

LIFETIME LIONS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Summer 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Mark Alumni and Parents: It never ceases to amaze me just how much our alumni continue to accomplish during their high school years and beyond, though it shouldn't, knowing what a strong foundation they receive here at St. Mark. As I tell prospective families all the time, we prepare our students well -- mentally, physically and spiritually. We know, because we meet with the area Catholic high schools annually to see how our students are performing. More often than not, former St. Mark students are on the honor rolls, serving in leadership roles, and serving others in countless ways during their years at our Catholic high schools. We also get updates from graduates and parents who share their many great successes with us. It's all a testament to what is achievable when faculty, staff, parents, students, alumni and parishioners come together and insure that St. Mark Catholic School continues to be a cornerstone of our community's foundation.

All that being said, it will come as no surprise that St. Mark alumni who are members of the high school Class of 2018 racked up some extraordinary successes this year. We've outlined many of them below. What an impressive group! In case you missed it, be sure to check out the June 15 issue of *The Texas Catholic* to see where they will attend college.

Speaking of success, thanks to the success of our fundraising efforts and continued support of our St. Mark community (including many of our alumni families), campus improvements continue. This summer, we're installing all new ceilings, lighting, and water fountains throughout our buildings. Fresh paint, a new interactive exploration area in the Early Childhood building, and a major face lift in the Lion's Lair Gym are



A NATIONAL SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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.

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among the changes you'll see the next time you visit campus.

We're looking forward to another great year and hope you'll continue to be a part of it in any way you can. Visit the campus, teach an elective, volunteer to mentor students, participate in our events, make a donation, or simply pray for our school and parish. It takes all of us to keep St. Mark Catholic School moving forward. How blessed we are to have you as part of our community.

Sincerely,

Patricia Opon, Principal patricia.opon@stmcs.net

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P.S. Don't see your recent accomplishment mentioned below? Please send it to us at debbie.reed@stmcs.net. We'll include it in the next alumni newsletter.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Bishop Lynch High School:

Class of 2018 Awards & Accolades:

Jeremy H.: Top 20%, Mu Alpha Theta, Football Honorable Mention All-District; **Sabrina K.**: Student Council

Undergraduate Awards & Accolades:

Isabella C. '15: National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta; Catherine F. '15: National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta; Worth G. '15: Felix Maceda Award; Annabella M. '16: National English Honor Society; Kevin N. '16: National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta; Emma Q. '16: National English Honor Society; Charlie S. '16: Mu Alpha Theta; Carissa T. '16: Spanish National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta; Sharon V. '16: Spanish National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Science National Honor Society; Rebecca W. '16: National English Honor Society

The Highlands School:

Undergraduate Awards & Accolades:

Aenghus D. '17: Principal's Gold Award for highest overall GPA in all subject areas; Apostolic Award; 2nd Place in two TSJCL/Junior Classical League events; Math, Theology, Science, History, and Latin Academic Awards



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.

FAVORITE ST. MARK MEMORY

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

Ashli T. '93 remembers great times on Field Day! The 2018 Field Day certainly carried on that tradition! Parents weilding water hoses during tug-o-war...look familiar?



ST. MARK IN THE NEWS

Valeria M. '14, a 2018 graduate of Ursuline Academy of Dallas, was featured in an article in the June 15 issue of *The Texas*

Catholic newspaper highlighting her passion for learning, the special relationships she formed with her high school teachers, and her acceptance to Cornell University.

John Paul II High School:

Class of 2018 Awards & Accolades:

Cherish A.: Honor graduate, AP Macro Economics, Health II, and US Government & Politics Academic Awards; Daniel A.: Honor graduate, Bishop Grahmann Award, National Honor Society, Red Crest Award, Christian Service Award, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, Tri-M Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Class of 2018 Treasurer, AP Macro Economics, Theology, and Keyboards Academic Awards; Kolbe B.: Honor graduate, Bishop Grahmann Award, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Science National Honor Society, Christian Service Award, Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Macro Economics, AP Computer Science Principles, AP US Government & Politics, and Theology Academic Awards; Jason B.: National Merit Finalist, Honor graduate, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Academic Decathlon II, AP Chemistry, AP Mechanics/ Magnetism/Electricity Physics, AP US Government & Politics, AP Macro Economics, and Theology Academic Awards; Dylan C.: National Merit Commended, National Hispanic Scholar, Honor graduate, National Honor Society, International Thespian Society, Academic Decathlon II, AP Macro Economics, Musical Theater, and Theater Production Academic Awards; Alyssa E.: Yearbook I, Theology, Economics, Intro. to Art, and US Government & Politics Academic Awards; Trevor F.: Honor graduate, National Speech & Debate Association, AP Macro Economics, Health II, Theology, AP US Government & Politics, and Student Leadership Academic Awards; Caroline G.: Honor graduate, National Honor Society, National Junior Classical League, AP Statistics, Anatomy and Physiology, Theology, Dance IV, Music Appreciation, US Government & Politics, and Economics Academic Awards; Michael G.: AP Macro Economics Academic Award; Alec I.: Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, Christian Service Award, Economics, AP Computer Science Principles, and Intro. to Art Academic Awards, Perfect Attendance; Nate K.: Christian Service Award, Pre-Calculus, Health II, American Culture Studies, Theology, US Government & Politics, and Economics Academic Awards; Chloe L.: Anatomy & Physiology, Economics, Health II, US Government & Politics, Sports Medicine, and Theology Academic Awards; Amanda L.: Honor graduate, Tri-M Honor Society, International Thespian Society, Pre-Calculus, Physics, Musical Theater, Mixed Chorus Honors, AP Macro Economics, AP US Government & Politics, Theology, and Concert Band Honors Academic Awards, TPSMEA All State Choir, TPSMEA State Solo/Ensemble Contest Superior Rating;



May's "Make A Wish" event, hosted by the 8th grade class, was covered in the May 25 issue of *The Texas Catholic* newspaper.



AROUND CAMPUS

Reminisce with us. Learn about all of the new things happening at your alma mater. Keep up with former classmates. Like and share on your social media. Follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u> for all of the updates from the St. Mark campus!

Academic Success:

7th grader and "super speller," Theresa T., qualified to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. and was featured on Fox News DFW. She made it to Round 3 of the competition. Lauren M.: Honor graduate, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Science National Honor Society, AP Environmental Science, AP US Government & Politics, AP Macro Economics, and Theology Academic Awards; Gena-Marie M.: Honor graduate, Red Crest Award, National Honor Society, Tri-M Honor Society, Christian Service Award, Psychology, Economics, Theology, US Government & Politics, Student Leadership, and Keyboards Academic Awards; Katie M.: National Honor Society, Tri-M Honor Society, Pre-Calculus, Anatomy & Physiology, Health II, Keyboards, US Government & Politics, Theology, and Economics Academic Awards; Kylie M.: Honor graduate, National Honor Society, Pre-Calculus, Sports Medicine, Dance III, Physics, US Government & Politics, and Economics Academic Awards; Nick M.: Economics, and Sports Medicine Academic Awards; Allison N.: Honor graduate, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, National Junior Classical League, AP Statistics, AP Macro Economics, AP Computer Science Principles, Calculus AB, AP US Government & Politics, and Theology Academic Awards; Will O.: Honor graduate, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Science National Honor Society, Academic Decathlon II Academic Award, Theology, AP Macro Economics, and AP Statistics Academic Awards; Madison O.: Communication Applications, Concert Band Honors, and Symphony Honors Academic Awards, Perfect Attendance; Carter P.: National Honor Society, Economics, Theology, and US Government & Politics Academic Awards; Amber R.: Psychology, Health II, Dance III, and Sports Medicine Academic Awards; Kyle S.: Honor graduate, National Honor Society, AP Macro Economics Academic Award; Peyton S.: Economics Academic Award; Mary Kate T.: Red Crest Award, Quill & Scroll International Honor Society, Yearbook III Honors, Sports Medicine, and Economics Academic Awards; Claire W.: Honor graduate, Red Crest Award, National Honor Society, Tr i-M Honor Society, Communication Applications, AP Macro Economics, Health II, US Government & Politics, and Mixed Chorus Honors Academic Awards; Reed W.: Honor graduate, National Honor Society, AP Macro Economics Academic Award

Cardinal Scholars (A's and B's): Kolbe B., Jason B., Caroline G., Chloe L., Amanda L., Lauren M., Kylie M., Allison N., Carter P., Mary Kate T.

Undergraduate Awards & Accolades:

Travis A. '16: National Speech Honor Society, Latin Honor Society; Computer Science, Oral Interpretation Honors,



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2nd grader, Joseph B., placed 4th out of 400+ students from many parishes/schools that participated in the 2nd Grade "First Communion Religion Bowl."



Athletic Success:

The JV Softball team won the 2018 DPL Championship.

The Varsity Golf team is a 2018 DPL Co-Champion (tied with St. Monica).

Chemistry, World History, and Theology II Academic Awards, Magna Cum Laude/National Latin Exam; Daniel B. '17: Communication Applications, and Freshman Seminar Academic Awards; Jace B. '15: Bronze Medal/National Spanish Exam; Hannah B. '17: Red Crest Award, Latin Honor Society; Geometry Honors, Health I, Theology I, Freshman Seminar, Biology Honors, and Latin I Academic Awards; Ashley B. 15: National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Latin Honor Society, Latin III Honors, and Theology III Academic Awards; Daniela B. '17: Communication Applications, and Freshman Seminar Academic Awards; Jack B. '17: Freshman Seminar, and Health I Academic Awards; Adam B. '16: Concert Band Honors Academic Award; Daniela C. '15: Journalism, and Psychology Academic Awards; Kaitlin C. '15: Red Crest Award, National Honor Society, Societe Honoraire de Francais, Science National Honor Society; Tri-M Honor Society; AP US History, Symphony Honors, and Theology III Academic Awards, Perfect Attendance; Matthew C. '17: Tri-M Honor Society; Biology Honors, Theology I, Freshman Seminar, and Symphony Honors Academic Awards; Nicholas C. '17: Algebra I Honors, Health I, and Freshman Seminar Academic Awards, Bronze Medal/National Spanish Exam; Alejandro C. '15: Red Crest Award, National Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, Science National Honor Society; Intro. to Art, American Cultures Studies, AP US History, and Theology III Academic Awards; Vanessa D. '16: Chemistry, Spanish II Honors, and Theology II Academic Awards; Cristian D. '15: Communication Applications Academic Award; Rachel D. '16: Multimedia, and Theology II Academic Awards; Chase E. '16: Latin Honor Society; James E. '17: Communication Applications Academic Award; Isabella F. '15: Red Crest Award, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society; Tri-M Honor Society; Theology III, and Concert Band Honors Academic Awards; Marti F. '17: Tri-M Honor Society; Latin Honor Society, Communication Applications, Biology Honors, Concert Band Honors, Freshman Seminar, and Latin I Academic Awards, Magna Cum Laude/National Latin Exam; Lindsey G. '16: Latin Honor Society, English II, Geometry, and Latin II Honors Academic Awards; Gabby G. '16: Latin Honor Society, Chemistry, Theology II, and Musical Theatre I Academic Awards; Anna G. '15: Dance III, and Health II Academic Awards; David G. '17: Communication Applications, and Concert Band Honors Academic Awards; Sammy H. '17: Latin Honor Society, Freshman Seminar, and Health I Academic Awards; Kyanna I. '16: Red Crest Award, Societe Honoraire de Français, English II Honors, Intro. to Art, Algebra II Honors, Chemistry Honors, AP European



The JV Golf team placed 2nd in the DPL Golf tournament.



8th grader, Lanie M., won 1st Runner-Up for DPL "Female Ahtlete of the Year" and 1st Runner-Up for "Most Points in the DPL Varsity Track Championship City Meet."

A few more images from around campus:

2018 Graduation:



Mrs. Carole Mitchell and Mrs.
Barbara Ehnis Win Work of Heart
Awards:

History, French II, and Theology II Academic Awards, Gold Medal/National French Exam; Samantha I. '16: Red Crest Award, Algebra II Honors, Chemistry Honors, AP European History, Theology II, and Spanish II Honors Academic Awards; Mitchell J. '15: International Thespian Society, Theater Production, and Musical Theatre I Academic Awards; Natalie J. '17: Latin Honor Society, World Cultures & Geography, Health I, Freshman Seminar, Theology I, and Latin I Academic Awards; **Sean J. '17**: International Thespian Society, Latin Honor Society, Freshman Seminar, Health I, and Theater Production Academic Awards; Christian L. '15: Student Leadership, and Health II Academic Awards; Nicholas L. '15: Intro. to Art Academic Award; Jamieson M. '17: National Art Honor Society, Freshman Seminar, and Intro. to Art Academic Awards; Nathan M. '16: Latin Honor Society, Computer Science I H, Communication Applications, Algebra II Honors, Latin II Honors, and Theology II Academic Awards, Cum Laude/National Latin Exam; Mary Kate M. '17: International Thespian Society, Communication Applications, Musical Theatre I, and Freshman Seminar Academic Awards; Nicholas M. '16: Red Crest Award; Ethan M. '15: National Honor Society, Philosophy, Theology III, and Health II Academic Awards; Matthew M. '16: Latin Honor Society; Zach M. '15: Science National Honor Society; AP Computer Science Principles, and Pre-Calculus Academic Awards; Peter N. '17: Freshman Seminar, and Health I Academic Awards; Kevin P. '16: Computer Science I H, and Theology II Academic Awards; Ella P. '17: Biology, Health I, Freshman Seminar, and Spanish I Academic Awards, Bronze Medal/National Spanish Exam, Perfect Attendance; Hannah P. '15: Yearbook I Academic Award; Seth R. '15: American Cultures Studies, and Health II Academic Awards; Julianna S. '16: Theology II, and Intro. to Art Academic Awards; Olivia S. '17: Freshman Seminar, and Communication Applications Academic Awards; Nuro T. '15: Mu Alpha Theta; Mason T. '17: Communication Applications, and Freshman Seminar Academic Awards, Bronze Medal/National Spanish Exam; Delanie V. '17: Latin Honor Society, Freshman Seminar, and Health Academic Awards; Zach V. '17: Latin Honor Society, Computer Science, Algebra I Honors, Biology, Freshman Seminar, Latin I, and Health I Academic Awards; Declan W. '17: Red Crest Award, International Thespian Society, Concert Band Honors, Musical Theatre I, and Health I Academic Awards

President Scholar (all A's): Kyanna I.





Spring Musical:
Androcles and the Lion:



GET INVOLVED!

We encourage all alumni and alumni families to come back to campus as a volunteer, a mentor to our students, or simply to take Cardinal Scholars (A's and B's): Travis A., Hannah B., Ashley B., Daniela B., Kaitlin C., Matthew C., Nicholas C., Vanessa D., Marti F., Lindsey G., Samantha I., Natalie J., Nathan M., Ethan M., Zach M., Kevin P., Ella P., Julianna S., Nuro T., Zach V.

Jesuit College Preparatory School:

Class of 2018 Awards & Accolades:

Derek D.: Magna Cum Laude, Pre-Calculus, and Anatomy & Physiology Academic Awards, 4 year honor roll; **Ryan M.**: Magna Cum Laude, Engineering Club and Culinary Society Academic Awards; **Peter M.**: Cum Laude, Music Comp & Film Academic Award; **Kolbe S.**: Magna Cum Laude, Honors Pre-Calculus, Engineering PMM, and AP Comparative Politics Academic Awards; **Daniel V.**: Magna Cum Laude, 4 year honor roll; **Andrew V.**: Cum Laude, Peace & Conflict, and MAGIS Academic Awards

Undergraduate Awards & Accolades:

Avery B. '15: Programming 2 Academic Award; Sam D. '16: Haggerty Math/Science Scholarship, Brother Gerald Landry S.J. Award, Honors Mandarin 2, and Honors Geometry Academic Awards: Ethan J. '15: Haggerty Math/Science Scholarship, Yale Book Award; Antonio M. '16: Highest Score on AMC-10 and TXML Tests; Honors Algebra 2/Trig Academic Award; Jaibin M. '15: James M. Collins Citizenship Award, Pedro Arrupe Award, Honors Mandarin 3 Academic Award; John N. '16: Latin 2 Academic Award; lan S. '15: Haggerty Math/Science Scholarship; Spanish 4 Academic Award

Ursuline Academy of Dallas:

Class of 2018 Awards & Accolades:

Sneha K.: Ecumenical & Interreligious Dialogue Academic Award; Uyen L.: Summa Cum Laude; National Honor Society; Nicole M.: Magna Cum Laude, Statistics Academic Award; Celine M.: Summa Cum Laude, International Thespian Society; Valeria M.: Summa Cum Laude, National Honor Society, Silver Medal/Chinese Proficiency Test, Texas Math League Contest Finalist, AP Calculus BC, Ecumenical & Interreligious Dialogue, and Mandarin Chinese IV Honors Academic Awards; Jordan P.: Summa Cum Laude, National Honor Society; Ivanka P.: Summa Cum Laude, National Honor Society, AMC 12 School Winner, Concert Choir, Texas Math League Contest Finalist; Elizabeth R.: Summa Cum Laude, National Honor Society, Societe Honoraire de Français Award; Molly S.:

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

2018-19 Opportunities:

*Father Cliff and Mrs. Patty Corsi will begin plans for the **November 2018 Middle School Fall Play** once school resumes. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact patty.corsi@stmcs.net.

*Can you lend your talents to the 2018-19 Athletics Department fundraising events? We can use your assistance!



October 2018 All Souls 5K Run



May 2019 Monsignor Smyth Golf Classic.

If you are interested, please contact Athletic Director, Marlene

Magna Cum Laude, National Honor Society, Anatomy & Physiology, and Living as a Disciple Academic Awards

Undergraduate Awards & Accolades:

Courtney B. '17: Honorable Mention/National Spanish Exam, Spanish I Academic Award; Elena G. '15: Gold Medal/National Spanish Exam, Morality Academic Award; Savannah H. '15: Bronze Medal/National Spanish Exam; Sarah H. '16: Gold Medal/Chinese Proficiency Test, Algebra II/Pre-Calculus Honors, Chemistry I Honors, and English II Honors Academic Awards, Student Alumni Association inductee; Chloe K. '17: Honorable Mention/National Spanish Exam; Joann N. '16: Silver Medal/National French Exam, Intro. to Java, and World History Honors Academic Awards; Sona S. '17: Bronze Medal/National Spanish Exam; Tia T. '16: National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Science Honor Society, International Thespian Society, World History Honors, and Digital Graphics & Animation Academic Awards; Fall/Spring Honor Roll; Shelby V. '15: Bronze Medal/National French Exam; Megan W. '16: AP Computer Science, Algebra II/Pre-Calculus, and World History Academic Awards; Janice R. '15: Tulane University Book Award, Biology I, and US History Academic Awards

Plano East High School:

Class of 2018 Awards and Accolades:

Marco T. and **Minh-Huy P.** both graduated the International Baccalaureate Program with Honors, and with additional honors for completing AP tests over and above the IB exams.

In Other Alumni News:

Jack W. 'o9, a 2013 graduate of Bishop Lynch High School, will graduate from Texas A&M University in August with a Bachelor of Science degree in University Studies-Mathematics for Business and has been accepted to enter the 2018-19 Novitiate class of the Dominican Province of Saint Martin de Porres immediately after graduation.

Catherine F. '16 was elected Historian of the 2018-19 National English Honor Society at Bishop Lynch High School.

Emily A. '13, a graduate of Ursuline Academy of Dallas, earned her Girl Scout Gold Award. It is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn, combining leadership skills, life skills, and community service.

Ehring, via email at marlene.ehring@stmcs.net.

WAYS TO GIVE TO ST. MARK

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 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 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.

*<u>Technology Fund</u> - 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. The Bishop Lynch High School Mock Team won the first ever David Post Mock Trial tournament. **Charlie Stock '16** was a finalist for the Allie Alexandrou Witness Award.

Kennedy G. '17 and **Zosia S. '17** are members of the 2018-19 Bishop Lynch High School Mock Trial Team.

Uyen L. '14, a 2018 graduate of Ursuline Academy of Dallas, has performed as part of the Dallas Music Teachers Association for 13 years. In June, she held a final piano recital for family and friends, and several of her former St. Mark teachers joined her for the occasion.



Ethan M. '15, Nate S. '15, and **Harrison R. '15** continue to compete in high school basketball at John Paul II High School and Cistercian Preparatory School. Their summer league teams recently matched up at Greenhill School.



Jordan B. '16, a rising junior at Ursuline Academy of Dallas, rows Crew for the Dallas Rowing Club. Her boat placed 1st in the Womens Youth 2X B Final at the U.S. Rowing Youth National Championships in June.

*Legacy Brick - Commemorate your time as a LION. Buy a personalized brick for \$100 that will become part of the entryway to St. Mark Catholic School.

*Merchant Programs - Raise funds for our school simply by linking your Tom Thumb and Kroger shopper cards to St. Mark.

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.

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