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2014 Men of the Year

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A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

After eight years away from Jesuit education, it is great to be back at a Jesuit school. Though I am new to De Smet Jesuit, I feel like I have been here for years. I liken it to a male friendship: though we can go years without seeing each other, the next interaction is as if we have never been apart. As a fellow graduate of a Jesuit school, I am sure you can relate to how much Jesuit education—especially the friendships fostered in that environment— developed who you are and helped you find success in life.

In the first weeks of school, I have been witness to a number of excellent programs that make this formation explicit. Our Odyssey freshman orientation program was masterfully executed. We talked a lot about brotherhood. The freshmen entered Odyssey timid and a little stunned; they left laughing and relaxed. Our senior leaders were the real stars of the program. Their mentorship enabled those relationships to form among our new Spartans.

This past month, our juniors started their service projects. Not many schools show the importance of service by carving time out of the daily schedule to allow students to serve. This is a testament to the school's priorities in living the vision of Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., who first articulated what it means to be a "Man for Others."

At a recent high school night, a senior told the story of his junior service project. He spent the year working with disadvantaged kids. On his last day, a girl with whom he had not had that much interaction wrapped herself around his



Principal Trevor Bonat is blessed and commissioned by students and faculty at the Missioning Mass, Sept. 5, 2014.

leg to prevent him from leaving. That moment changed him forever. Now, every time he sees a debate on educational policy or the status of public schools, he will remember that young girl upon whom he made an impression, and vice versa. It's all about these friendships that form and transform us.

How are you different as a result of your De Smet Jesuit experience? Which classmates have impacted the trajectory of your life? I look forward to engaging you in this conversation.

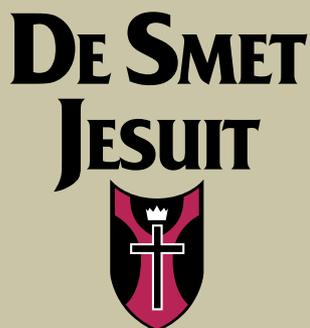
Now, more than ever, the world needs men— indeed, a brotherhood— formed in the De Smet Jesuit tradition. I am humbled to live and work in a community so devoted to the vision of forming men for others through building strong lifelong relationships.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevor Bonat".

Trevor Bonat

The ODYSSEY



MISSION STATEMENT

De Smet Jesuit High School is a Catholic, college preparatory community whose members work together to build a challenging, academic environment set in the context of the life and spirit of Jesus Christ. While members are constantly encouraged to develop strong personal values and convictions, they achieve success by realizing their leadership potential through impacting the lives of those around them. They also learn to live the values of St. Ignatius by being intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice in generous service to the people of God.

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CORRECTIONS

from the Spring 2014 issue:

- In the obituary listing of Michael Sullivan, sons Mike and Dan were noted but John '82 was omitted.
- In the Coach Vitello article, Sam Bick '72 was omitted from the listing of professional soccer players.

The Odyssey regrets these errors.

As Presidential Search Continues, Committee Welcomes Applicants

BY CHRISTOPHER REDMOND '85

Father Wally Sidney, S.J. recently announced his intention to step down as President of De Smet Jesuit High School after the 2014-2015 school year. During his eight years at De Smet Jesuit, Father Sidney supported greater alumni and parent involvement, encouraged younger faculty in leadership roles, and oversaw the Ignatian review, which led to the formation of the new Campus Ministry office and enhanced the importance of the students' social service projects. We will miss Father Sidney's spiritual, thoughtful and loyal presence. Please join me in thanking Father Sidney for his service.

With change comes opportunity. It is an exciting time for De Smet Jesuit as we welcome Trevor Bonat as the new principal, witness the next generation of faculty leaders emerge and grow, and look forward to refreshing the school's message and vision with its 50th anniversary fast approaching. The next president of De Smet Jesuit will lead and shape the next chapter beginning in the summer of 2015. In this pursuit, we have assembled a search committee to identify and attract the next president of De Smet Jesuit. I am extremely pleased with the composition of the following team, which combines the diverse experiences of a Jesuit, faculty leaders, alumni, parents and board members:

- Father Dan Daly, S.J. – Treasurer of the Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus and current Vice Chair of the De Smet Jesuit Board of Trustees
- Mike Callahan, Ph.D. – Director of Campus Ministry, De Smet Jesuit
- Linda Doherty – Learning Consultant, De Smet Jesuit
- Mark Guyol '78 – President of the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri
- Glenn Heitmann '79 – Alumni parent, former Chair of the Board of Trustees, and President & CEO of Heitmann Associates
- John Morris '83 – Current parent, and Managing Director of Accenture
- Chris Redmond '85 – Current parent, current Chair of the Board of Trustees.

The Search Committee expects to receive applications through Oct. 31, meet with qualified candidates, and, in consultation with the Jesuit Provincial of the Central and Southern Province, make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Board expects to announce De Smet Jesuit's next president in early 2015.

While hiring the president is among the most important duties of the Board of Trustees, it is a community effort. As alumni of De Smet Jesuit, your ideas and input are critical in determining the characteristics desired in the school's next leader. I encourage you to provide the committee with additional input (including the identification of candidates) via email at presidentsearch@desmet.org. ♦

New Members Elected to Board of Trustees



James (Jim) Byrne graduated from De Smet Jesuit in 1986. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Marketing at Saint Louis University and a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Bradley University. He has worked as a structural engineer designing concrete structures for the animal feed industry and as a project manager for a local construction company. Jim currently owns Byrne Construction Services, a construction management firm.

Tucker Redding, S.J. grew up on a ranch in the Texas Hill Country, north of San Antonio. He attended Texas A&M University, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. During college, he grew a great deal in his faith and served in several ministries, including retreat ministries. These experiences led him to become a youth minister. After moving to Houston and working as a parish youth minister for four years, Tucker entered the Society of Jesus. During his time in the novitiate, he had the opportunity to work at De Smet Jesuit for a few months. He took vows with the Jesuits in August 2013. Tucker now attends Saint Louis University, where he is studying philosophy and theology. He is very excited to serve De Smet Jesuit as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Dannelle Ward is one of the founding partners of Acropolis Investment Management, LLC and has over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry. Dannelle is also the firm's Chief Compliance Officer. Dannelle earned a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting and economics from the University of Missouri St. Louis in 1990. Outside of Acropolis, Dannelle serves on the Board of Trustees at St. Louis HELP - Health Equipment Lending Program. She is also a member of the United Way Women's de Tocqueville Society, the American Red Cross St. Louis Area Chapter Planned Giving Advisory Council, and is an active volunteer with Serendipity German Shepherd Rescue. Dannelle lives in Arnold, Missouri with her husband Tim and their two sons, Tim and Nathan.

Daniel White, S.J. is from La Crosse, Wisconsin. He graduated from Saint Louis University in 1990 and entered the Society of Jesus that year. He was ordained a priest in 2001. He has worked in parishes since then, including four years as pastor of St. Martin de Porres in Belize. He was assistant to the novice director at the Jesuit Novitiate in Grand Coteau, LA for three years. Since 2012, Fr. White has been the pastor of St. Francis Xavier (College) Church.

Teacher Honored with Peabody Energy Leader in Education Award

Last May, Daniel Likos was named a Peabody Energy Leader in Education for the 2013-14 school year, and awarded \$1,000 for his dedication and commitment to students.



As a math teacher and department chair, Daniel works to engage students with his lessons and make math fun and interesting. He created the Math Problem of the Week, where students try to decipher a logic puzzle he posts weekly. He has also created the school's Mathematics Academic Team (MAT), which currently competes throughout the world via mail. Apart from these activities, he also runs a math tutoring program, is the work-grant coordinator for the school, and acts as a student mentor, assisting students who need to talk out their concerns.

The Peabody Energy Leaders in Education program rewards dedicated education professionals—from teachers and coaches to librarians and counselors—who inspire and motivate youth to succeed. Award recipients are selected throughout the school year by a committee of top educators and business leaders.

"Educators like Dan Likos are the heroes who help students find their true potential to succeed," said Greg Boyce, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Peabody Energy. "We are pleased to honor Mr. Likos as a Peabody Energy Leader in Education, and we thank him for working diligently to transform the lives of his students."

The Leaders program was developed in Missouri in 2009, and reflects Peabody's commitment to make a positive impact in the communities where the company's employees live and work by honoring those who inspire students. The 2013-2014 award program is continuing to accept nominations and is open to educational professionals of public, private and independent schools in designated communities where Peabody Energy employees live and work. Honorees are selected from a diverse group of educators. They can range from veteran teachers to individuals in support staff roles such as administrators, coaches or counselors. Each 2013-2014 Leader in Education will be honored at an awards gala after this school year, where one will be named Educator of the Year and awarded \$5,000. ♦

Alum Service Corp Sends Three New Recruits to De Smet Jesuit

Patrick Jennewein

First and foremost, I am a De Smet Jesuit alum (Class of 2010) and I thoroughly enjoyed my time here. After really connecting with the environment of a Jesuit education, I went on to study English at Saint Louis University. I am ecstatic about returning to the community that formed me. This year, I am teaching Freshman English and helping Mr. Mike Karpowicz with the Beginning Band. Go Spartans!



Andrew Kresyman

Hailing from the south side of St. Louis, I graduated from St. Louis University High School in 2010 and headed down to T-Town to attend the University of Tulsa. There I studied chemical engineering and was involved in a number of organizations including Residence Life, University Ambassadors and Student Association. I am thrilled to be teaching chemistry at De Smet Jesuit High School. It is my hope to inspire future chemists to live the ideals imparted on us by St. Ignatius and to be competent and loving members in our society.



Timothy Wilmes

As a member of the 24th Alum Service Corps group, I am incredibly grateful to come home to St. Louis and teach theology and computers at De Smet Jesuit. I loved my time in Jesuit education as a graduate of St. Louis University High School and Xavier University in Cincinnati, and I am excited to now be a part of the formative education that our students experience here. It has been a blessing to use my theology and marketing degrees in my classes, but it is also incredibly uplifting to incorporate Jesuit spirituality into all that we do at De Smet Jesuit. I am excited to be able to give everything I can to the De Smet Jesuit community this year, and I am thankful for the faculty and staff members who have helped make our transition into teaching an easy one.



Photos courtesy of the Alum Service Corps



**Looking for a way to
volunteer on campus?**

**Parents and alumni are always needed at Open House!
Come join us and help encourage prospective families
to join the De Smet Jesuit community.**

Open House

Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014

For more information,
contact admissions@desmet.org
or call 314-567-3500, ext. 247

Mission trip to Central America? You better **BELIZE** it!



DSJ students mingling with children from St. Peter Claver



Exploring the Mayan ruins



Taking a break from the workday



Painting the exterior of the church



Playing soccer with local children

This past June, a handful of De Smet Jesuit students and two teachers flew south to the scenic country of Belize. Upon their arrival in Central America, they took a bus to Punta Gorda, a sizeable town where they stayed at a retreat center in the St. Peter Claver Parish.

Assistant Principal Ken Luecke recalls some memorable moments from the trip:

"We were fortunate to live in a retreat house across the street from the church and the rectory. Our accommodations were equipped with a kitchen where we were able to cook our meals together. On three of the evenings we were supplied with meals by a woman in town. The meals that she made were excellent and our stay in Punta Gorda allowed her to make some extra money by preparing the meals.

We painted the entire exterior of the parish church of St. Peter Claver. The students also had time in the afternoons to play soccer with the kids in the elementary school. In the evenings we would spend between a half hour and an hour processing the

experiences of the day.

Aside from the painting of the church, the seniors helped to remodel the parish offices in the rectory and learned some carpenter skills. There were two gentlemen in particular (whose names I have now forgotten) on the parish maintenance staff with whom our students enjoyed spending time. They learned a lot about the Belizean culture from these two men and the vast array of skills that they had for fixing things.

We also visited the Mayan ruins of Lubaantun one afternoon. The seniors enjoyed learning about the Mayan culture and tasting raw cocoa beans. On the Saturday of our stay we took a boat to a private island where the seniors were able to snorkel and see the coral reef and varieties of aquatic life in the area. Our guide showed them how to crack open coconuts, drink the "milk" and eat the raw coconut meat!" ♦

Photos courtesy of Linda Eisenbeis and Donna Noonan

From Barcelona...



...to Madrid

BY CARMEN BOWMAN, De Smet Jesuit Faculty

After 15 months spent planning and recruiting travelers, 40 members of the De Smet Jesuit family toured Spain this past summer from Jun. 9 - 18. With rolling green hills, rugged coastal cliffs, and scrumptious cuisine, the tour of northern Spain and the Basque region offered a remarkable contrast to the rest of the country. It was the educational experience of a lifetime!

The tour was open to juniors, sophomores and freshmen as well as their parents. This particular Education First tour began in Barcelona and ended in Madrid, with stops along the way throughout north central Spain. We were fortunate enough to have a large tour enrollment and thus were able to book a private motor coach. For a small extra fee, we added a number of Ignatian sites to our tour. Outside Barcelona we visited Monserrat, where Ignatius laid his sword at the feet of our lady of Monserrat's Altar and dedicated his life to serving Christ. We also visited the town of Manresa, where Ignatius spent time in a cave by the River Corderer and wrote the foundations for the Spiritual Exercises. In Pamplona, we saw where Ignatius was injured in a cannon ball attack. Finally, we visited Ignatius' hometown of Azpeitia Loyola, where we had a private tour and received a special invitation to hear Mass in his "Room of Conversion."

Outside of the Ignatian sites, we toured the interior of Antonio Gaudi's famous Sagrada Familia Basilica in Barcelona, walked the streets Pamplona (the site of the famous Running of the Bulls festival), enjoyed incredible tapas/pintxos on the Bay of Biscay in the gorgeous city of San Sebastian, explored the "city of three faiths" in Toledo, and took photos of the Roman aqueduct and the Alcazar (castle) of Segovia. It was truly the trip of a lifetime, a wonderful experience to share with classmates, mothers and teachers.

My only question is: when do we go back? ♦



Plaza Mayor, Madrid



Cathedral in Burgos



El Pupi, aka "The Puppy!"



Tapas/Pintxos



Beach in San Sebastian



Staircase in Parc Guel, Barcelona

SPARTANS AROUND THE WORLD



Barcelona



Recreating a statue pose in Pamplona



De Smet Jesuit Moms



El Alcazar in Segovia



Toledo



Mass in the "Room of Conversion"



The Pilgrim's Way (El Camino) to St. James



Dinner in Barcelona

For more photos from this trip, please visit desmet.org/spartans-around-the-world

ADMISSIONS ON A MISSION:

Back-to-back years of growth in freshman class prove De Smet Jesuit is the right fit for more students, parents

“**S**einfeld” was must-see TV on Thursday nights, Albert Pujols was a high schooler in the Dominican Republic, and when you picked someone up at the airport, you could greet them at their gate. It was the mid-1990s, and De Smet Jesuit’s freshman classes of ‘94 and ‘95 were the end of a six-year stretch of enrollment growth in the school’s freshman class. And it was the last time the school had back-to-back years of growth in its frosh class. Until now.

Last year’s freshman class enrollment of 201 was about 7% more than the previous year. And this year’s class is about 4% over last year. De Smet Jesuit is one of

only a few Catholic high schools in the area to accomplish growth in its freshman class this year and last year.

“I think prospective students and parents like what they see here, and they sense the positive energy at De Smet Jesuit,” said the school’s Director of Admissions, Tim Sullivan. “Ultimately, Anne and I are selling a ‘product,’ and thanks to the hard work and commitment of a lot of people here, we have a really good ‘product.’”

Tim and Admissions Coordinator Anne Gibbons are responsible for enrolling young men who will become Men for Others. From Archdiocese High

School Nights, to open houses, to shadowing, and – hopefully – to application, Tim and Anne present to and talk with prospective students and their parents about the benefits of the De Smet Jesuit high school experience. These conversations are the beginning of relationships that Tim and Anne will have with many of these young men and their parents, as they continue to interact long after the students have been enrolled.

“We’re not like the salesperson who disappears once the sale is completed.”

While the admissions managers at some private schools may measure their success solely on the number of students they enroll, Tim and Anne understand that staying involved in their students’ lives is fulfilling for themselves, the students, and the school’s enrollment objectives.

“It’s all about the relationships – not just with prospective students and parents, but also with current students and parents,” says Tim. “Our students are the best brand ambassadors we have. Prospective students and parents meet them and see examples of the Men-for-Others standard we strive for.”

Tim and Anne’s connections to De Smet Jesuit students are quite evident if you visit their



Tim Sullivan and current students answer shadow parents’ questions before the day begins.



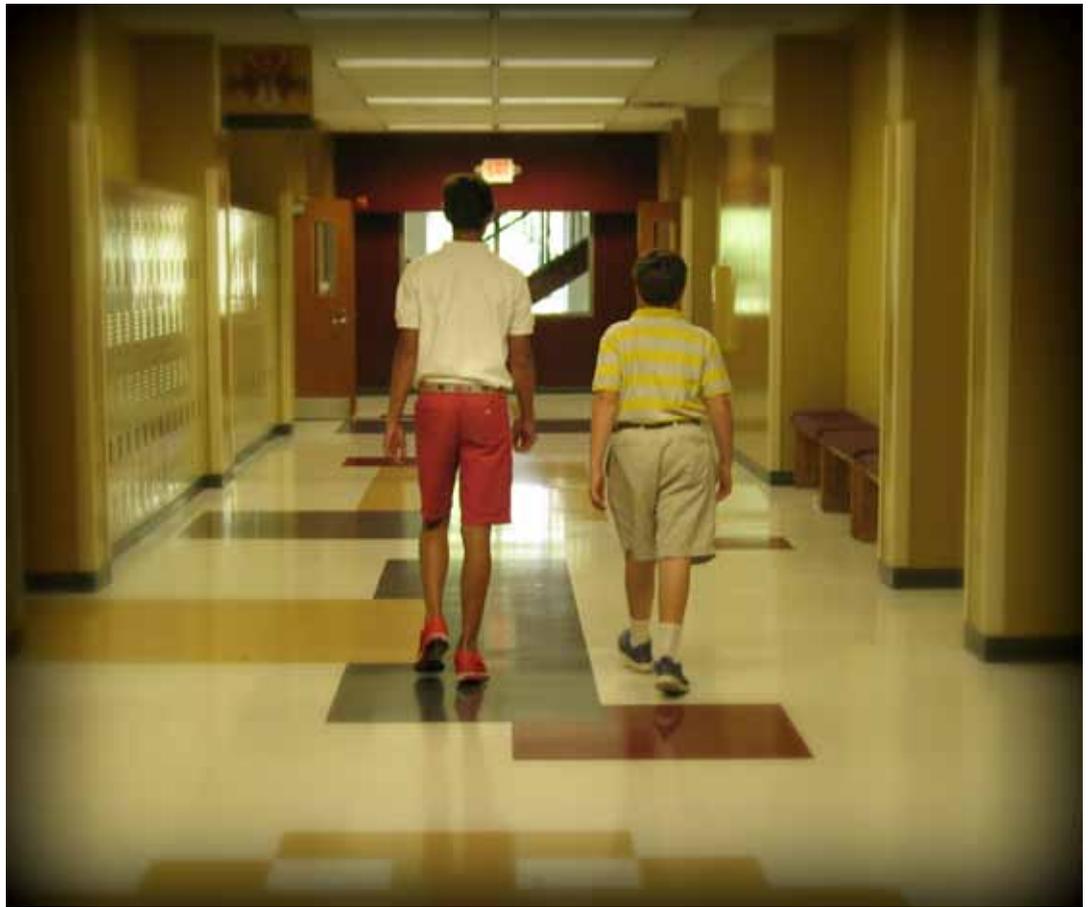
On the tour of the school, students in a journalism class share advice with the shadows.



In the Counseling Center, shadowers check out where DSJ students head to college.



Science teacher Joe Feld gives a quick science demonstration during the tour.



office. On any given day, up to twenty students, from all grade levels, will be gathered in the Admissions Office between classes doing homework, watching ESPN, chatting with Tim and Anne, and raiding Ms. Gibbons' popular candy bowl. The Notre Dame football helmet behind Anne's desk is a testimony to the relationships she has nurtured in her eight years at the school – it was a gift from a group of students who spent many hours around her desk and knew well of her fondness for the Fighting Irish.

You have to shadow to see the light

The relationships that Tim and Anne have with current students also extend to one of the most important admissions marketing programs, shadowing, also known as "Spartan for a Day." In this

program, 7th- and 8th-grade students spend about half a day shadowing a current De Smet Jesuit student. When it's an option, the shadower is paired with a student who shares the same academic or activity interests, or perhaps comes from their parish or neighborhood. The shadower attends classes with their guide, and sits with them at lunch in the cafeteria.

Teachers, too, play a big role in making the shadowing experience successful. "Some shadowers are naturally wallflowers, so we work to make them feel comfortable," said Tim. "Teachers such as Mr. Sherrock (Fine Arts) and Mr. Wendling (Mathematics) have done a great job of individualizing the experience for shadowers in their classrooms."

Shadowing is a critical litmus test. A bad shadowing experience can lead to a poor opinion of the

school. Each shadower is unique, just like every student is unique. Recent enrollment numbers suggest the De Smet Jesuit shadowing program is passing the test, thanks to Tim, Anne, the student guides and the faculty.

When asked about the key to his department's success, Tim recalls a comment he's heard a few times. "New students will tell me 'I came here because you made me feel I was wanted here.' It wasn't a sales pitch. That's who we are here at De Smet Jesuit." ♦

2014 SPRING SEASON SPARTAN SPORTS RECAPS

BASEBALL

The varsity baseball team finished the 2014 spring season with a record of 20-11, losing to Parkway Central in the district final. Senior Dan Dyszlewski finished the season with a .420 batting average as he led the team in hits and RBI. Contributing to the very successful campaign were seniors Justin Abernathy, who hit .375, Brendan Riesmeyer at .355, Scott Sinovich hitting .333 and Conner Wardlaw, who hit .322. The pitching core was led by senior Andrew Kuhlmann, who went 4-0. He had 14 game appearances and a 2.54 ERA. Seniors Tom Kalish and Mitch Plassmeyer also lent pitching support. Junior Mike Plassmeyer finished the season 3-2 from the mound. Wins over conference rivals CBC, SLUH and Chaminade earned the Spartans a tie for second place in the always-tough Metro Catholic Conference. Underclassmen Pete Klug, Dan Hornsey, John Smith, Troy Beilsmith, Kory Kostecki, Brendan Long and Mike Berra look forward to the 2015 season.

- Coach Greg Vitello

TENNIS

After returning only three varsity players from the year before, members of the De Smet Jesuit tennis team had their work cut out for them in 2014. With a strong senior class and the leadership of Captain George Hardin, the squad managed to defy the odds and carve out a .500 record. This was quite a feat, given the competition in the MCC and in the District. The doubles combo of senior Hardin and freshman phenom P.J. Panesar made it through Districts and Sectionals to State. At Cooper Tennis Center in Springfield, Missouri this doubles pairing ended up placing seventh in the state. The two created a great matchup, combining the veteran leadership of Hardin and the fresh legs of Panesar. With the addition of Panesar, plus freshman Andrew Wessel who played varsity from the start, the tennis team is poised and ready to charge into the 2015 season. The players are hard at work in the off-season preparing for even greater feats next year!

- Coach Dave Boland

WATER POLO

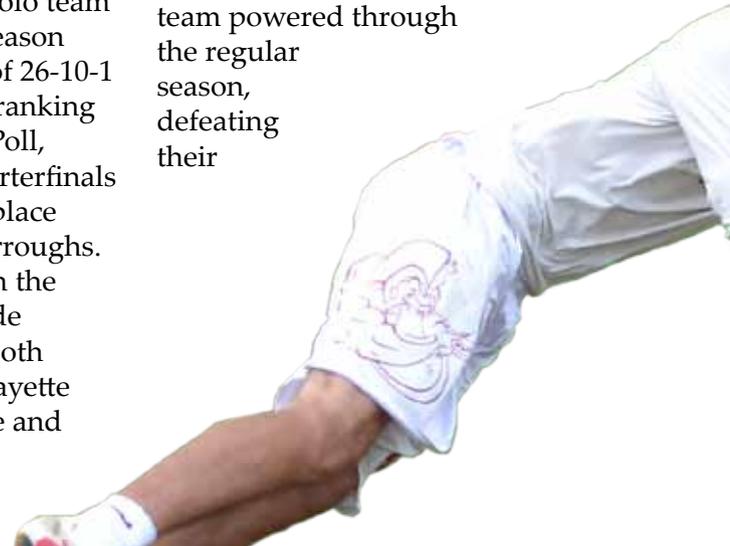
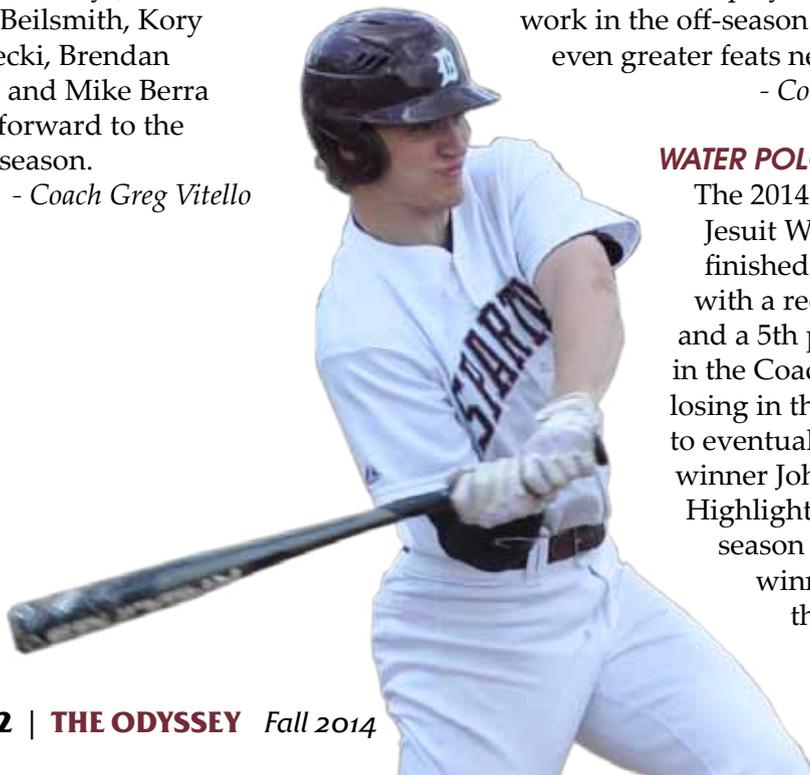
The 2014 De Smet Jesuit Water Polo team finished the season with a record of 26-10-1 and a 5th place ranking in the Coaches' Poll, losing in the quarterfinals to eventual 3rd-place winner John Burroughs. Highlights from the season include winning both the Lafayette Invite and

the Founder's Cup. The team took 3rd in the Lindbergh Invite and 5th in the De Smet Jesuit Invite. The team spent spring break in Orlando and went 3-5 finishing 4th in the Lake Nona Invite. Four seniors received post season awards: Taylor Dalske was named 2nd Team All-Conference; Matt Sauer, Thomas Baldi and Zach Holtgrewe were named 1st Team All-Conference. Both Matt and Thomas were named 3rd Team All-District, while Zach was named 1st Team All-District. Zach was also the Gateway West Conference Player of the Year and, for the second year in a row, was named the Dick Newman Offensive Player of the Year.

- Coach Miguel Figueras

INLINE HOCKEY

After last year's disappointing loss in the first round of the playoffs to the eventual state champions, the inline hockey team was out to prove that their 2013 undefeated regular-season record of 14-0 was no fluke. And that is exactly what they did. Freshman Colin Nieters took over the daunting task of backstopping the team as the new goaltender, and he emerged as one of the most talented young players in Missouri. The team finished the regular season with an outstanding 13-1 record and locked down the No. 1 seed, paving the way for redemption in the playoffs. Led by the offensive talents of the league's leading goal-scorer, senior Tanner Pedersen, and 2014 MOIHA All-Star, senior Jake Schulte, the team powered through the regular season, defeating their



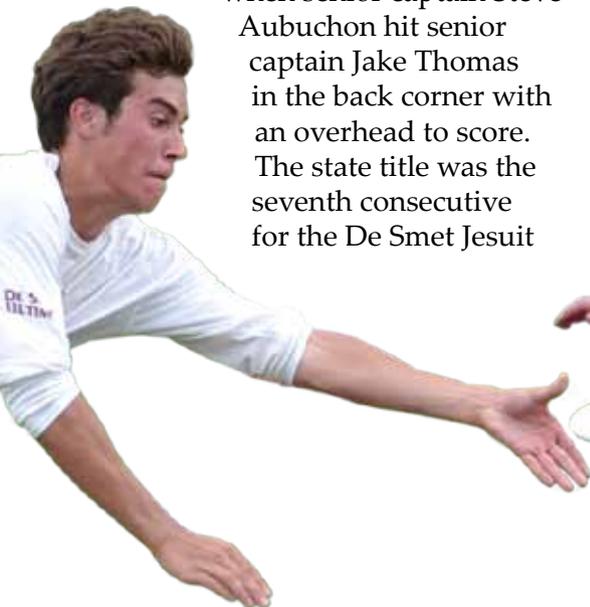
opponents by an average of six goals. After a nail-biting win over last year's champion SLUH in the first round of the playoffs, the Spartans went on to capture the school's first ever MOIHA Championship over Fort Zumwalt North. Next year's team will look to repeat with help from star underclassmen Colin Nieters, Jared Westcott, Tommy Amato and Sam Schulte. Congrats to this year's players on all of their hard work, dedication, and commitment, both on and off the rink.

- Coach Greg Weber

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Mother's Day last spring brought the De Smet Jesuit varsity ultimate team a challenge they had not had in the Missouri State Tournament in several years. After cruising through Saturday pool play and the first two rounds of elimination play on Sunday, the Spartans met a much improved SLUH team coached by DSJ grad, two-time state champion and former captain Henry Sunderman '09. SLUH took the half 8-7 in a game that would ultimately be time-capped. De Smet Jesuit leveled the score at eight to open the second half when the soft cap sounded, meaning that the game would conclude when the first team got to 10 points. De Smet Jesuit finished off the Billikens

when senior captain Steve Aubuchon hit senior captain Jake Thomas in the back corner with an overhead to score. The state title was the seventh consecutive for the De Smet Jesuit



ultimate program and concluded a season that saw the club achieve a third place victory at the Paideia Invite in Atlanta and second in the Regional Tune Up in Nashville, TN. Special congratulations and thanks go out to seniors Steve Aubuchon, Eric Blais, Nick Broom, Sam Dreyer, Jack Herrmann, Michael Hickey, Kenny Meyer, Jason Otto, Grady Riley, Alex Straughn, and Jake Thomas.

- Coach Pete Lenzini

VOLLEYBALL

With six of the eight starters returning from the previous season, the volleyball Spartans had a strong season, posting a 30-5-1 record. The Spartans opened up the season with a successful return to Chicago for the Tiger Classic, winning the Silver Division over traditional powerhouse Wheaton-Warrenville South. The Spartans continued to grow as the season went on by winning the Lafayette Tournament, District Tournament, and being co-MCC Champs. The Spartans finished with a tough loss to CBC in the State Quarterfinals. Despite a tough end to the season, this De Smet Jesuit team was very successful and helped continue to build a tradition of success. Their work ethic and commitment to each other will continue to bring them success in their futures.

- Coach John Hawkey



TRACK

Our season was bookended by our two greatest successes. In March, the team began its season by placing first at the MCC Relays. The victory was guaranteed only as the Spartans pulled out a few wins in the final ten meters, winning four races by a total of 0.8 seconds. It was a true team win and a testament to its competitive spirit. One athlete, after diving across the finish line, claimed "It was the only way I'd win." In May, the team ended the season with strong performances by many young athletes at the State Championship Meet. Sophomore Ethan Erusha placed 12th in the High Jump while the 4x800 team of freshman Joe Reed, juniors Nick Dolan and Michael Scherping, and senior Austin Del Rosso placed 16th. Del Rosso summed up his illustrious career: "It's been a privilege to be surrounded by the guys I've had as teammates the last four years during my time on the De Smet Jesuit track team." He will be missed, but the team has a bright future. Amid the success on the track, the true impact and victory of the 2014 season might not be felt for years to come as one of the strongest freshman classes in recent memory took hold, boasting six freshmen who earned varsity letters and a number of others who showed strong potential.

Coupled with returning talent from both the varsity and a strong and disciplined JV squad, the 2015 season already is off to a promising start.

- Coach Mike Russo

DE SMET JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2014

Michael Steven Abegg
Justin William Abernathy
Kevin Robert Adams*+
Nicholas Price Adams
Justin Dallas Ahlheim*
Michael Francis Andrus
Christopher William Arnold
Stephen Joseph Aubuchon
Mark Benjamin Bain*
Thomas Michael Baldi*
Andrew Louis Barbaglia
Joseph Donald Barbieri
Daniel Michael Barger
Matthew William Barkofske*+
Andrew Raymond Bauer
Timothy Peter Baxendale*
Alex Matthew Benben*
Jordan Andrew Bender+
Brendan Andrew Bernardez
Eric Richard Blais*+
Michael John Boehm*
Matthew Stephen Broom
John Timothy Brunts, Jr.
Taylor Jerrit Chastelet
Jacob Michael Claspille
Edward Michael Cody
Alexander Patricio Conway+
Nicholas Stephen Conway
Michael William Craven
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Jack Paul Czajkowski, Jr.
Taylor Anthony Dalske
Matthew Thomas Daus
Trevaelyan Davis
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Shaun Terrell Williams II
Rudolph Michael Wolf
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2014 Men of the Year

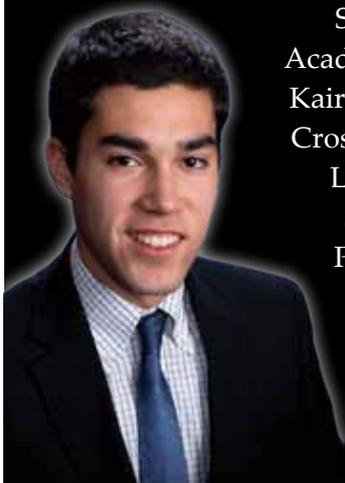
The De Smet Jesuit High School Men of the Year Award is a long-standing honor that is bestowed upon 12 seniors who have distinguished themselves through consistent dedication, leadership, enthusiasm, and hard work on the behalf of their class and the entire De Smet Jesuit community. In the spirit of the 12 apostles, 12 seniors are recognized as "Men of the Year." In particular, these young men embody the six pillars of the Graduate at Graduation: open to growth, intellectually competent, committed to justice, developing as a leader, religious, and loving. Recipients are selected by a combined vote of their classmates and the faculty, and are announced at the annual awards assembly.

The seniors selected by their classmates and members of the De Smet Jesuit faculty and staff as the 2014 Men of the Year are: (back row) Cornelius Lane, William McAtee, Christopher Jansson, Andrew Bauer, Kenneth Meyer, Alexander Conway; (front row) Steven Placht, Matthew Barkofske, Alec Muhr, Brendan Thomeczek, Stephen Malek, and Stephen Aubuchon.

CLASS OF 2014 HONORS & AWARDS

VALEDICTORIAN PROFILE

Alexander Conway
Saint Louis University



STUGO
Academic Bowl
Kairos #82, #88
Cross Country
Lacrosse
Soccer
Pastoral
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JESUIT SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (JSEA) AWARDS

Honoring two seniors who best characterize the Graduate at Graduation:

Grady Riley
Michael Tambone

WINDMUELLER IGNATIAN EDUCATOR AWARD

Recognizing a faculty member who has been inspirational to the senior class:

Dr. Mariette Baxendale

PIERRE DE SMET OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Dennis Cerneka
Mr. Gregory Vitello

JERRY McMAHON AWARD

Stephen Placht

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

The President's Medal is awarded annually to otherwise unheralded seniors who embody the values contained in the mission statement of De Smet Jesuit High School and who exemplify what it means to be a "Man for Others." Recipients of the award are chosen by the President in consultation with the faculty and staff. The recipients of the 2014 President's Medal are:

William Donley
Matthew Hebda

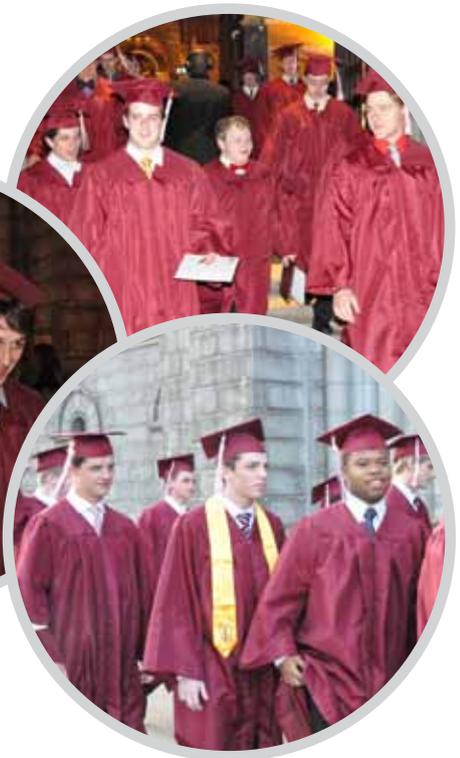
CLASS OF 2014 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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Bradley University
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Colorado School of Mines
Creighton University
Culver-Stockton College
Drake University
Drury University
Eastern Illinois University
Emporia State University
Florida State University
Illinois State University
Indiana University-
Bloomington
Iowa State University
Jefferson College

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Kansas State University
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
Langston University
Lindenwood University
Loyola University-Chicago
Loyola University-Maryland
Macalaster College
Marquette University
McKendree University
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Engineering
Missouri S & T
Missouri State University
Missouri Western State
University
Morehouse College
Quincy University

Rockhurst University
Saint Louis University
Santa Clara University
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Design
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SIU-Edwardsville
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St. Louis Community
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St. Louis Community
College-Meramec
St. Louis Community
College-Wildwood
The Master's College &
Seminary
The Ohio State
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Alabama
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Alabama-Tuscaloosa
University of
Arkansas
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Colorado-Boulder

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University of Tulsa
University of Wisconsin--
Milwaukee
William Jewell College
Xavier University



STUDENT SHOWCASE

IGNATIUS CUP BEGINS NEW TRADITION AT DE SMET JESUIT

New program aims to foster friendly competition, greater sense of community among students

BY STEPHEN BAXENDALE '16

Beginning this year, students will be competing for the Ignatius Cup in Spartalympics, a program meant to build community, encourage individual student participation in events outside of school, and connect students to their Jesuit heritage.

Each homeroom is assigned to one of six Jesuit houses – Ricci, Brebeuf, Gonzaga, Arrupe, Xavier, and Kavanaugh – and students can earn points for their house through involvement in the De Smet Jesuit community. Scanners will add points for attending sports games, for participating in club activities, or for doing well academically. The house with the most points at the end of the year will win its name on the Ignatius Cup.

Specific events between houses will be hosted once improvements to the gymnasium are completed.

While the Ignatius Cup is the ultimate prize, students will be able to win individual prizes in a raffle during the first three quarters. With three different raffle groups – Gold, Silver and Bronze – students will have the opportunity to win items such as tickets to sports games or gift cards. Students with the highest number of points will earn a free parking pass.

“It gives the students a reason to participate in student life,” Student Government President Drew Boland said. “Now students have a reason to want to go games and be in clubs. It kind of incentivizes being a part of De Smet Jesuit.”

Beyond scoring points, Spartalympics pushes students to learn more about their Jesuit representative for their house. To achieve their goal, student government is organizing a homeroom competition to design a shield based on each house’s Jesuit. Later, they will revolve morning prayers around the different missionaries to help students understand the Jesuits’ backgrounds.

“It kind of challenges us to learn more about the Jesuit and his teachings. It’s a good way to gain a new role model,” Boland said.

To promote Spartalympics throughout the year, student government will make announcements for events where points can be earned. If scanners are not there, a student can take a picture of himself attending the event and bring it to student government.

“We want people to be proud to be going to De Smet Jesuit. We want people to feel like they belong. Among other goals, something like this is



Students must have their cards scanned to receive house points.

Photo by Ray Stewart '16

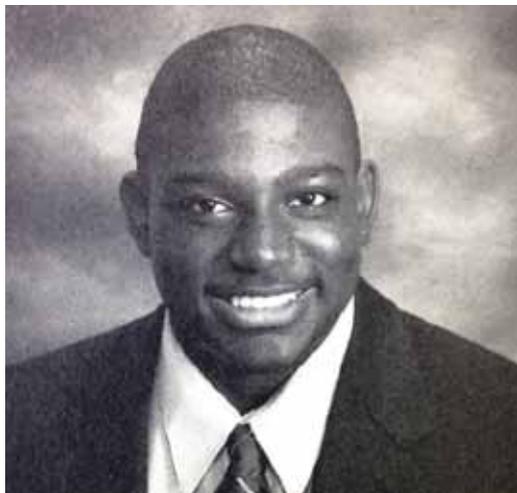
aimed at trying to do those things,” Director of Student Activities Mr. Anthony Plein said.

At the end of the day, the goal for Spartalympics is to make this a lasting program, not just a one-year competition.

Boland wants to excite students through the program. His goal? “That students at the end of the year say that ‘we can’t wait for next year.’ Guys can come back and visit De Smet Jesuit and say they were in Xavier’s house. That it defines De Smet Jesuit and makes it a part of student life,” he said. ♦

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Each issue of the *Odyssey* features a story written by a current student of De Smet Jesuit High School from a school publication such as the *Mirror* and the *Scrivener*.



Q&A WITH THE NEW FULLBACK FOR THE CLEVELAND BROWNS, RAY AGNEW III '09

Spartan Students vs. the Dawg Pound?
And ¡Hola, Señora Bowman!

We recently talked to Ray Agnew III, undrafted rookie fullback for the NFL's Cleveland Browns and member of our Class of 2009. When De Smet Jesuit football coach Pat Mahoney is asked about Ray, he says: "Ray is a very grounded young man, from a very grounded family. He and his family are people of faith, who live it and don't just talk about it. No one ever has out-worked him or his brothers, a lesson learned from his father, 'Papa Bear.'"

You got your first NFL carry in the team's first game against Pittsburgh. What was that like?

It was amazing. I think about it – it was third-and-one, it was the first third down play of the season, against a team like the Steelers. It was cool to me that the offensive coordinator trusted me to get the first down. The first thing in my mind was that I better not fumble the ball. If I did I'm guessing I wouldn't be getting the ball too much more the rest of the season. Coach Shanahan trusted me, a rookie, to get the first down, and I did.

We always hear that the NFL game is so much faster than NCAA. What's been the biggest adjustment for you as a player in the NFL?

The game is a little faster, but maybe not as much as people say. I think the biggest adjustment is the amount of time you have to spend studying film and the game plan, and know what to do in situations. A lot of people forget that this is our job, we're at the facility

from 8 a.m. in the morning to 6 p.m. at night. It's a full day's work. You have to be diligent in your film work. You have to know all the minor details of your assignment. The difference between winning and losing on Sunday is which team can execute the smallest details. Everybody's talented in the NFL. You just have to understand and execute the little details.

How is your younger brother Malcolm (De Smet Jesuit Class of '10) doing for the Salukis at SIU without you blocking for him?

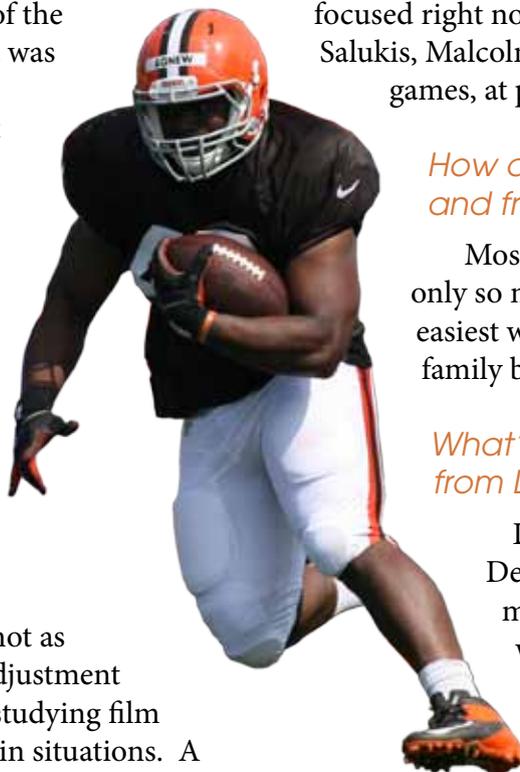
He's doing well. We talk quite a bit. He's out to prove a lot this year. He wasn't completely healthy last year. He's pretty focused right now. (Ed. note: As starting running back for the Salukis, Malcolm is averaging 5.4 yards per game through 16 games, at press time.)

How are you staying in touch with family and friends in St. Louis?

Mostly by text and phone conversations. I have only so much time to talk to people. Texting is the easiest way to stay in contact. But I talk to immediate family by phone.

What's your favorite sports memory from DSJ?

Definitely, my favorite sports memory at De Smet Jesuit is beating Ft. Zumwalt West my junior season. It was a playoff game. We weren't picked to win that game. A lot of people thought they would come into our stadium and beat us pretty easily. We were the underdogs. It was fun because that was my first playoff game, it came





Q: Who has the crazier cheering section?



A: "I gotta be honest ... the Dawg Pound is like nothing you've ever seen or heard before."



2009 Signing Day at DSJ (Agnew pictured at far right)



Señora Carmen Bowman's class

down to the wire. It was so fun to win with those guys. It's something I'll remember the rest of my life. (Ed. note: The Spartans won the Nov. 9, 2007 game 27-20.)

You earned about a 3.2 GPA at SIU. That's quite an accomplishment for a student-athlete. Did you have any specific teacher or teachers at DSJ who "turned the light on for you" academically... who prepared you for college?

That's hard to say, because I pretty much liked all my teachers at De Smet Jesuit. But I'd have to say my freshman English teacher, Mrs. Ortballs (retired, 2012). I enjoyed her class. I'd go to her for study sessions after school. And my Spanish teacher, Señora Bowman ... when I come back and visit I make sure I see her. I loved her class and all of her study sessions. Those two teachers prepared me for the rest of my career, the amount of work I had to put in, at home doing homework... they helped me accomplish my goals as well. But I have to give a nod to my homeroom teacher, too, Mr. Russo.

As you know, DSJ's motto is "Men for Others." I know that the Cleveland Browns organization is very active with charitable efforts in their community. Have you been able to live the Men for Others motto in your new profession?

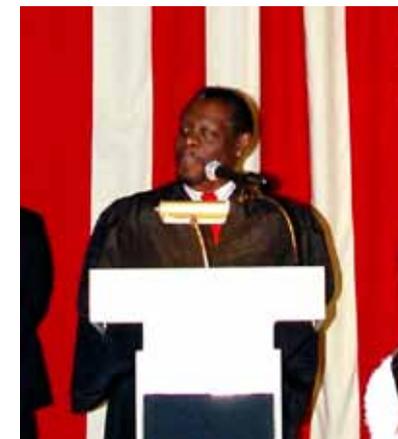
We were able to do an event they have the rookies do. We visited some elementary schools, and got to talk to the kids about giving back to the community. We also went to the zoo with some special-needs kids. We had a lot of fun there. I really want to get involved (in Cleveland), but I've been very busy moving here and getting acclimated. Once I get settled I'll get out in the community.

Last question, and be honest: Who has the crazier cheering section - Spartan Country or the Dawg Pound?

(Laughs.) I gotta be honest. I have to go with the Dawg Pound. I love the student section at De Smet Jesuit. Don't get me wrong, when they're rockin', they're rockin'. But the Dawg Pound is like nothing you've ever seen or heard before. ♦

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY FEATURES ALUMNUS, BLACKROBE CHOIR

De Smet Jesuit alumnus, the Hon. Henry Autrey '71, presided over the Naturalization Ceremony held at the Old Courthouse downtown Sept. 17. Throughout the program, the Blackrobe Choir sang renditions of My America and the National Anthem. Around 50 petitioners from countries such as Bosnia, Iraq, China and Mexico swore the Oath of Allegiance, becoming citizens of the United States. Before the Oath, Autrey thanked the petitioners: "Thank you for being here today. Thank you for becoming American citizens today. Thank you for everything you bring to the table as American citizens today." ♦



SECOND ANNUAL BUBBA'S BASH RAISES OVER \$11,000 FOR JAMES R. GOESSLING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Friends and family gathered to honor and celebrate the life of Jim "Bubba" Goessling '73 at the Second Annual Bubba's Bash, held Sept. 20. Attendees visited O.B. Clark's, one of Bubba's favorite hangout spots, to share memories of the man who touched many lives while at De Smet Jesuit and beyond. Over \$11,000 were raised; these funds will be directed to the Jim Goessling Scholarship fund at De Smet Jesuit. De Smet Jesuit would like to extend special thanks to Patty Goessling, Bob Frederic '80, and Jim O'Brien for their support in organizing this event. ♦

To assist this partially-endowed scholarship, or to learn more about scholarship support at De Smet Jesuit, please contact Kevin Lee in the Office of Institutional Advancement at klee@desmet.org.



Portrait courtesy of Rob Dreyer

DE SMET JESUIT WINS SECOND ANNUAL ST. IGNATIUS CUP

On a pleasant day this past September, over 30 De Smet Jesuit alums claimed victory over Saint Louis University High School in the St. Ignatius Cup. The event, conceived as a way for “Jesuit friends to play with other Jesuit friends,” featured a Ryder Cup format and was held at Algonquin Country Club. Fr. Jim Houlihan, former Principal of DSJ, said the opening prayer. Ultimately, participants donated over \$3,000 to the Annual Fund at De Smet Jesuit. ♦



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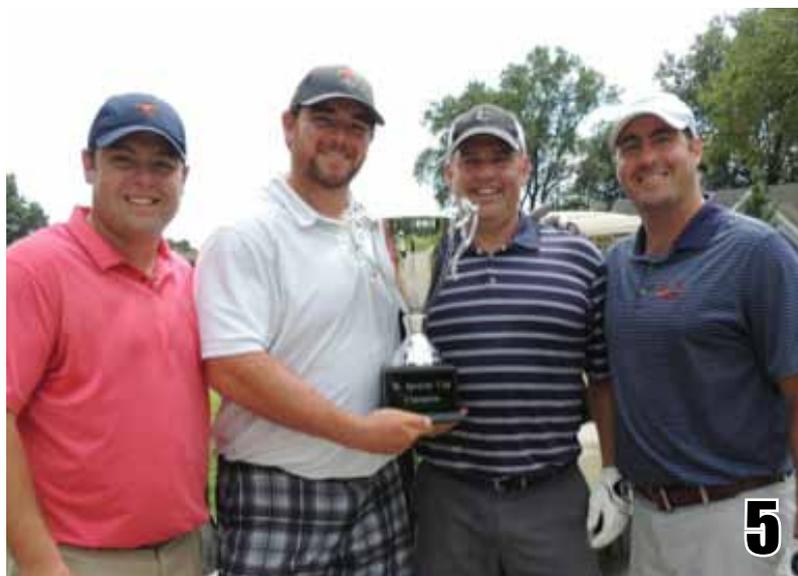
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1 - Steve Kohlen '71, Tom Zink '74

2 - Tom Moore, Kevin Kissling, Matt Bauer '76, Ryan Bauer '04

3 - Tom Anstey, Tim O'Neil '96, Bill Downey, Mark Becker

4 - Randy Aselage '72, Bob Mills '72, Glenn Strebeck, Steve Roy, Charlie Mills

5 - Tim Collins '00, Gene Frederic '01, Chris Hannis, Steve Elias

6 - Jim Dacey, Tom Erman, Mike Sawicki '71, Rick Siebert '71

All photos courtesy of Larry Linkul '71

#CongratsCoachV

On Aug. 29, 2014, hundreds of friends and family gathered to celebrate Coach Greg Vitello's 46 years of service to De Smet Jesuit and his many accomplishments on and off the field.

"I am so grateful for my time at De Smet Jesuit," Vitello said. "Ever since I decided to coach, I wanted to challenge every young man I encountered to love the sport he chose. More importantly, I wanted to help the young men grow into good friends, good parents, and good citizens."



- 1 - The man of the hour, Coach Greg Vitello
- 2 - Tony Pisani '96, Luke Cassis, Jim Bredenkoeter '97, Tony Vitello '97
- 3 - Brad Henderson '97
- 4 - Coach receives a standing ovation
- 5 - Coach Vitello and family
- 6 - A caricature drawn by Jeff Kramer '81 hung on a banner at the event
- 7 - Many of the current baseball and soccer players attended the celebration





8 - Greg Vitello, Michael O'Brien, Denny Cerneka, Ken Luecke

9 - Kathy DeGreeff, Vince DeGreeff, Dan Hornsey '15

10 - The evening's speakers included Josh Klein '97, John Benoist '96, Josh Aranda '06, emcee Chris Higgins '88, Greg Vitello, Tony Vitello '97, Bobby O'Connell '98, Bobby Keppel '00



11 - Mark Vinciguerra '71, Dan Deckert '71, Dan Callahan '72

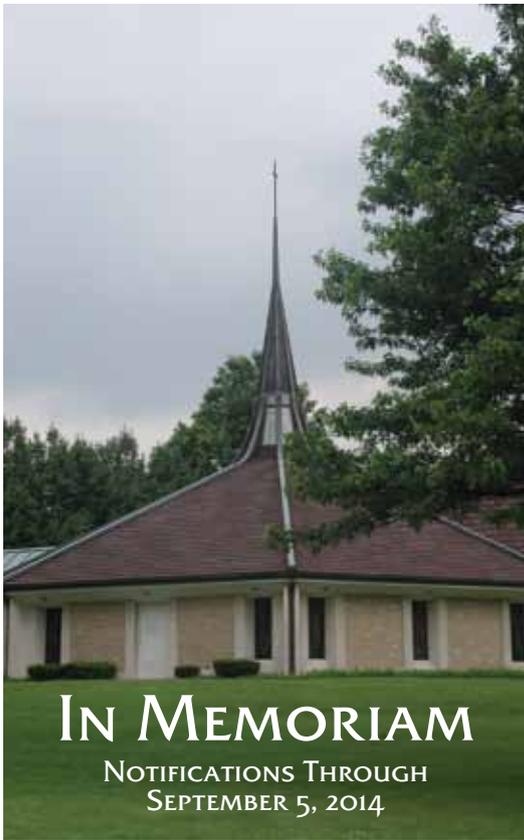
12 - Gary Ruder, Karen Ruder, Kevin Ruder '93, Megan Ruder

13 - Members of the 1993 state championship soccer team: Kevin Smith '94, Matt Rizzo '94, Craig Corbett '94, Greg Vitello, John Reyes '94, John Benoist '96

14 - Over his storied career, Coach Vitello earned 6 state championship titles in soccer and baseball

15 - Cathy Bredenckoeter, Trina Forstal, Kathy Vitello, Carol Henderson, Rene Fischering

For more photos from this event, please visit the De Smet Jesuit Facebook page.



Alexander Dooley, father of Kevin Dooley '95, Brian Dooley '98, and Colin Dooley '01

Bernadette Godfrey, sister of Anthony Godfrey '06

Cleo Grant, grandparent of Jordan Grant '18

Jane Groves, grandparent of Matt Groves '18, Connor Groves '17, and Tyler Groves '12

William Huber, father of John Huber '88

Phonse Hurley-Brandon, grandparent of Jimmy Campise '04 and David Campise '12

Marcella Kendlage, grandparent of Jason Kendlage '05, Daniel Kendlage '08, and Kyle Kendlage '12

James Kinealy, grandparent of Josh Spaunhorst '07; father-in-law of Scott Spaunhorst '80

Edmund Luning, father of Gregory Luning '75, Christopher Luning '76, Thomas Luning '77, and Drew Luning '81

Joan Moehle, mother of Charles Moehle '77, Paul Moehle '78, and James Moehle '86

James Nicholson, grandparent of Sam Nicholson '18

Bruce Panus '78

Daniel F. Pesold, father of Daniel P. Pesold '78

Thomas Plein, father of Thomas Plein '76 and Stephen Plein '81

George Post, father-in-law of Eugene Morgenthaler '77; grandparent of Eugene Morgenthaler '09, Adam Morgenthaler '12, and Benjamin Morgenthaler '12

Debra L. Ricca, wife of Robert Ricca '74; mother to Adam Ricca '09

Alfred J. Roche, father of Al Roche '82

Glenn Roper, grandparent of Christopher Meyer '12, Matthew Meyer '10, and Andrew Meyer '13

Ronald Timmermann, father of Eric Timmermann '03

Maureen Wilhelm, mother of Nicholas Wilhelm '16

Lawrence Wines '75

This listing includes notifications of the passing of immediate family members of De Smet Jesuit alumni, current students, staff and faculty from February 13, 2014 through September 5, 2014. If we have missed someone, please notify the Alumni Office at alumni@desmet.org or call 314.567.3500.

Mary Brown, grandparent of Andrew Brown '18

Harlan Bunker, grandparent of Craig Koester '15

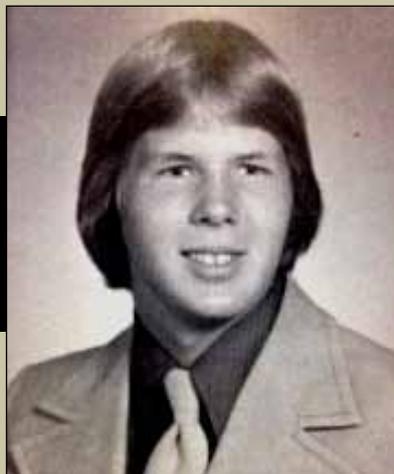
Ryan Candice '11

Robin Davis, mother of Zachary Davis '13 and former staff member

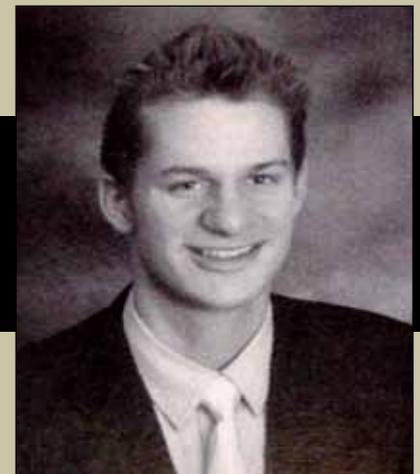
De Smet Jesuit Mourns the Loss of Its Alumni



Lawrence Wines '75



Bruce Panus '78



Ryan Candice '11

1970s

Deacon **Joseph M. Wientge '76** was appointed to assist the pastor of Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Webster Groves and to provide elder care service in nursing homes in the Southwest County Deanery.

Jim Gennari '78 retired from the Navy in June 2014 after 32 years of service. Wearing his full Class A Summer Dress uniform with full medals and ribbons, Jim threw out the opening pitch for the Chicago White Sox- Seattle Mariners baseball game July 4. (Photo #3)



1980s

Andy Riesmeyer '83 recently completed his two-year term as the De Smet Jesuit Alumni Board President, and was honored for his service by incoming president **Greg Brockmeier '02** this past spring. (Photo #1)



Peter N. Leritz '84 is a partner at the St. Louis law firm of Leritz, Plunkert & Bruning. He lives in Webster Groves with his beautiful wife Pam and their four children, including Peter J. Leritz who will graduate from De Smet Jesuit in 2015.

John Seiler '85 recently relocated his business, Gateway CrossFit Personal Training, to 507 S. Hanley Rd., Clayton, MO 63105.

Bob Weber '85 is doing a week-long mission trip to Haiti in February, 2015. He will be part of a Medical/Construction team providing screening, treatment and medical supplies to children and adults. Bob's team will also be assisting in various construction projects in Haiti.

Mark Spencer '88 is now the Managing Partner for Greiner Joseph Advisory Group LLC, a wealth management company based in Chesterfield, MO.

1990s

Jim Neels '97 and his family live in Holland, PA where Jim works as a revenue forecasting consultant at Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. Jim and his wife, Maria, have four sons: Ethan, Jayden, Noah and Jonah, and are expecting their fifth child this November.

2000s

Matt Sawicki '01 served as the operations director for the golf portion of the 2014 World Junior Olympics in Nanjing, China. (Photo #5)

This year, **Gene Brion '02** completed his Master's degree in Theology at the University of Notre Dame, and is now studying for a Ph.D. in Higher Education at Saint Louis University. Outside of graduate studies, he serves as athletic director and coach of several sports at Loyola Academy of St. Louis. He also works as the Intern for the Vice President and Academic Dean of the Aquinas Institute of Theology.

Greg Brockmeier '02 became engaged to Kara Maxwell on May 15, 2014.

John W. Reddan '07, a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, recently returned from an 11-month deployment to Afghanistan. His father, Mark Reddan, O.D., class of 1974, recently retired as a Captain in the U.S. Navy. (Photo #4)

With his De Smet Jesuit banner in tow, **Mark Hampton '09** recently reached Uhuru Peak at the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Pictured above, the sign in the background is the iconic summit sign at 19,341 feet. (Photo #2)

Marriages

Joel Farrell '01 to Sara Buckhannon, on August 30, 2014

Bradley Kirchner '04 to Morgan Kopp, on September 27, 2014

Rob Garwitz '05 to Emilie Morris on May 16, 2014

Anthony S. Godfrey '06 to Teresa Lang, on October 19, 2013

Little Spartans

Colman Crowley, to Carrie and **Michael Crowley '84**, on February 12, 2014

Frederick James, to Maria and **Jeremiah King '01**, on December 27, 2013



To share your news with the De Smet Jesuit Community, please email koconnor@desmet.org.

A few questions for...

PRINCIPAL TREVOR BONAT

We recently sat down with De Smet Jesuit's new principal, Trevor Bonat, to learn a little more about him. Mr. Bonat is the eighth principal in the school's 47-year history, charged with continuing De Smet Jesuit's legacy of preparing young men for college and forming Men for Others.

What is the one movie that should be required viewing for all De Smet Jesuit students?

"If I were putting a course together on must-see movies for Spartans, I have an urge to require movies like "The Mission," the "Star Wars Trilogy"—no, I don't count the new ones—or "Top Gun," or comedies such as "Sixteen Candles." I think I went a month communicating with nothing but references from "The Princess Bride." But "Cry, the Beloved Country" from 1995 is fundamentally a treatise on Jesuit Education; it has it all. Justice, social sin, forgiveness and redemption are all together in a powerful story of a preacher in search of his son."

What's your best advice for freshmen parents?

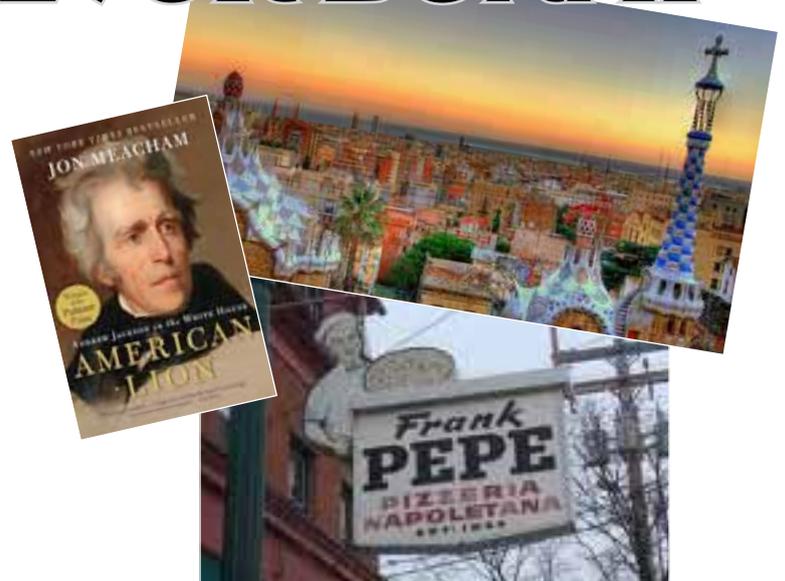
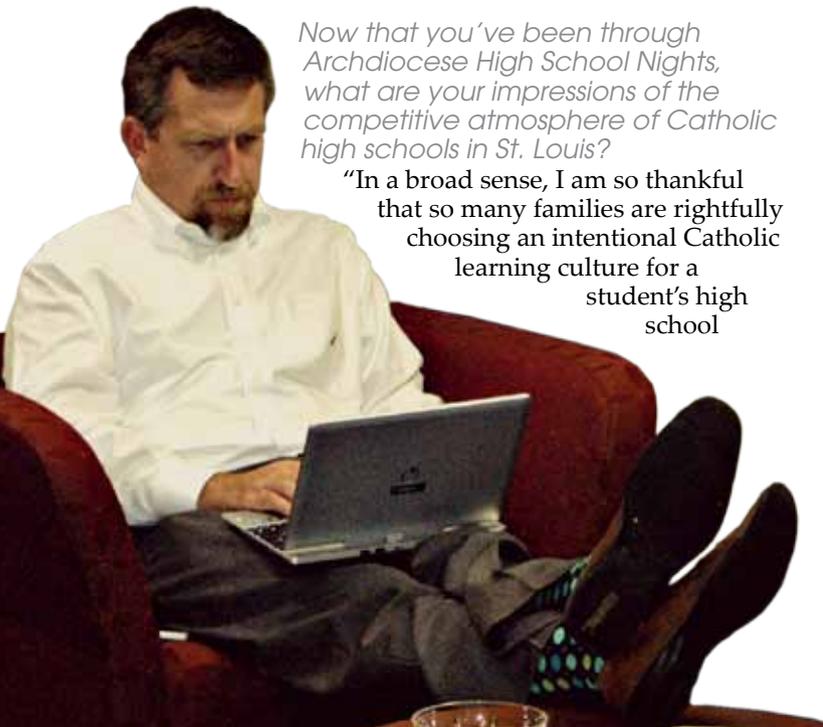
"Freshman year in high school is the safest and best time to experience challenge and frustration. I would invite freshmen parents to embrace whatever struggles their son is having—redemptive suffering, of course, not clinical. The best success skill they can have is to learn how to rebound from setbacks and struggle."

What is your favorite "geek out" hobby or activity?

"Last spring break I picked up Jon Meacham's "American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House." I needed a genre break—I had spent years reading social psychology and business management books—and thought a presidential biography would do it. Indeed, it did. I am more than a little addicted to them. I am on "John Adams" by David McCullough now and loving every minute of it. I am even listening to a great course on tape about the ideas and ideologies behind the revolutionary war. Geeking out, for sure."

Now that you've been through Archdiocese High School Nights, what are your impressions of the competitive atmosphere of Catholic high schools in St. Louis?

"In a broad sense, I am so thankful that so many families are rightfully choosing an intentional Catholic learning culture for a student's high school



experience. This is a big deal when it comes to building Church. More specifically, we have THE transformative Catholic educational experience in St. Louis. I would not be here if I didn't believe that. Competition makes us all better."

How have high school students changed since you started teaching 18 years ago?

"I don't think students have changed much at all. What has changed are all the technologies available to hone student's ability to be utterly distracted and superficial in their interactions with one another. I love the fact that De Smet is a 1:1 school. We are teaching the antidotes to this epidemic. I am just old enough to subscribe to the 'cell phones are bad' mentality. Thankfully, young men are young men, no matter what the age—capable of utter heroism and sublime silliness at the same time."

What's the food you miss most from back east?

"Truth be told, we are in food heaven here in St. Louis. The one thing we miss most, however, is pizza from Pepe's or Sally's in New Haven, Conn. New Haven pizza sits alone atop pizza mountain. Sorry Imos!"

If you could live anywhere outside of the United States, where would you go?

"Barcelona. My wife and I spent a week there as part of a pilgrimage to Manresa and Montserrat. We fell in love."

What attracted you to De Smet Jesuit?

"I am a Jesuit education nut so I am predisposed to a place like De Smet Jesuit. I think the school is second to none when it comes to Ignatian formation. The Examen at the end of the day. The service and retreat programs are second to none. It has a strong academic program and dedicated—and gifted—teachers. Now that I have been here for a couple of months, the most attractive thing about De Smet Jesuit for me is that fact that we are so much like Fr. Peter De Smet. We are pioneering and courageous—early adopters of 1:1 technology, service and innovative formation. I love the fact that we are young and nimble." ♦

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