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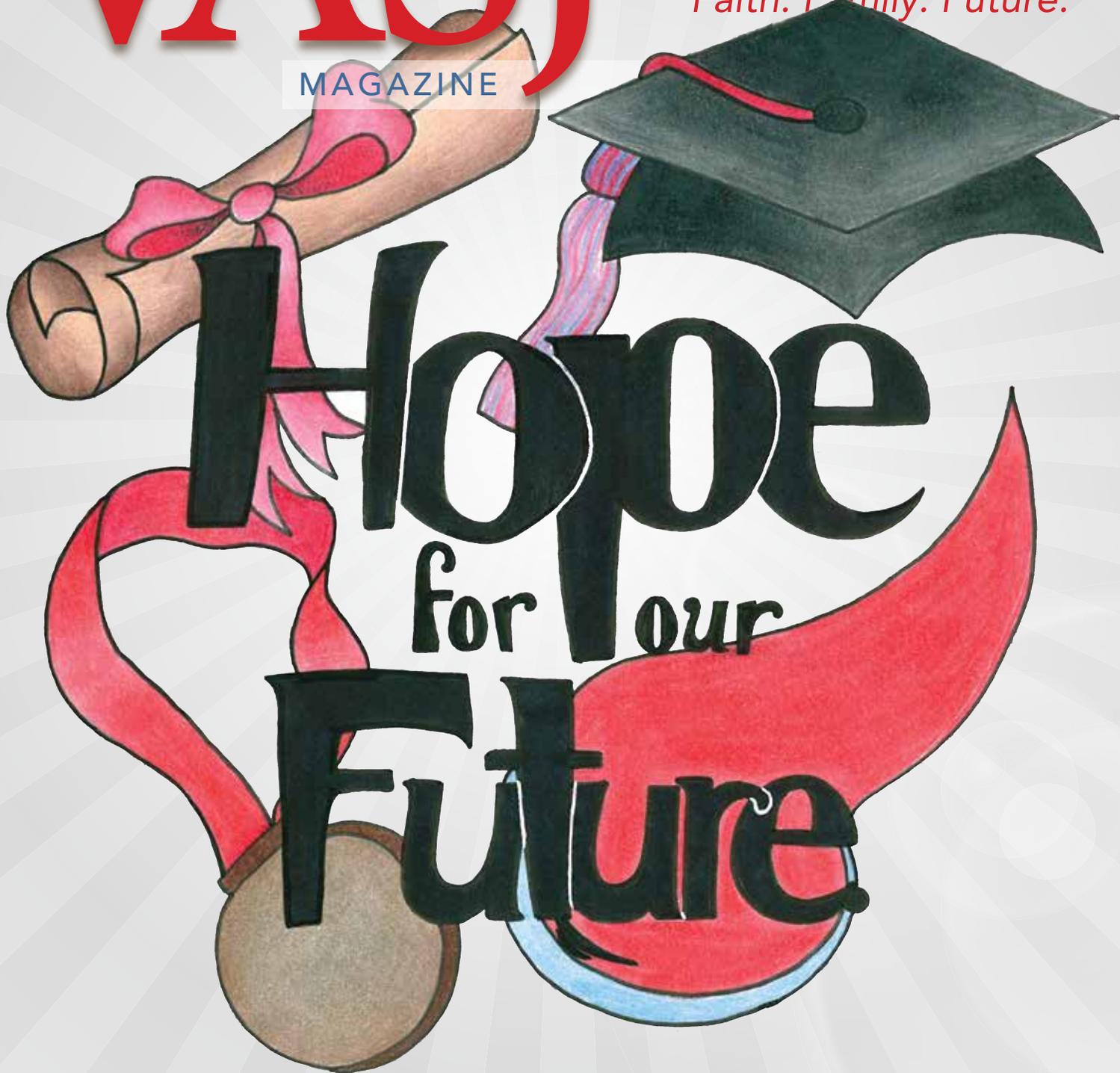
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Hope for our Future



The phrase “Hope for our Future,” as shown in the cover illustration drawn by Class of 2018 Salutatorian, Mary Furlan, was the theme of our Baccalaureate Mass. As I started to really reflect on the multiple meanings of the word “Hope,” I realized it can be difficult to understand.

By common definition, it means to want or wish for something good to happen in the future, yet we remain uncertain of the outcome. To Catholics, though, hope is more than just a want or a wish. It is a confident expectation and desire that something good will, in fact, occur in the future.

When we say that we have hope for the future of the Class of 2018, we are confident they will be successful because we have seen their tremendous growth and accomplishments during their four years here. We know what they are capable of accomplishing. We know we have done our jobs of preparing them for the next step. And we know that they have been given a strong foundation of faith and love in God.

The stories of our two featured students from the Class of 2018, Meaghan and Devontae, demonstrate their commitment to their futures and their hope that VASJ would get them to where they need to be. These two young students, like many of the students we serve, have faced circumstances that easily could have derailed the success of their futures. Yet, they both had the hope of brighter days and the desire to keep pushing for more.

We are thankful for each of you for supporting Meaghan and Devontae, and all of the students at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, and allowing us to instill its rich history of hope and tradition into the lives of all our students.

Always remember Meagan’s words: “Just like a real family, you may leave for a while, but you know you can always come home. Home for me is VASJ.”

We hope that you know you always have a home at VASJ.

God Bless,

*Bill Cervenik '72
President, VASJ*

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IN THE VILLAGE



College Signing Days

Eight VASJ athletes from the Class of 2018 made their college commitments to continue their academic and athletic careers.

1 **Lora Stewart** signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her academic and soccer career at Lakeland Community College. **2** **Patrick Sheridan** announced his commitment to pursue his academic and football career at Ashland University. The three-sport varsity letterman (football, wrestling, and track) will still have a connection to the Viking Village while at Ashland as he will be coached by alumnus **Tim Rose '59**. **3** **Carl Chaney**, **4** **King Seyou**, and **5** **Ray Velez** will be continuing their academic and athletic careers at the Kent State Tuscarawas campus just outside of New Philadelphia. **6** **Nate Dean** will be continuing his athletic and academic career at Ohio Northern University where he will play football and run track. Dean was a three-year football starter at wide receiver and cornerback for the Vikings. In his senior season, Dean had 32 receptions for 465 yards and a TD, 24 Carries for 94 yards and 5 TDs. On defense, he had 33 tackles with 1 TFL, 2 interceptions and a fumble recovery. Dean was a senior captain and carries a 3.71 GPA. A track standout, he won state in the 400-meter dash. **7** **Jerry Higgins**, who set a record at VASJ for most basketball games won (87), signed his National Letter of Intent to play at The Citadel in Charleston, SC. **8** VASJ senior **Cole Seagroves** signed his letter of intent to continue his baseball career at Kent State Tuscarawas.





Academic Decathlon Team Excels in Regional and State Competitions

VASJ'S ACADEMIC DECATHLON team competed in the regional competition in January, winning a total of 18 medals (3 gold, 8 silver, and 7 bronze), and third place in the Super Quiz portion of the tournament. They went on to compete at the state tournament in March where they earned 16 medals (4 gold, 5 silver, and 7 bronze).

Team members are Tyyonna Davis, Tyler Matambanadzo, Gordon Boru, John Michalski, and Nevaeh Jernigan. Mr. Bob Seitz, VASJ math teacher, is the coach.



One Mic Open ► Hailey Barnett '18 took part in a competition known as One Mic Open, a grassroots youth literary arts program including a series of poetry slams and open mics. Hailey made it to the finals and performed a piece titled, "I Am, We Are." The poem was centered around the perspective of an abandoned house, which was a prompt she was given to follow.





State Champion Nate Dean Breaks VASJ Record

NATE DEAN '18 won the Division III state championship in the 400-meter dash with a school-record time of 48.60. Dean was injured as a junior and was unable to compete in the state meet, so to go out as a state champion in his final high school race was even more special.

"There were so many emotions on the podium it almost seemed shocking and I am not sure it has really sunk in yet," Dean says. "I've gotten so much from VASJ so to be able to give back to the school and the program means a lot."

Dean will continue his athletic and academic career at Ohio Northern University. (Learn more on page 2.)



Girls Track at DII State Championship

The girls 4×200 relay team of Mikeya Cook-Howard, Maritza Strong, Voni Jones and Jayla Currie finished third in the D II girls state tournament with a time of 1:43.92. Currie also qualified for the state finals and finished 9th in the open 200.

Future Viking Day

VASJ welcomed over 125 seventh-grade students from 28 middle schools in Northeast Ohio for the annual Future Viking Day. In addition to receiving a tour led by VASJ student ambassadors, the Future Vikings also had the opportunity to observe a high school class, watch a portion of the school's spring musical, create a craft with a photo taken in VASJ's bookstore, and finished with a delicious taco bar. The next Future Viking Day will take place on March 28, 2019.





PATRICK SHERIDAN '18 qualified for the DIII state wrestling tournament for the second consecutive year. Although he missed his chance at the podium, he finished his career with 101 wins. He will attend Ashland University. (Learn more on page 2.)

Choir Shares the *Love*

VASJ's Lady Vikings Choir went on the road to perform love songs and visit with the residents at local nursing homes in honor of Valentine's Day. Under the direction of VASJ religion teacher Ms. Brianna Wilson, the choir visited and performed at Braeview, Brookdale, Highland Pointe, Hilltop Village, and Hospice of the Western Reserve.



GEM GROUP PROMOTES AWARENESS

VASJ's GEM (Girls Empowerment Meetings) group volunteered at WomenSafe in Chardon, a nonprofit domestic violence shelter and resource center. Created by two female English teachers, Ms. Tonica Johnson and Ms. Michelle Perusek '07, GEM started four years ago to promote positive self-images and healthy relationships among young women. Since it was founded, it has also incorporated professional development, etiquette training, and volunteer service.



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Arsenic and Old Lace Impresses

WITH AN AMAZING CAST, drop-dead comedy, and an impressive set, VASJ's Drama Club gave three great performances of *Arsenic and Old Lace*. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many saying it was the best play VASJ has put on in years, bolstering the amazing efforts of the cast and crew.

1 The elaborate and detailed set was impressive and added to the play's success. From left to right: **Rachel O'Connell**, **Adrian Fellows**, and **Michael Doss**. **2** **Khalid Mitcham**, who played Mortimer Brewster, the oblivious nephew of the murderous Brewster sisters. **3** Drama Club Seniors stand to be recognized on stage after a performance. From left to right: **Davyon Swift**, **Michael Doss**, **Eleanor Boru**, **Jon Adkins**, and **Melanie Mitchell**. **4** The entire cast and crew of *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Director **Molly Lorek** has been involved with VASJ's Drama Club for the past three years. "We had a talented group of students this year and everyone worked really well together and helped to create an amazing play," says Lorek.



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Students Inducted into National Honor Society

VASJ WAS PROUD TO ADD 13 NEW MEMBERS to its chapter of the National Honor Society. Phillip Morris, a columnist with the Plain Dealer, served as the keynote speaker. In addition to overseeing and selecting the Students of the Quarter, VASJ's National Honor Society members oversee the school's tutoring program, make signs for faculty and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, and volunteer at various school events.



Ursuline Art Show ▶

A total of 19 students from VASJ had their artwork displayed at an Ursuline College art show, including the above artwork by Kathleen O'Donnell '19. Choosing the art wasn't easy as there are many talented students at VASJ, but teachers Mrs. Brittany Simmons and Mr. Wally Spisak did their best to select works from their classes that were strong examples of the variety of art disciplines offered here.

Christian Leadership students deliver items to women and children's shelter

After collecting donations during a fundraiser, VASJ's Christian Leadership class had the opportunity to visit Laura's Home, a women and children's shelter in Cleveland, to personally deliver the items collected. Laura's Home helps women who have lost their jobs, been in abusive relationships, and other circumstances which cause them to need assistance. It was yet another great opportunity for the VASJ students to come together to serve others.



Students learn about real-life experience through new Public Relations Club

NEW TO VASJ THIS YEAR was the Public Relations Club, which allows students the opportunity to be directly involved in all aspects of marketing the school. Through writing, photography, editing and proofing, overseeing the school's digital sign and informational TVs, updating content on the website, posting to social media, and providing input in the school's publications, students in VASJ's PR Club gain real-life experience in the areas of journalism, public relations, and marketing. Field trips and guest speakers, including well-known *Plain Dealer* columnist Phillip Morris, added to the learning experience.



VASJ Welcomes Broadmoor Bobcats

The VASJ senior boys and girls basketball players hosted the Broadmoor Bobcats, a school in Mentor for the developmentally challenged, for a game. The Bobcats defeated the Vikings with the entire VASJ student body cheering them on with signs and chants. It was an inspiring and heartwarming event for all in attendance. After the game, the VASJ basketball players hosted Broadmoor for lunch.





Anika Duhigg '21 finished 16th in the 50 freestyle and 18th in the 100 freestyle at the Division II District Swimming Meet at Cleveland State University on Feb. 16. Duhigg finished the 50 in 26.06 and the 100 in 57.39.



Six-Time Champions VASJ boys basketball won the D II District Championship and advanced to the regional tournament for the sixth consecutive time. The Vikings fell to Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary in the Division II regional final, 84-69, at the Canton Civic Center.



On May 29, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School held its 28th annual commencement ceremony in which 86 graduates received their diplomas. As of that date, 54 students had reported over \$7.3 million received in scholarships.

The welcome and invocation were given by Mr. Bill Raddell '68. President Bill Cervenik '72 and Principal David Csank presented the awards and diplomas while Kriste Vedegys-Duhigg '88 served as the reader.



CLASS OF 2018

86

members of the class

23 members of the National Honor Society

EIGHT received honors diplomas (GPA of 3.5 or higher)

98% college bound

College acceptances from schools such as Alabama A&M University, Capitol University, Carlow University, Case Western Reserve University, Central State University, Chaminade University of Hawaii, Chatham University, The Citadel (The Military College of South Carolina), Cleveland State University, Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Delaware State University, Edinboro University, Gannon University, Georgia State University, Howard University, Ithaca College, John Carroll University, Loyola University, Malone University, Miami University (Oxford), North Carolina A&T State University, Ohio Dominican University, Ohio Northern, The Ohio State University, Ohio University, Ohio Wesleyan University, St. Bonaventure University, Tennessee State University, Thiel College, University of Dayton, University of Kentucky, University of Pittsburgh, University of Tampa, Ursuline College, Westpoint Military Academy, Wittenberg University, Xavier University, and more.

100%

graduation rate

Earned **\$7.3 Million**
in scholarships

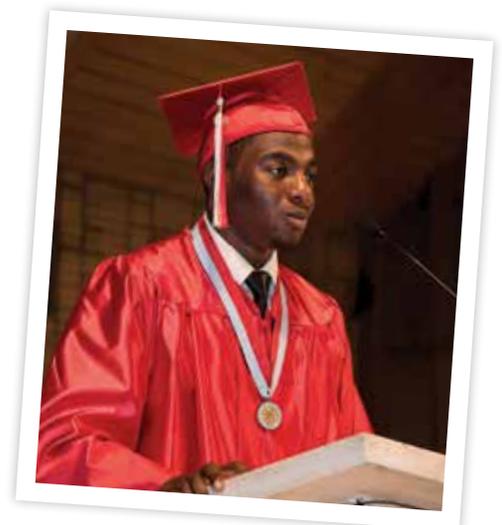


"We have so many reasons to smile. We need to smile because of all the friendships we've made. Smile because our parents valued education enough to make the sacrifices necessary to send us to this great school. Smile because of the teachers who pushed us to reach our full potential. Smile because of all the wonderful memories we will have forever. Smile because **we all have great futures ahead** of us."

ERIN OSBORNE '18

"Presented before you is the Class of 2018. The blue and red caps and gowns symbolize a tradition, one that **not many get the privilege of experiencing**, and I'm proud to be a part of it. Coming from Zimbabwe the beginning of junior year and fitting into the new system was not easy to do, but **VASJ made it easier**. From the moment I set foot in the building, I felt welcomed by everyone I passed."

BRANDON MATAMBANADZO '18



SPECIAL AWARDS

VALEDICTORIAN

Timothy Raddell

SALUTATORIAN

Mary Furlan

FIRST HONORS STUDENT (EACH QUARTER FOR FOUR YEARS):

Anthony Dinunzio, Mary Furlan, Elizabeth Gielink, Jerry Higgins III, Shirley Kennebrew, Erin Osborne, Timothy Raddell, Elizabeth Smith

PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARDS PROGRAM FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

Eleanor Boru, Michael Doss, Mary Furlan, Shirley Kennebrew, Timothy Raddell, Elizabeth Smith

SOLI DEO GLORIA:

Eleanor Boru

TIMOTHY ROBERTSON AWARD:

Dana Collin Green

ST. ANGELA AWARD:

Hailey Barnett

BLESSED WILLIAM JOSEPH CHAMINADE AWARD:

Raymond Velez

GUILFOYLE AWARD:

Malia Ali, Anthony Dinunzio

HOSPICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE TEEN VOLUNTEER AWARD:

Nova Jolly, Christina Vollman

JARED PLESEC SERVICE AWARD:

Eleanor Boru, Carl Chaney II, Chantaisia White



"It's scary for me to think of how much I wouldn't have experienced if I didn't come to VASJ. From playing soccer, learning so much from great teachers, taking on new endeavors, and developing so many friendships. **The VASJ class of 2018 is filled with leaders in all fields.** This one stage holds future lawyers, doctors, musicians, athletes, politicians, artists, and the potential goes on."

MELANIE MITCHELL '18

For a complete list of scholarships available to VASJ students (and for gift designations) please visit vasj.com/scholarships.

Top of the Class

We sat down for a quick Q&A with the two top students of the Class of 2018: Valedictorian, Timothy Raddell, and Salutatorian, Mary Furlan.

BEING TOP OF THEIR CLASS DIDN'T HAPPEN BY "CHANCE." It was something they have thought about and pushed hard for since their freshman year. They shared with us some highlights of their journey and a few of their favorite VASJ memories.

What does being the top two students in your class mean to you?

TIM: It's really more of an honor than anything else.

MARY: It's a good reflection of my accomplishments at the school.

Was it your goal to be the top two students in your class?

TIM: My brother Nick ('01) was Valedictorian too. My mom said once that it would be nice if her first and last kids were both Valedictorian. That really stuck with me and I really strove for that.

MARY: It has been a goal of mine since my freshman year because I wanted to show everyone that I could do it. My mother has always been on me about my grades. She really drove me to try my best and get good grades and the hard work paid off. So, thanks, mom.

What will you miss the most about VASJ?

TIM: The community. It's really one-of-a-kind. I don't know of any other place that has what we have here. It's not something that will be easily replaceable.

MARY: Wow, I have to pick one thing? I'm going to miss the fun memories with my classmates and my teachers.

Do you feel well-prepared academically for college?

TIM: College is all about what you're willing to put into it and your work ethic. If you're willing to do the work, you will do well.

MARY: College is a lot about independence and our teachers really gave us that and let us do a lot of work on our own and did their best to prepare us for college. I am ready!

How did the teachers give you independence?

MARY: They would give you an assignment and it was up to you to turn it in on time. They wouldn't walk you through it step-by-step. You would have to do the work on your own.

Favorite memory of your time at VASJ?

TIM: Any day in Men's Choir is an adventure on its own so I can't really pick a favorite because there have been a lot of wild things that have happened.

MARY: This was a while ago but when [John Henry] Posey '16 went and did his stand up comedy act at the talent show and he imitated teachers, it was the funniest thing I think I have ever seen. And any day in AP English was a lot of fun. There were only a few of us and we were all close and had a lot of fun.

What's next for you?

TIM: Going to Borromeo seminary to discern what's next for me and what God has planned for me. I'm going to study philosophy and the classics.

MARY: I'll be attending Chatham University in Pittsburgh and I plan on double majoring in marketing and graphic design. I definitely want to do something with art.

Any advice for future VASJ students?

TIM: Find a way to balance being involved but not trying to do everything. Don't waste your high school experience.

MARY: Get involved early because you're going to regret it if you don't. Meet new people and try your hardest. Never give up. That's a little cheesy, but I'm a cheesy person.

Any final thoughts?

TIM: Everyone is so close here. We're all a family and we all support one another. It's one-of-a-kind. It really is.

MARY: I would definitely recommend coming here. There is really no other place like it. If you want to be somewhere where you matter, come here because we want you to make a difference.

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Annual gala raises over \$200,000 to *Continue the Dream* at VASJ



Over 250 people attended Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School's annual *Continue the Dream* Gala on Saturday, February 17. The event raised over \$200,000, VASJ President Bill Cervenik '72 announced.

In addition to ticket sales, sponsorships, and advertisements, the school received generous donations prior to the event in support of the overall fundraising goal. One such gift was a \$50,000 donation from 1969 alumnus Vince White-Petteruti and his wife, Marylouise (aka Duck). The gift was made to create The Kay and Vince Petteruti Scholarship Fund, in honor of his parents.

"We are very thankful for the support we receive from alums like Vince," Cervenik says. "Our alums who have remained involved in our school, or who have recently re-engaged, are helping us to ensure that VASJ continues to thrive."

The Mardi Gras-themed event, held at Mentor's elegant venue, LaMalfa, had a fun yet sophisticated vibe.

"Those in attendance really enjoyed the festivities and raved about the food and vibrant atmosphere," Cervenik says. "And, of course, the students were at their best."

The record-number of current VASJ students in attendance really added to the impact of the event. Students

greeted guests at registration, escorted them to their tables, and sold tickets for the various raffles. The evening also featured performances by the Men's and Women's Choirs.

"The students really made the event," says Christopher McGrath '69. "They are great."

The silent auction table featured items ranging from a timeshare in Florida, to beautiful diamond earrings, Cavs tickets, and everything in between. Guests were able to purchase tickets for various raffles such as a lottery gift basket, a mystery suitcase, which at the end of the night was revealed to contain a new iPad, and more.

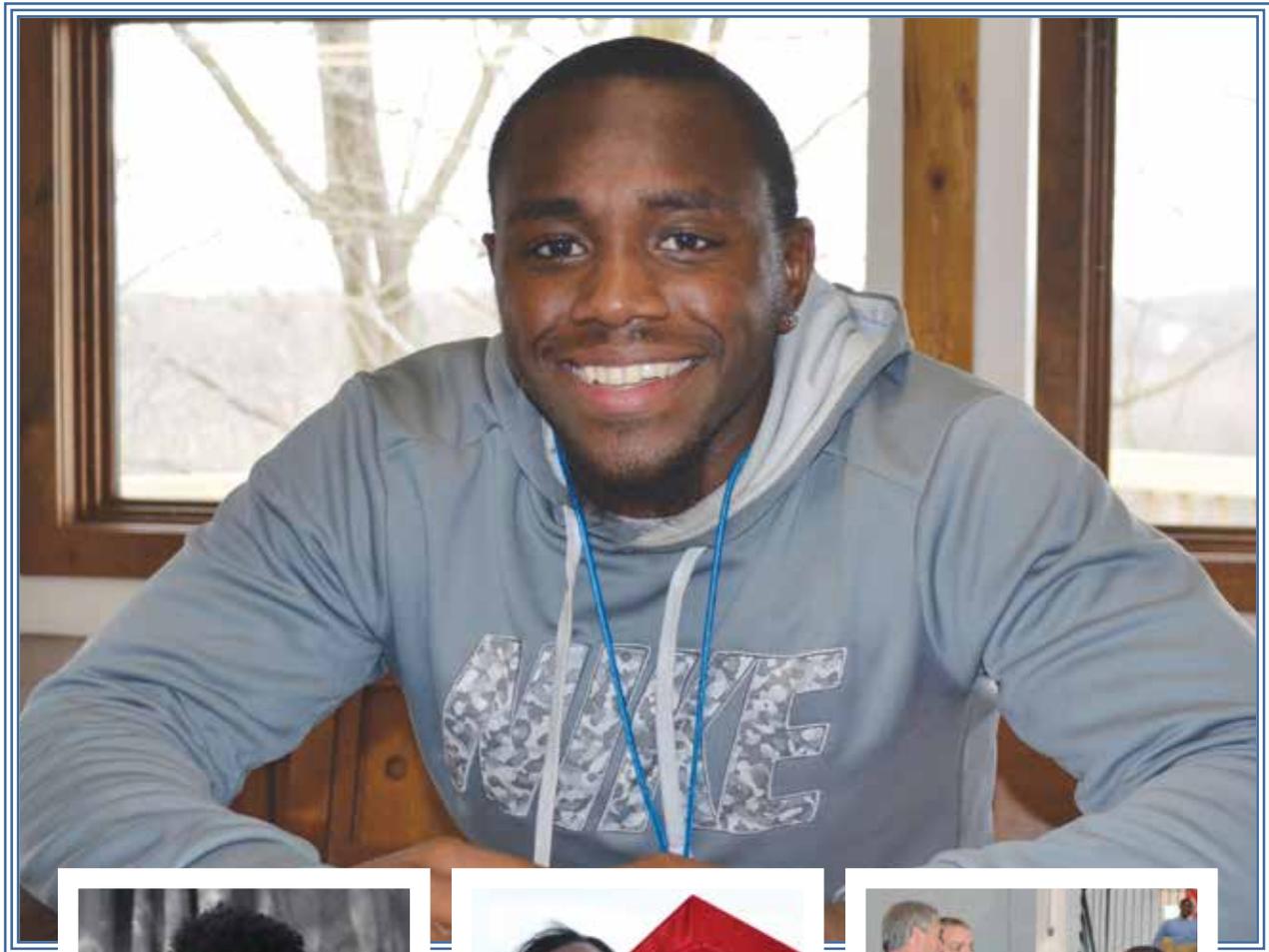
The evening took a more serious note when a video, donated by Neil McCormick '70 and Cinecraft Productions, was shared featuring stories about several current students and what they have gained during their time at VASJ. (Watch the video at youtube.com/VASJHighSchool.) At the end of the live auction, a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork, hand painted by Mary Furlan '18, was auctioned off. Bidders had the chance to claim the piece for \$100 with a catch: They had to be the final bidder in order to win. What turned into a fun and friendly bidding war ended up raising over \$6,000 for the school. The winning bidder donated the painting back to the school and it can now be seen hanging in the main lobby.

- 1 Hailey Barnett '18 and Collin Green '18 once again served as the student emcees for the event. 2 A record-number of Student Ambassadors were in attendance and enjoyed interacting with event guests. 3 Raffles ranged from a timeshare in Florida to beautiful diamond earrings 4 A live auctioneer added to the fun. 5 Two VASJ Student Ambassadors, Elizabeth Smith '18 and Michael Doss '18, enjoyed selling raffle tickets. 6 VASJ President Bill Cervenik '72 thanks guests for supporting the event and the school.

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Devontae Glover '18

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Devontae Glover '18 has learned a lot from the game of football.

"I learned to never give up and to always be motivated," he says. "Motivation is a key thing in me. If you get knocked down, it's motivation that gets you back up."

And he has been knocked down a few times. He was 11 years old when his parents broke up.

"It was sad," Devontae says. "I mostly lived with my mom but still saw my dad very often."

His mom and dad continued to co-parent and he remained close with them both.

And he continued to play football.

"Football is all I've ever really known," he says.

His dad would encourage him after his games by telling him he did a good job, and his mom never missed a game.

"She's come to almost all of my games since I was six," Devontae says. "She's the number one person in my life."

Although he learned a lot from football, Devontae says it was his mom, Erika, who taught him more than the game ever could.

"She's a hard worker and she's determined to get to where she wants to be," Devontae says.

"She strives for success and by her doing that, it makes me want to strive for success for myself."

Erika's determination comes from wanting the best for her son.

"She always wants to make sure that I have everything I need and that I'm happy," Devontae says.

A good education topped the list of things she wanted for Devontae, no matter the cost.

"My mom had to get a second job to help pay for my tuition," Devontae says. "The money just basically goes to VASJ."

He does not take for granted the sacrifices his mom has made for him to attend VASJ.

"She really wanted me to have a great education and to succeed and go above and beyond what she and my father did," Devontae says. "That means a lot to me."

With his mom's sacrifices for his education came an expectation for Devontae to work hard and earn good grades. He came to VASJ with a list of goals he wanted to

achieve before graduating high school.

"I knew what I wanted as a person," Devontae says. "What I wanted my milestones to be."

Among the goals he hoped to achieve were getting inducted into the National Honor Society, graduating with an honors diploma, and earning a cumulative GPA of 4.0.

As a freshman and sophomore, he took regular, college-preparatory classes, but realized he could be doing more.

"I worked hard in the CP classes so that I could be recommended for honors courses."

He was accepted into honors math and science courses during his junior and senior years. He found them to be much more challenging. Thankfully, he felt like the teachers were there to help him succeed.

"The teachers at VASJ make sure the students are prepared and ready for a test," Devontae says. "They

challenge us and they help us at the same time. That's what I like about the teachers here."

Still, he wasn't where he wanted to be. Going into his senior year, he hadn't been accepted into the National Honor Society and his GPA wasn't at a 4.0.

While many of his friends were taking a lighter load of classes during their senior year, Devontae

had a full, and challenging schedule.

And as a result of his hard work and dedication, he came close to achieving almost all of the milestones he had set for himself. In March, he was inducted into the National Honor Society. In May, he graduated from VASJ with an honors diploma and a 3.81 GPA.

"I fell short of that one," Devontae says. "A 4.0 sounds way better."

Still, he was excited when he found out he would be graduating with honors.

"It just feels great," Devontae says. "All the stress that I went through paid off."

He couldn't wait to share the news with his biggest fan: his mom.

"We FaceTimed (video phone call) when I found out I was graduating with honors," Devontae says.

Devontae plans to attend the University of Akron where he will major in business and accounting. Thanks to the education he received at VASJ and the lessons he learned from football, he knows he is ready for the next step. But it is the example his mom has set for him that will keep him determined to succeed.

"I knew what I wanted as a person. What I wanted my milestones to be."

DEVONTAE GLOVER '18

Meagan Wallace '18

A Place to Call

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WHEN MEAGAN WALLACE '18 WAS IN FIRST GRADE,

she was told by her teacher that she would never be able to learn and that she should live in a home for children with special needs.

“That is not something to hear at age six,” Meagan says. “I had an IEP (Individualized Education Program) and needed help learning. I learned differently, but I still learned.”

After that day, Meagan lacked confidence and was full of self-doubt.

“I was so afraid to be labeled ‘special’ in a bad way,” she says.

Thankfully, her parents knew her potential.

“My parents believed in me and fought for me and helped me get to VASJ,” Meagan says.

Still, she was terrified to enter high school.

“My stomach was doing so many twists and turns,” Meagan says. “I was a shy girl going to a great big high school.”

She worried about how her classmates would treat her. “They turned out to be nicer than I could imagine,” Meagan says. “After making it through that harrowing first day, I learned that VASJ was just one big happy family.”

Slowly, Meagan’s confidence began to grow.

“I found some wonderful teachers here at VASJ,” she says. “During my freshman year, Mr. Deweyes, the Intervention Specialist, gave me the confidence to make learning enjoyable. He taught me math and English, and I began to understand.”

During her junior year, Meagan began working with VASJ Intervention Specialist Ms. Joyce Needham.

“Meagan’s challenge was always her lack of self-confidence,” Needham says. “I believe VASJ nurtures each student’s learning challenges and encourages students to go beyond what they feel they can do.”

The more she began to learn and understand, the more confident she became in her abilities.



Meagan Wallace '18 addresses the crowd at graduation and delivers her speech with confidence and pride.



Left: Meagan’s family proudly watches her deliver her speech at the commencement ceremony. Right: Meagan smiles with VASJ Principal David Csank after receiving her high school diploma.

“Senior year she began to advocate for herself, and I saw her actually approach teachers for clarification and support. She found her own voice.”

Meagan dreamed of using her new-found voice to address her peers as one of the commencement speakers at her graduation ceremony.

When the time came to sign up for auditions, Meagan added her name to the list.

“I was pleasantly surprised she volunteered to be a speaker,” Needham says. “She had a story to tell, and she learned the best stories are the ones you are most familiar with. Her speech was her story.”

After auditioning in front of a panel of faculty and staff, Meagan was selected as one of four students to speak at graduation.

“She came to my room ecstatic and proud,” Needham says. “Her smile was big, and the class all clapped for her.”

Meagan’s speech focused on the

dramatic growth she had experienced during her four years in high school.

“I have come to the conclusion that I have been like a caterpillar changing into a beautiful butterfly,” Meagan says.

What she learned during her time at VASJ is that she knew more than she thought. With the help of teachers, classmates, and friends who believed in her, Meagan started to believe in herself.

“Thanks to my amazing teachers and a lot of hard work and dedication, I am proud to say I have a 3.8 [grade point] average today,” Meagan said during her speech. “That is quite a metamorphosis for that little girl who was told she could never learn.”

She was visibly surprised by the applause she received after finishing that

sentence. The applause continued at the end of her speech. Meagan stood at the podium smiling, taking it all in. Only in her wildest dreams did she envision speaking in front of hundreds of people. The night of her high school graduation, her dream came true.

“It was not always easy, but I had faith that I could get through anything if I had my parents and supportive teachers and classmates. This butterfly is ready to spread her wings and fly to college.”

Although Meagan is looking forward to college, she knows VASJ will always be a place she can call home.

“Just like in a real family, you may leave for a while but know you can always go home,” Meagan says. “Home for me is VASJ.”

“It was not always easy, but I had faith that *I could get through anything* if I had my parents and supportive teachers and classmates.”

MEAGAN WALLACE '18

← KAIROS RETREAT →

Spending time in GOD'S TIME

BY HAILEY BARNETT '18



ON THE FIRST DAY, YOU LAUGH.
THE SECOND DAY, YOU CRY.
THE THIRD DAY, YOU TRUST.
THE FOURTH DAY, YOU REMEMBER.



The Kairos retreat took place at Camp Asbury in Hiram, Ohio. The beautiful grounds, which consist of 450 acres of forest, fields, and wetlands, enhance the self-reflection that takes place during the retreat.



FORMING BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIPS AND NEW PERSPECTIVES

Initiated several years ago by the VASJ Religion and Campus Ministry departments, the Kairos retreat continues to grow in popularity. Kairos is a three-day, two-night experience led by students and faculty that takes place at Camp Asbury in Hiram, OH. Kairos, meaning, “God’s Time,” is an opportunity for juniors and seniors to build their relationship with themselves, each other, and God. Within those three days of Kairos, beautiful relationships and new perspectives are formed by both students and faculty. On this retreat, students leave behind their responsibilities (and electronic devices) to spend time with one another and with God.

AT KAIROS, NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

Though Kairos is a religious retreat, all students are welcomed, regardless of their beliefs. Kairos is an optional retreat and classmates are often surrounded by students they may not interact with on a daily basis. It is an opportunity for students to embrace their true

selves and welcome new people into their lives. It is at Kairos where retreatants are taught the lessons of humility, trust, forgiveness, and love. It is an eye-opening experience that only those who have attended can genuinely understand. “What happens at Kairos, stays at Kairos,” is a phrase taken to heart at this retreat. Kairos is a safe space that takes confidentiality very seriously.

It is an experience that can make those involved feel vulnerable but in a comfortable and respectful environment.

A RETREAT TO REMEMBER

The Kairos experience empowers students to be empathetic, spiritually aware leaders both in and outside of school, and long after the retreat has ended. When students and faculty return from this retreat, they express a powerful and evident enthusiasm, both personally and spiritually. Some call it gratitude, others call it a ‘Kai-high.’

Kairos is one of the most powerful retreats VASJ offers to students.

➡ **EDITOR'S NOTE:** *During her time at VASJ, Hailey Barnett '18 was the President of PR Club and a member of the National Honor Society, Student Ambassadors, Peer Ministry, and Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice. She enjoys writing, singing, and exploring. She will be attending Kent State University where she will major in Public Relations.*



HALLIE PAUS '19 ←

One aspect that made the Kairos retreat so enjoyable for Hallie Paus '19 (front right) was the chance to make new connections with classmates.

A CHANCE TO REDISCOVER 'ME'

“**G**oing on Kairos may have been one of the best decisions I’ve made, besides going to VASJ,” says Hallie Paus '19. “I went in not knowing what to expect and not really knowing if I would open up at all but I ended up opening up so much to people, especially my small group.”

Hallie was the third of her siblings to participate in VASJ’s Kairos retreat. But that isn’t why she decided to attend.

“I wanted to go on this retreat to rediscover myself,” Hallie says. “I kind of lost sight of who I really am, and I did not like the person I was becoming.”

The stress of high school and teenage-life had left Hallie feeling confused and different.

“I wanted to leave the person I was becoming behind me and kind of start over.”

Through developing new friendships and a stronger connection to God, that is exactly what the Kairos experience allowed her to do.

“I feel like my connection with God has grown stronger and that I have developed as a person,” Hallie says. “I think what made this so enjoyable was that I got to become closer with people I’ve barely talked to before,” Hallie says. “There are some people I never imagined being friends with and now we’ve created our own little family.”

Surrendering cell phones is often a dreaded part of the Kairos retreat. But for Hallie, it ended up being the aspect she enjoyed the most.

“My favorite part of this experience was being able to just unplug from everything and take the time to focus on myself,” she says. “With how hectic life can get, being able to just put my phone down and enjoy the people surrounding me really put things into a different perspective. I found answers to things I didn’t even realize I was looking for.”

Hallie enjoyed the experience so much that next spring she plans to apply to become a retreat leader.

“I want to be able to give other students the chance to grow and rediscover who they are, the same way I did.”

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HALLIE PAUS '19

A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

It was an experience that will stick with me for a very long time,” says Michael Doss '18. “I grew closer to everyone who went with me, both the leaders and participants.”

Although he wasn't originally planning to attend Kairos, his friends were determined to make sure that he did.

“All of my friends around me convinced me to go on the retreat and told me I would enjoy it greatly, and they were right,” Michael says.

He had heard great things about the retreat and knew he would benefit from attending.

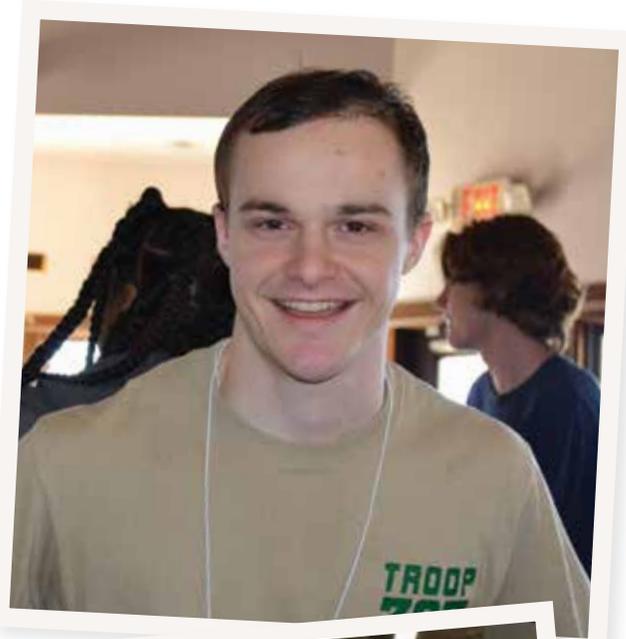
“It seemed like a good way to grow both spiritually and in connection with my friends,” Michael says.

The retreat allowed him to develop new friendships and strengthen existing relationships.

“My favorite part was learning more about the people around me on the retreat and growing closer to them,” Michael says. “I felt much closer to everyone around me after the retreat. Whether it was those who experienced it with me or my family and friends at home.”

Michael believes any student who has the opportunity to attend Kairos should do so.

“I would absolutely recommend this to anyone who can go because it is a life-changing experience,” he says. “This retreat allows us to take the community we already have at VASJ and cultivate it further.”



Michael Doss '18 found Kairos to be a life-changing experience.

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MICHAEL DOSS '18

CLASS NOTES



1950s

After meeting in a bar in California, **John McDonough '56** celebrated 40 years of marriage to his wife, Juanita Galloway, on July 2.

1 The **St. Joseph High School Class of 1958** held its 60th Class Reunion this past June. The weekend began with a special gathering at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, where classmates reminisced and enjoyed a guided tour by current VASJ Student Ambassadors. The entire weekend was organized by class President, **Garrick Mishaga '58**. As stated by his classmates, "Gary has been the heart and driving force of our class since graduation, keeping us all in touch with our classmates." To acknowledge Garrick's dedication, classmates established a special SJHS Class of 1958 Reunion Scholarship, raising over \$8,000 to support current VASJ students. The group announced the scholarship during their culminating event held at **Timothy LaGanke's '58** Automation Emporium and Funhouse of Collectibles.

After moving to Florida in 2001, **Frank Barto '59** wanted to remain active so he volunteered to do set construction at the Bay Street Theatre in Eustis, Florida. After a year or two, he was honored with Volunteer of the Year. He then transferred to the Ice House Theatre in Mt. Dora, Florida, where he was again honored as Volunteer of the Year. "God bless my education," Frank says.

Margaret "Peg" (Rathbun) Medved '59 and her husband, Joseph, now have five grandchildren: Carter (11), Avery (8), Makenna (almost 3), Hazel (2 1/2), and Violet (10 mos.). The younger three grandchildren all live in New Hampshire where Peg also resides.

1960s

2 **Paul Domitor '60** is a retired Clinical Psychology doctor living in Spokane, Washington, where he practiced for about 30 years. He is now enjoying retirement with his dear spouse, Leslie. He is also a Singer/Guitarist/Songwriter with The DBC Band, an electric rock band with three CDs and a single available (look them up on Youtube or cdbaby.com). "Never too old to rock and roll," Paul says. "Happy to see VASJ thriving and turning out so many successful kids that will flourish in their lives! Go Vikings!"

3 **Brian Sweeney '63** celebrated the 50th reunion of his Marine Infantry Officer Basic school class (TBS 7-68) where he received his 50th Vietnam War Commemorative Pin.

4 After retiring several years ago, **Pauline Halsey Hosenfeld '64** was able to spend more time with family. The youngest of her three grandchildren just graduated from Bishop Watterson High School and is on her way to Miami University at the end of the summer. Pauline enjoys her two Golden Retrievers, Chase and Copper Sun, and has shown them in performance events around the state and country. Their travels have taken them to Westminster Dog Show in New York City, to Orlando for the American Kennel Club Invitational, and to Long Beach for the AKC Obedience Championship.

5 **John Kremzar '65** retired from Lockheed Martin in 2013, after a 40+ year career in Engineering. After retiring, he returned to college for a teaching credential. This fall will start his third year as a Math & Computer Science teacher at a local Title 1 San Jose high school.

Jeff Warner '66 has lived and been employed in Central Wyoming for 47 years, retiring in 2012. He has been married to his wife, Sandy, for 48 years. They have four sons and six grandchildren. "I Remember with fondness my four years at St. Joe," Jeff says.

SPOTLIGHT

Sr. Maria Berlec '67 Reflects on Five Decades of Service

By Elizabeth Smith '18



Left to Right: Sr. Susan Durkin, OSU, president of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, Sr. Maria Berlec, OSU '67, and Sr. Joanne Gross, OSU '73.

The year 2018 is a special one for Sr. Maria Berlec, OSU '67, as she is celebrating her Golden Jubilee, marking 50 years since she made the decision to devote her life to Christ and become a nun.

"It went very fast," Sr. Maria says. "The benefit was knowing how to trust God and letting Him guide my life."

Although it was difficult at first for her to let God have the job of being in control of her life, faithfulness, perseverance, and God's grace were some of the things she said kept her going.

"It was also the people," she says.

The experiences with others have had a tremendous impact throughout her life.

Sr. Maria has three "rules" that she has learned to live by after 50 years.

"I live one day at a time, I do my best everyday, and I trust God to guide me," she says.

These rules explain how Sr. Maria has continued to be the inspiring person she is today.

"Would I do it again? In a heartbeat," she says.

Sr. Maria spoke at VASJ's Founder's Day Mass about what the past years have meant to her. The students presented her with a video they created to show the impact she has had on people throughout her years at VASJ. She was also given a book containing sentiments from students as well as a piece of original artwork from Mary Furlan '18.

When did you know you wanted to be a religion teacher?

SMB: I have been teaching some kind of religion class every year of my religious life, in one way or another, for 50 years. However, I became a full-time religion teacher these last four years at VASJ.

Why did you want to be a religion teacher?

SMB: To help students develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

How did you end up teaching at VASJ?

SMB: This is actually my third time back if you count my years at Villa Angela. VASJ is home to me. You know, Once a Viking, Always a Viking!

What have your experiences been like teaching at VASJ?

SMB: I love teaching at VASJ. It is truly an awesome experience—especially this past year. The students are wonderful. I love Catholic urban education. VASJ is a microcosm of the world. It is a jewel in the city and it brings to life Christ's mandate to go teach all nations.

What do you hope your students learn from your class?

SMB: I truly hope that my students learn to love Jesus Christ, to have a personal relationship with Him, to know that He is their friend, and that He will always be there for them.

What do you hope students learn during their time at VASJ?

SMB: Really, our motto says it all: Faith, Family, Future. I hope that they learn to grow in their faith, that they love their neighbor and serve others, and that they learn whatever academics well in order to pursue a career to support their families and be ethical leaders in the future.

How would you describe VASJ to someone who isn't familiar with our school?

SMB: We are a family where the development of the whole person is emphasized in a caring, safe, faith-based environment. There is spot for everyone. We stress respect and excellence in all areas.

How do you think VASJ is helping students grow in their faith and spirituality?

SMB: The religion classes do a great job of presenting the teachings of Jesus Christ and providing prayer experiences where students can grow personally in their relationship with God. Campus Ministry is amazing. We have service opportunities, various kinds of retreats, liturgies, living Rosary, Stations of the Cross, sacramental opportunities, social justice clubs, peer ministry—the list is

comprehensive. Our last Baccalaureate Mass was the total package. The students were really involved. Also, the emphasis on virtues in our four-year program is visibly producing results. The biggest indicator is that the students are happy at VASJ.

They like being here.

Why do you think Catholic schools are important?

SMB: We need the structure of Catholic schools in order to pass on the faith. We need a place where students can freely talk about God and get to know God as a friend in their life. The discipline and the excellence of the Catholic school produces faith-filled, ethical leaders for the future—for leading in the local community, and in the global scene.

Why do you think VASJ is important?

SMB: VASJ is important for a million reasons. However, I really think VASJ is important because we accept students who might not have anywhere

else to go if it were not for us. VASJ's culture of acceptance and respect has saved many a student. No wonder the students came up with the slogan, "where friends become family."

What do you enjoy most about working at VASJ?

SMB: I guess I feel like I am where the action is. This is what Jesus told us to do—go teach all nations. Besides, I too experience the welcome and acceptance that pervades the school. It's all great fun—the students, the faculty, the staff—and you end up laughing every day!



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6 Members of the Villa Angela Class of 1968 at the Ladies Night Out event held in May 2018. The formal 50th Reunion celebration will be held September 14-16, 2018.

7 Terry (Busher) Cairns '68 and her husband, Don, happily celebrated their 47th anniversary on July 9. The couple met at the Downunder bar at Cleveland State and the rest is history. This October they will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the day they met. Terry says meeting Don is the best thing that ever happened to her.

Carl Debevec '68 is a graduate of Bowling Green State University and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He and his wife, **Barbara '67**, reside in California.

Joseph Kavulis '68 is happily retired from Richmond Heights Police Dept. and Lake County Auditor's Office. He also worked at Powderhorn Golf course. When he's not working around his house or training his boxer puppy, Louie, he enjoys playing golf and fishing. He still had the need for speed and replaced his 1966 Chevy II with a 2010 Camaro SS, 426 HP with 6-speed trans. He ordered it in October 2008, giving him one of the first Camaros shipped out.

1970s

8 Neil McCormick '70, chairman of Cinecraft Productions, hosted and presented the PRSA Cleveland event, "The Art of Video Storytelling - A PR Necessity." Members of VASJ's Public Relations Club attended the event.

SPOTLIGHT



MRS. EALY



MRS. DURDELLA

VASJ bids farewell to two longtime institutional pillars

AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF SERVICE, Mrs. Birtha Ealy and Mrs. Cathie Durdella have officially retired from VASJ. Mrs. Ealy began working at St. Joseph High School in 1986 and Mrs. Durdella began her tenure at Villa Angela Academy in 1987. It is difficult to find words to express the contributions these two amazing people have made to the school. They are sure to be missed.

Michael Patterson '74 served in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps from 1978 to 1999, retiring as a Commander. He subsequently worked at Bucknell University for 18 plus years, most recently as Executive Director for Facilities, and retired on May 1, 2018. He and his wife, Polly, are now enjoying retirement activities, including spending time with family, traveling, and playing golf.



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9 Roseann C. Borucki-Zaft '75 relocated full-time to Scottsdale, Arizona, where she is continuing her career in Health Coaching and Fitness. Learn more at her website roseannzaft.com.

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10 Jim Turcotte '76 recently opened the Chagrin River Diner in downtown Willoughby. He is pictured with other Class of 76ers (left to right: **Leo McCarthy, Jim Turcotte, Jack Elber, Ed Jerse**).

1990s

15 Dr. DeMoncheri Harris '93 is a Health Scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID) in Atlanta, GA. Her team won an award for a training program they developed for the center in March 2018. She also received a promotion for the work she completed with the training program in June 2018.

11 Members of the **St. Joseph High School Class of 1977** gathered for their 40th reunion in October 2017. A good time was had by all.

12 A flashback of **John Crann '77** from his high school days and what he looks like now, 40 years later.

Patrick Dulzer '93 and his wife, Karen, have been married since 2003. They have two children, a boy, and a girl, and reside in Painesville. Brian is employed at Western & Southern Financial group where he has worked since 2007.

Laurence Sack '77 and his wife, Susan, reside in Union, Ohio. They have a two-year-old Grandson who lives in Tokyo.

13 After leaving the USAF, **Christopher Cancilla '78**, along with his wife since 1985 and their two kids (who are in college), landed in Raleigh, North Carolina. Chris works as the EDI Developer for Butterball (yes, the turkey place). Chris enjoys following VASJ online, Amateur Radio (W4CEC), District Commissioner for the BSA in Occoneechee Council, and writing and publishing Science Fiction novels, business manuals, and cookbooks. You can view his writing at AuthorCancilla.com.

2000s

16 Vaiva (Bucmys) '03 and **Tim '03 Neary** welcomed their second child, Emma Marie Neary, on January 11, 2018.

17 Kellie (Clinton) Watrobski '03 and her husband, Joe welcomed their third child, Mabel Ann Watrobski on February 21, 2018. Mabel is the grandchild of **Patrick Clinton '69**.

1980s

14 Father Joseph Previte '83, the pastor of Holy Rosary Church in Cleveland, served as Celebrant for the Baccalaureate Mass held in the VASJ gym in May. He will be returning to his alma mater once again in September for the Alumni Mass during the school's All-Class Reunion Weekend.



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16 **Katie Veasey Gillette '07** was recently recognized as part of the 2018 Crain's Cleveland Business Class of Twenty in their 20s. Selected by a panel of Crain's editors, these impressive young professionals represent the future of business leaders in Northeast Ohio. Katie, a Cleveland-area native and current Ohio City resident, joined the City Architecture team in 2012 after graduating from the University of Notre Dame. She earned the official "Architect" title in 2016, after completing the Architectural Registration Exams and Intern Development Program. Katie is passionate about Cleveland and the region and feels fortunate that her role allows her to make a physical impact in shaping her city.

19 After high school, **Brittany Dvorak '09** attended Cleveland State University where she majored in digital media with aspirations of a career in the film industry. Her dream of working on *The Walking Dead*, which was her favorite show, became a reality. She ended this most recent season as a 2nd Assistant Director, where she is responsible for running sets and leading cast and crew members. She recently joined the Directors Guild of America and plans to shoot and direct her own film this year. Through all of her amazing accomplishments, she still relates to the people here in Cleveland. She remains close with a great group of friends she met on tech crew during her junior year at VASJ and talks to them often.

20 **Kristen Mott '09** married Halim Yousef on Oct. 21, 2017, at Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish in Euclid, followed by a reception at The Westin Cleveland Downtown. The couple resides in Willoughby with their dog, Bailey.

2010s

Kierra Cotton '12, who is currently a digital content producer for WKYC Channel 3 News, returned to her alma mater to serve as a guest speaker for VASJ's Public Relations Club. She shared with them her experiences at Ohio University as a member of the school's journalism program, her path to WKYC and what she has learned since working there, including how the news industry is changing and the perspective of being a black woman in the media.



SPOTLIGHT

Alumnae from Villa Angela and VASJ gather for Ladies Night Out

THERE WERE OVER 260 IN ATTENDANCE at the 2018 annual Ladies Night Out event, held by the Villa Angela Alumnae Association. Friends gathered for food, fun, and of course, raffles and prizes. But it wasn't just fun and games. The event made a profit of \$12,250, which is donated back to VASJ and the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland. Special thanks to Marilyn (Tucci) Belevic '68, Sue Brewer '79, and the entire committee for a great event.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Members of the Villa Angela Class of 1968 will hold their 50th Reunion celebration September 14-16, 2018.

The Villa Angela Academy Class of 1978 will be holding their 40th Reunion this fall on the weekend of September 28 in conjunction with the All Classes Reunion Celebration. Visit the class Facebook page at facebook.com/VillaAngelaClassof78 for more information.

Members of the **VASJ Class of 1998** are working on plans for their 20th Reunion to be held during VASJ's Reunion Weekend, September 28-29. Visit vasj.com/reunions for details.

IN MEMORIAM

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School extends deepest condolences to alumni, family, and friends who have passed. We pause to remember and pray for the following losses in the Viking family:

Douglas Airey '74
James E. Beuley '72
Stephen J. Butler '79
Michael D. Canzone '59
William Ciszczon '68
Arriano Cesa '60
Terrance Dempsey '68
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Thomas J. Keptner '58
Theodore Kozenko '59
James Krann '62
Frank R. Krasovic '58
Gregory M. Krizman '72

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Graduate from college? Get a new job? Get married? Have a baby? Win an award? Celebrate an anniversary? Get a promotion? Retire? Have a class reunion? Share your news with us at vasj.com/classnotes. Planning a class reunion? Please contact **Cheryl Stashinko '03** with your reunion details. Call **216-481-8414 ext. 254** or email cstashinko@vasj.com.

IN MEMORIAM

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Howard Taylor '59
Ernest Tirabassi '69
Paul Wagner '67
Frank Whalen '56
Geraldine Dailey (mother of William '66 and Donald '70)
Theresa Kocin (wife of Christopher '75)
Barbara O'Donnell (mother of Kelly O'Donnell '83)
Diana Prince (mother of Kenneth '64 and Thomas Prince '66)

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VASJ deeply appreciates notification when a graduate passes away. Please contact **Cheryl Stashinko '03** at cstashinko@vasj.com with details.

To honor your loved one with a memorial gift to VASJ, please contact **Director of Advancement Kellie Mayle** at 216-481-8414 ext. 259 or at kmayle@vasj.com.

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All Classes REUNION WEEKEND



All-Classes Reunion Weekend

All are welcome to join VASJ for its All-Classes Reunion Weekend. Alums from St. Joseph, Villa Angela, and Villa Angela-St. Joseph will be celebrated with a special Happy Anniversary to classes ending in '3 and '8. The weekend's events include an All-Classes Mix & Mingle on Friday, September 28, from 7-11 p.m. in the VASJ gym. Saturday's events begin with an Alumni Mass, celebrated by Father Joseph Previte '83 at 4 p.m. in VASJ's Founders Chapel followed by a family tailgate at 5 p.m. in VASJ's parking lot. There will be family-friendly games and activities prior to the start of the home football game against Cleveland Central Catholic. (Weather backup will be the VASJ gym.) Registration forms and more information can be found at vasj.com/reunions.

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2018-19 SPECIAL EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 28-29

Alumni Reunion Weekend

OCTOBER 5

Homecoming Football Game

OCTOBER 14

Admissions Open House

OCTOBER 19

Oarsmen Club Clambake

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints Liturgy

NOVEMBER 1

Hall of Fame Induction
Ceremony

NOVEMBER 7

Admissions Open House

NOVEMBER 9

Veterans Day Assembly

NOVEMBER 27

Giving Tuesday

NOVEMBER 30

Drama Club One Act Play

DECEMBER 6

Legacy Breakfast

JANUARY 22

Founders Day Liturgy

FEBRUARY 1

Scholarship Day

FEBRUARY 23

Continue the Dream Benefit

MARCH 19

St. Joseph Day Mass

MARCH 21

Admissions Open House

MARCH 28

7th Grade Future Viking Day

APRIL 12-14

Drama Club Spring Play

MAY 2

Ladies Night Out

MAY 9

Awards Ceremony

MAY 24

Baccalaureate Mass

MAY 28

Class of 2019 Graduation

JULY 13

Escape on the Lake 5K