

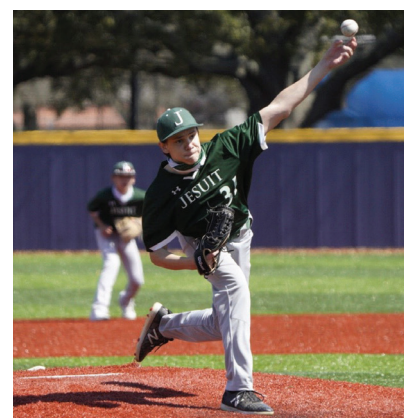
## CLASS OF 2020

### *Jace Clay*

Jace is a President's honor roll student at Strake Jesuit. He is still active in sports, participating in SJ Crusader football last fall and is now a pitcher for the SJ baseball JV white team. Go Crusaders!

### *Avery Leaman*

Avery is a new alum, and part of the first class to ever have a 'car parade' at graduation. She will be a sophomore at St. Agnes Academy in the fall and is looking forward to running Cross Country and Track as a Tiger! In her spare time, she's been running her new candy business with her two sisters - Sugar Board Sisters!



### *Allison Riebe & Ayo Cardozo*

Allison Riebe '20 and Ayo Cardozo '20 performed in St. Agnes Academy's production of Chicago this spring.

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***Recurring Gifts*** Recurring giving allows us to continue offering a high-quality, affordable Catholic education to our families. Setting up a monthly, quarterly or annual gift is an easy and convenient way to make a difference all year long.

***Matching Gifts*** Many employers have matching gifts programs—does yours? Employers will often match any monetary gift an employee makes or will make a monetary donation for each volunteer hour the employee gives to St. Laurence. Contact your Human Resources Department for more information.

***Securities*** Consider donating appreciated securities (stocks, bonds or mutual funds you've held for more than one year) to St. Laurence Catholic School. By doing so, you may be able to reduce or avoid capital gains taxes and receive a federal income tax charitable deduction.

***Honorarium and In-Tribute*** Consider honoring the birthdays and anniversaries of your loved ones with a gift to SLCS in their name.

***Time*** We love volunteers at SLCS and would love for you to share your time and talent with us. Please contact the School office for more information.

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# UPCOMING DATES

<b>SEPTEMBER 1</b>	Annual Fund Kick Off
<b>OCTOBER 1</b>	Annual Fund Commitment Day
<b>OCTOBER 13-29</b>	Poinsettia Sales
<b>OCTOBER 25</b>	Tuition Assistance Golf Tournament
<b>NOVEMBER 30</b>	#SaintsGiveDay
<b>DECEMBER 7</b>	A Celebration of Our Unique Gifts Luncheon
<b>JANUARY 29</b>	SLCS 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
<b>FEBRUARY 12</b>	Steps 4 Students 5K Run/Walk
<b>APRIL 30</b>	"The Saints Go Marching In" 30th Anniversary Gala & Auction



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