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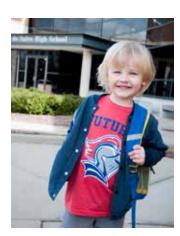




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On the front cover: Junior Christian Eid, Speaker John Horack, and Junior Julian Howard.



(photo of Pierson Yarder from last Knight Life) In our last issue of Knight Life, our cover had a photo of a future Knight. The photo was Pierson Yarder, son of Matthew '00 & Katie Yarder, grandson of Richard Yarder '73. Photo credit to Katie Yarder. President Rev. Geoffrey Rose, OSFS

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fr. Geoff Rose, O.S.F.S.

Dear Friends of St. Francis de Sales,

Just a few weeks ago, we hosted the 2nd annual Global Salesian Leadership Symposium, (GSLS) at the SeaGate Centre and it was a great success. The first GSLS held last year was only for our upperclassmen as part of our newly created Salesian Leadership Initiative (SLI), but the goal all along was to widen the audience, elevate the event and make it a resource to the greater community. We certainly accomplished that by any measuring stick! Let me provide some concrete examples.

With over 500 people in attendance this year and a host of speakers with experience and wisdom across varied disciplines, the day was filled with opportunities for our students and others in the community to engage with thought leaders. Our desire for the wider community to see what we are doing at St. Francis was accomplished through the caliber of speakers who participated, the student interaction, and the powerful display of true leadership. In addition to our own upperclassmen, we were joined by students from Central Catholic, Notre Dame Academy, and St. John's Jesuit. Early feedback from our quest students was very positive. Furthermore, our local, state, and federal officials were engaged in the symposium.

Our goal of strengthening and growing the "Salesian network" of schools was also advanced. While only two of the network schools were able to physically join us, virtually all the network schools are committed to being a part of future events, including DeSales University. As this continues to evolve, we will grow our opportunities for our St. Francis students by connecting to the unique opportunities other network schools offer.

Our speakers were truly world-class, and beyond! Dr. John Horack began the day connecting the teachings of St. Francis with the universe. Gen. James Abrahamson left the podium and came down on the floor to speak to the students and bring his challenge directly to them! Our Water Quality Panel has been deemed by many experts one of the finest ever assembled! Our speakers were impressed by the very fact that we are offering such an event and that it is available to the widest community. Each of our speakers expressed a desire to deepen their connection to St. Francis and make opportunities available for our students through experiences ranging from small group or individual conversations, to volunteering on research projects, and helping to gather data for water quality. Having allies for our mission and vision across the globe can help us in ways we can only imagine today!

As we approach the New Year season I am filled with gratitude for all those who make the mission of our school a reality. I do not take for granted the sacrifices of so many who make this all possible. As we continue to advance the mission of our school, we do so to honor the sacrifice and commitment of so many that allow us to be where we are today!

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Sincerely in St. Francis de Sales,

Rev. Geoffrey N. Rose, OSFS

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities engage a young man's social development. St. Francis students are encouraged to become involved in clubs & activities.

Clubs & teams promote formation in all aspects of high school life: academic, spiritual, physical & social. Our clubs & activities evolve as students interests change.

Some of our current clubs include:

Afro American Club

Anime Club

Asian Club

Campus Ministry

Chess Club

Clay Shooting Club

Creative Writing Club

Euchre Club

Interact Club

Investment Club

Lance Newspaper

L.A.S.S.O. Club

Math Club

M.E.C.C.A. Club

Mock Trial

Model U.N.

Musical

Nine Square

Photography Club

Quiz Bowl

Robotics

Sign Language Club

Ski Club

Speech & Debate Club

Student Council

Tea Time & Coffee Grind Club

Teen PFP

Video Game Club

WSFK



ALL IN THE FAMILY

FOUR SONS CARRY ON THE KNIGHT TRADITION

BY: KAREN ZICKES

eith (SFS '85) and Katy Walker currently have four sons attending St. Francis. This may be a record for number of sons attending simultaneously and they wouldn't have it any other way. As we all know, sending children through private school is an investment and takes commitment and often times sacrifice but they know it is not without great reward.

"I wouldn't want them to go anywhere else. It is a great investment in our kids' futures", said Katy Walker. Their four boys Henry, Teddy, Louie, and Charlie range from grades 7th-12th. They hadn't originally started here because St. Francis doesn't offer 6th grade. However, the move to St. Francis has proven invaluable in many regards. "From day one they absolutely loved it. Their whole attitudes changed", said Keith Walker. Louie who is a freshman said, "No matter who you are, everyone is treated with respect." His brother Charlie experienced Camp de Sales prior to starting 7th grade and said it really helped him to make friends quickly, making the transition quite smooth for him.

INTENTIONAL FORMATION

Since Keith attended St. Francis in the early '80s much has stayed the same and many things have changed.

"It's become much more mission driven", said Keith and he appreciates the Salesian Leadership skills they are instilling in the young men today. A business leader in the community, Keith said skills such as confidence in yourself and humble confidence when leading is vital in today's work environment. He knows at St. Francis teaching this to the young men is very intentional. They are also learning much in the way of developing friendships here and accepting one another. This kind of foundation will help them develop more authentic relationships in all aspects of their lives as they grow older.

Henry is now a senior and didn't have an overwhelming positive experience at his first school. Upon coming to SFS at the beginning of his freshman year everything turned around for him. "I'd say Mr. Gerken is one of my favorite teachers. He gets the best out of each student and really cares about what he does. Everybody here wants you to be successful," said Henry. Both parents agree that the support that has been given to each of their sons and having them each accepted as individuals has allowed them to develop their leadership skills and truly be who they are, and to be that well. Keith knows that leadership isn't necessarily about the one who gets up in front of a



group. It's also about being the one that might stick up for a kid being bullied or simply reaching out to those in need. "Anyone can be a leader. You can be yourself here," said Teddy who is currently a junior.

A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY

St. Francis has a minimum of seven Oblates on campus every single day. Along with other faculty and staff they provide firm yet gentle and consistent guidance to all the young men on a daily basis as they walk their transforma-

tive journey. They are continually reminded to 'live courageously, and love greatly.' "I think we are so blessed to have so many Oblates working and involved at SFS. They are all such amazing, dynamic, real people. It is so clear they truly care and want the best for all of these boys," said Katy Walker. They enter St. Francis unsure of themselves on many levels, and leave as confident young men. Should these four young men one day have sons of their own, there is no doubt they too will carry on the Knight family tradition.



Junior Jalen Ballard is at the top of his class. He is a kind, hard-working, friendly, determined, humble, inspiring and spiritual young man. And according to his mother Michelle Ballard, "He just happens to be blind." Born with a multitude of issues surrounding the health of his eyes and vision, Jalen was still able to see colors and shapes and some large print if held close to his right eye. However, a major bleed in his right eye just prior to freshman year took any remaining vision; leaving him now with only having light/dark vision in both eyes.

But Jalen's blindness does not define him and with the tireless dedication of all those at St. Francis, as well as his TVI (Teacher of the Visually Impaired), his parents, and of course, Jalen himself, he is succeeding at leading an incredibly productive life and pursuing the challenges in education that he so desperately needed.

Life altering phone call

Though Jalen had spent his younger years in public schools, his parents so hoped he could attend private school for high school. "I knew it would be a challenge since they don't get the funding like public schools for special ed services and braille materials", said Mrs. Ballard. What she wasn't prepared for, however, were the heart breaking and harsh rejections that came from several area schools without even a personal meeting to discuss the possibilities. It was the

returned phone call from St. Francis Director of Enrollment Management Brenda Skinner, stating she would love to discuss the possibility of making things work, that changed the outlook of Jalen's future.

Though having Jalen in the classroom has certainly had its challenges
and teachers had to become more
creative in the way they teach, it has
been an incredibly positive experience for all those involved. Michelle
said everyone at SFS has been willing
to go above and beyond to meet his
needs socially, academically, and
spiritually. "I can say with certainty,
Jalen has become a better version
of himself since becoming a Knight,"
said his mom.

Jalen is beyond appreciative for all that the SFS community has done for him and sees what they have helped him with as far greater than what he is accomplishing. "The unselfish willingness of individual teachers to integrate me into their classes has made me very grateful. The overall supportive culture of SFS has been unparalleled to my past scholastic experiences," said Jalen.

Embracing the challenge

"The school has embraced Jalen!" said his TVI Darlene Limmer who can't say enough about the adjustments and learning that has taken place by staff and teachers to help Jalen be as successful at St. Francis as he can possibly be. "St. Francis is a nurturing environment for all of the young men. Jalen has become part of the brotherhood," she added. "They really do live 'Be who you are and be that well," said Darlene. She added that he has been able to take Honors and AP classes and that the teachers have never made Jalen feel like a burden. Thanks to Jalen's constant determination and unwavering support from teachers, he will be ready for his dream school, MIT, when the time comes in a year and a half.

Fr. Alan Zobler OSFS has taught Jalen Honors Geometry and Algebra 2 and currently teaches him AP Calculus BC. "I have changed the way I think, speak, and relate in the classroom. I have had to become a bit more creative and imaginative with my lessons", said Fr. Zobler. He has been reminded many times the importance of words as well as creativity in conveying material.

Jalen's TVI makes sure his class materials are accessible to him and all math and science courses require a special braille code. She reworks some materials so he can read them on his Braille Display or she embosses it in hard copy braille.

Student turned teacher

All of the support from the St. Francis community as a whole has definitely assisted Jalen in overcoming adversity and becoming the best version of himself. However, people are never talking about what they have taught Jalen. Rather, they speak of all that Jalen has taught them. Fr. Zobler doesn't think of Jalen as a student, rather he calls him the consummate teacher. Jalen exudes humble confidence and would tell you his obstacles are merely different than those others face in their own lives. But

teachers and staff insist he is the real teacher.

He has taught those around him about hope, hard work, and determination; and that nothing is impossible. He has taught those around him that our adversities are not to be used as a crutch or excuse. Simply stated, Jalen is the example of all the qualities and values that SFS represents.

Fellow Knights all know and respect Jalen. They are helpful when possible and engage him in conversation etc. just like any other Knight because they have learned about diversity in their Christian community as well as the importance of taking care of one another. Jalen is the example of someone who loves to learn for the sake of learning. Fr. Zobler says he has learned countless things from Jalen including his perseverance, optimism (the great virtue St. Francis possessed), and patience. Through all of this, Jalen has clearly taught us all that we are never too young to be the teacher and never too old to be the student.



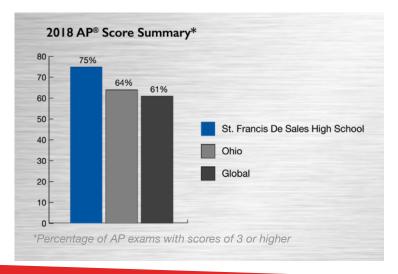


ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program in the United States created by the College Board which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. St. Francis de Sales School is proud to offer more AP courses than any other school in Northwest Ohio.* We currently offer 22 different AP courses taught at St. Francis, by our faculty.

327 AP Exams were taken in 2018 and this year we are offering AP courses to freshmen. 42 freshmen are currently taking AP courses at St. Francis.





UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to the AP courses offered, our students can earn college credit through partnerships with these universities.

DESALES UNIVERSITY

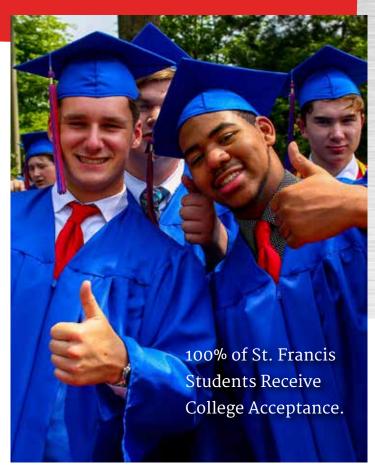
- MA 1212 Calculus I
- MA 122 Calculus II
- FR 201 Intermediate French I
- · MA 111 Statistics
- CH 101 Chemical Principles
- CH 102 General Chemistry
- PH 201 General Physics I: Mechanics & Heat
- PH 202 General Physics II: Wave Phenom and Electromagnetism
- TH 109 Catholic Theology

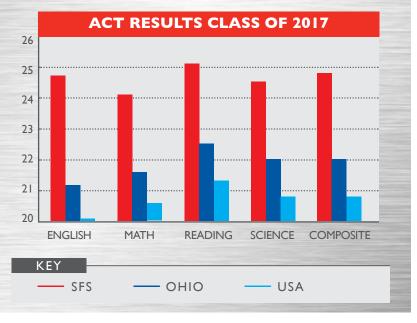
UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

- Intro to Engineering
- · Intro to Business
- · Intro to Health Classes
- · Intro to Law



2017 ACT ACHIEVEMENTS





CLASS OF 2017

- · 132 students took the ACT exam
- 78.6% scored in the top half of the country based on composite score
- 56.5% scored in the top 25% of the country
- · 29% scored in the top 10% of the country
- 13% scored in the top 5% of the country



MyPREP (Professional Readiness Education Program) is our innovative, individualized approach to education, where students can explore areas of interest and go deeper into their passions. It encompasses fields of study including, but not limited to, engineering, robotics, computer science, art, business, health professions, and law. The goal of myPREP is to ignite a love of learning in students of all grades.

MyPREP also directs the way we teach in the classroom. St. Francis de Sales is committed to student success by providing a dedicated and supportive faculty. Our faculty are experts in their fields and are trained to meet the needs of each individual student.

BUSINESS

- UT Intro to Business
- Honors Math Analysis
 - AP Statistics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Macroeconomics
 - Pre-Calculus
 - AP Calculus AB
 - AP Calculus BC
 - Investment Club

HEALTH **CAREERS**

- Biology
 Chemistry Psychology
- Anatomy and Physiology
- AP Biology
 AP Chemistry
 - Honors Biology
 Latin
 - Honors Chemistry
 - AP Psychology
 - UT Intro to Health Careers

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Cyber Security (PLTW)
- Intro to Computers (PLTW)
 - Game Design
 - AP Computer Science
 - AP Computer Science Principles
 - Web Design

WHAT IS MY PATH: **Exploration**

- Latin (Regular, Honors, AP)
- Spanish (Regular, Honors, AP)
- French (Regular, Honors, AP)
- AP Human Geography
- Robotics Club
- Automation/Robotics PLTW
- Design/Modeling PLTW
- Military History/Multicultural
- Banned Books
- Mythology/Shakespeare
- Contemporary Lyrics
- Sign Language Club
- Heroes and Monsters
- Detective Story
- AP Language & Comp.
- AP Literature & Comp.
- Leadership/Service
 - Teen PEP

 - Crazy 8's Read Across America

LAW

- AP Government
 - Honors Law
- Criminal Justice
- Social Justice
 - Mock Trial
- UT Intro to Law

ARTS

- History of Film
 - Drama
- Public Speaking
- Web Design
 Art I/II
 - Graphic Design I/II
 - Singing Blue
 - Band Musical
 - Stage Crew
 - Yearbook

ENGINEERING

- Honors Physics
- Honors Math Analysis
- Intro to Engineering (PLTW)
 - UT Intro to Engineering
 - - Pre-Calculus
 - AP Calculus AB
 - AP Calculus BC
 - AP Physics E & M
 - AP Physics Mech
 - Robotics

At St. Francis de Sales we not only want to be the best school, but the best school for each individual student. From the teachings of Saint Francis de Sales, we encourage our students to "be who you are and be that well." This motto, imprinted on the hearts of our students and faculty, has formed our educational philosophy. Students at St. Francis de Sales understand that myPREP is...my path, my journey, my plan for my education.

myPREP:

WILL DUPUS PATH

Will DuPuis is a 2018 graduate of St. Francis de Sales School and is currently a freshman at Kent State University. Will remembers watching his brother Joe, SFS '16 in musicals, which sparked an interest for him. Additionally, Will was inspired after watching Derek Kastner '14 and Kurt Elfering '15 perform and as a result of that inspiration. Will become involved in



school musicals too.

Because of his love for singing, Will was also a four year member of Singing Blue, the men's chorus at St. Francis.

The Singing Blue performs at school functions, community events and school Masses. As his interest in music and the arts grew into a passion, he was able to take classes like History of Film & Art 1,2 & 3 (independent study).

Beyond the classroom, Will even tied his service work together with his passion.

Will was a two-year member of Teen PEP; a peer education program where team members perform skits to other students to educate them on certain social topics. He served on Campus Ministry where he was a singer in the band and was part of the Campus Core Team. When he went on a mission trip to Cincinnati before his senior year he was referred to as "singer boy" because he was often chosen to lead music time for the group.

Will believes the ability to individualize his learning at St. Francis allowed him to fully invest himself in shows. By sophomore year, Will knew musical theatre was more than a passing interest. He decided to embrace every opportunity he could to be involved in shows. While in high school, Will participated in shows at, Notre Dame Academy, St. Ursula Academy and community theatre,

as well as St. Francis musicals. His favorite shows were Big Fish at SFS and Peter Pan at SUA. "The best part of being involved in other school's shows was to begin new relationships and further improve the relationships I already had. The aspect of community that comes from doing shows builds relationships with people you couldn't get anywhere else," stated Will.

One of the teachers who had a great impact on Will while he was a student at St. Francis was Jeanine Hohl. When reflecting on her English class, Will said, "Mrs. Hohl influenced the way I think in different circumstances and helped me to choose words I would not otherwise use. She also taught me to write a mean essay!" As for his theatre training, Will believes that Mr. Kevin Hayes made a big impact because he allowed the group to have some flexibility as actors instead of telling them exactly what to do. "He trusted us to make decisions which enabled us to grow," Will said.

Overall, Will believes his academic background at St. Francis has prepared him well for college. In high school he was encouraged to explore his interest in theatre, music and art while taking his core classes. The rigor of his work at St. Francis gave him a noticeable advantage among classmates in college. His transition from high school to college has been smooth and he looks forward to a bright future.(Photos: Will in musicals & Teen PEP)



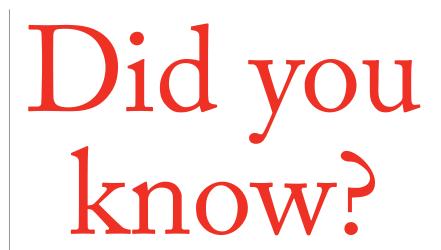




St. Francis de Sales is closer than you think. We currently have 4 students from Findlay and 1 from Sandusky.

The Student Achievement Center welcomes students all day from 7 am - 5 pm Monday through Thursday, 7 am -4 pm on Friday and 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Sunday.

St. Francis de Sales
National Honor Society
(NHS) students answer
a homework hotline to
support their peers.



Each week 411 students spend a total of 750 hours in the Student Achievement Center. This includes hours spent mentoring, tutoring, doing homework and studying.

St. Francis de Sales has been a proud Jon Peterson Scholarship provider since 2015.

St. Francis offers 22 AP classes

100% of our students use the Student Achievement Center.

In addition to our adult tutors, the 37 National Honor Society members at St. Francis provide peer tutoring every day in the Student Achievement Center.

St. Francis de Sales has
two full-time Intervention
Specialists on staff to support
our student needs.

100% of our students receive college acceptance.

Our Student Achievement Center is a place where students can get help or give help.

myPrep, our educational philosophy, designs a unique educational experience for each student.

TO LEAD AND TO SERVE

KNIGHTS AND EAGLE SCOUTS HAVE MUCH IN COMMON

Little known fact: St. Francis de Sales just might have the most, (or close to it) Eagle Scouts, past and present, than any other local high school. Even our own SFS Vice President, Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS '03 is an





Eagle Scout. As many know, reaching the rank of Eagle is no small feat and takes commitment and perseverance among other things. However, when much of what a scout is learning as he advances towards Eagle rank is also reinforced in his daily life at St. Francis, it makes it just that much easier.

Sophomore Gregory Zickes complet-

ed his Eagle Project this past July and has completed the last of his Eagle required merit badges. After he completes the required paperwork and Board of Reviews he hopes to make Eagle Scout rank official by the end of the school year; joining the long list of brother Knights before him who have earned the prestigious title. However, it's not so much the title that is important, but rather what those young men

have learned along the way and how they have been able to help and serve others.

SERVING THE CHURCH

Gregory's project was a continuation of several phases of the prayer garden at his grade school and parish, St. Joan of Arc. The project was to complete a paver path from the sidewalk to the prayer garden.

Gregory's faith and his church community have always been important to him. "I chose this project because the school and parish helped me grow academically and spiritually since I was a student at SJA," said Zickes who remains active at church as an MC at weekend Masses.

"I wanted to complete the project after the church renovations were finished. The prayer garden has been a work in progress for many years," he added. St. Francis alum and St. Joan of Arc parishioner CJ Tipping '17 completed another portion of the necessary paver paths to the prayer garden for his Eagle project the summer before. CJ offered Gregory a bit of guidance for his own project, as did St. Francis alum James Beroske '16.

LEADING WHILE BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Approximately 30 people assisted the day of the project. Along with the



generous help of the SJA Knights of Columbus and many scouts and their families, a few St. Francis students in the same scout troop worked alongside Gregory to complete the project. Bennett Ropp '22, Carter Piasecki '21, and Jacob Irelan '21 are also working toward the rank of Eagle and were there to lend a hand; as was long time classmate Caiden Guzman '21.

Both Gregory and CJ agree that developing humble confidence and how to be a leader are skills taught in scouting and at SFS daily; whether it be the example set by a teacher or through their various activities in sports, Teen Pep, musical, etc. Just as scouts has taught Gregory about building relationships within the troop and scout organization as a whole, he said his English teacher Mrs. Hohl teaches the students about being more attentive listeners which in turn helps them to build more authentic relationships with those around them.



INSTILLING THE DESIRE TO SERVE OTHERS

Gregory said SFS and scouting have taught him to persevere, work hard, and not give up. CJ added they both taught him how to lead by example. Both young men agree that scouts and St. Francis have taught them about service to others. Whether it is a trip to Appalachia building a ramp for a family in need, or staying local and bringing Christmas joy to area children or the elderly, both scouting and SFS instill the importance and desire to serve others. "I think it's an important part of life because it builds connections with people. It builds relationships with others and gives you a better understanding of those you help and their situations. Sharing your gifts with others makes them feel important and validated", said Gregory.



ALUMNI MAGAZINE 19

"Live Courageously, Love Greatly"

- Blessed Louis Brisson, Founder of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

AN OBLATE IS . . .

"Someone who helps me succeed and watches me grow as a person."

- Sam Lawrence, SFS '21



AN OBLATE IS . . .

"An advocate. If you need help with anything they are there for you. Fr. Zobler for instance, he can help you with your faith or your math!"

- Mitchell Digby, SFS '19



AN OBLATE IS . . .

"Someone who cares about everyone and works for the greater good of the people"

- James Sanford, SFS '22



OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS

What is an Oblate?

By definition, oblation means offering. The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales are a community of men who have offered their lives to serve God in the spirit of St. Francis de Sales. The spirit of St. Francis de Sales can be seen in the Oblate's relationship with each other and in how they relate to all of the people with whom they come in contact. St. Francis de Sales believed that all people are called to holiness in their lives. He believed in two main ideas, that God is good and people are good. Our school motto, "Be who you are and be that well in order to bring honor to the Master Craftsman whose handiwork you are" is a direct teaching of St. Francis de Sales.

The Oblates of St Francis de Sales are an international order of priests and brothers with approximately 800 members. They have called Toledo home since 1943. Their ministry permeates all facets of the community and beyond, from schools and parishes to mission work and outreach. Oblates have been described as positive, optimistic, joyful, upbeat, and as having a spirit of gentleness toward one another.

Currently, there are 24 Oblates living in the Toledo community, 15 of them live at St. Francis. What is important to the Oblates is that they live here, pray here, and work here. In addition to St. Francis de Sales School, their ministry takes them to 10 of our local parishes.

"When something is important to you, you give your life to it."

- Fr. Joseph Newman, OSFS SFS '03



AN OBLATE IS . . .

"Very open, supportive and spiritual. They will do anything to help you succeed,"

- Siddharth Fernandes SFS '19



AN OBLATE IS . . .

"A Teacher, friend, mentor"

- Camden Skinner, SFS '19



BY ADAM OKULEY '19

On October 15th we celebrated our Founder's Day Mass with the entire student body. At the end of Mass, Adam Okuley shared his Salesian reflection focusing on the meaning of Founder's Day, and the impact Blessed Louis Brisson had on the St. Francis de Sales School community.

"Twelve years ago, a young man was faced with a major decision. This is a decision that most of us in this room have made. He had to choose a high school to attend. His friends were split among a variety of schools and he had no family allegiance or history with any high school in the Toledo area. He was the oldest sibling. And after great consideration of all of his options, my brother Aaron chose to become a Knight of St. Francis de Sales. He took a risk. He emptied himself. And he embraced the motto of our school, Suaviter et Fortiter, with his entire being.

In his decision, my brother unknowingly changed the course of my life. I am a Knight of DeSales because of my older brothers Aaron and Andy. Our family has proudly been represented in the Knight community for the past 12 years. In that time, at least one of us has been part of the baseball program, the basketball team, campus ministry, student council, NHS, SLC, March For Life, various service trips, Interact and a host of other activities. We have been locked in on the Salesian teaching to "be who we are and to be that very well." I am happy and proud to share that my oldest brother Aaron is currently teaching in an underserved and immigrant community in a poor suburb of San Diego. He attributes his call to be a teacher to his time here at SFS. My other brother Andy is a senior at DeSales University finishing a degree in Exercise Physiology. When he graduates next May, Andy will continue to pursue his dream of becoming an occupational therapist. Andy, too, regards his time at SFS as both formational and influential in his decision to become a therapist.

BY DANIEL BURKE '19

On November 1 we celebrated All Saints Day Mass at Gesu. Daniel Burke shared his Salesian reflection with his brother Knights, faculty and staff.

November 1st, 2018

"Hello, my name is Dan Burke and I am a senior. Most of you may look at me as an annoying Cubs fan, or the official school waterboy, or the kid that associates his dad's life and legacy with everyday situations. I admit all are very true in the sense of who I am as a person, and I thank God each day for who and what I have in life. I do not take for granted the food I eat, the clothes I wear, and especially the people in this school who I get to be with every day. Every day is a blessing to live out who you are as a person, as a son, as a Knight of DeSales and is filled with opportunities to become a better person. To quote Coach Chipka and my Knight football family, 'anything is possible with attitude, effort, and enthusiasm.'

My dad, Kevin Burke, lived every day with attitude, effort and enthusiasm; along with keeping the pride and tradition of his family. One might call Kevin Burke a gentle giant, and indeed he was. He was also a husband to his wife, my mom, Lisa, and a father to me and my three sisters, Erin, Kara, and Alena. He enjoyed watching college basketball, college football, and any of his native Chicago sports teams compete; especially the Cubs, as you can see from the picture of him and me on the back of the worship aid. But I knew more than



anything that he loved being a dad and a husband for our family. My fondest memories of him include coaching my Saturday CYO games, making weekend trips to Chicago and playing catch with him. And, since 2012, he has been a reminder to our family what it means to be strong and faithful to the cross God has given us to bear. In that year, he was diagnosed with Synovial Sarcoma, a cancer in the knee that affects one in only a few thousand patients per year world-wide. But his tall 6'7 stature (as you can see by his jersey), selfless attitude, and good spirits kept us going each day. He was so selfless that he did things like apologize to people while telling the news that he had cancer, and most especially, letting us lean on him

I share my story with all of you at this Founder's Day celebration because, whether you and I realize it or not, we are all founders. We are the ones who, like Brisson following the example of Christ, are called to empty ourselves, take risks, allow God to be the foundation of our lives, and truly build up the brotherhood in our community. We are the ones influencing one another. And those we don't know are watching. That is something my brothers did for me and I am forever grateful. While I named my blood brothers already, the truth is I consider all of you part of my family. We are all brothers. And anything that prevents the brotherhood from growing, from God being at the center of our community, needs to be removed; needs to be emptied. That was a challenge for Fr. Brisson and that remains a challenge today for each one of us.

The Oblates have their own motto. In Latin, it is Tenui Nec Dimittam, and it means, "I have taken hold and I will not let go." On this Founder's Day, I am extremely grateful that Aaron and Andy took hold of the mission of our school community and still live it today. I am in admiration of Fr. Brisson who trusted immensely and took hold of the will of God to



start the Oblate community. And above all, I am hopeful that each one of us will courageously risk emptying ourselves so that what really holds our Knight community together is God's unconditional and never-ending love.

St. Francis de Sales...Pray for us.

Blessed Louis Brisson....Pray for us."

for support when he was the real one in pain.

At 4:16 am June 19th, 2016, Father's Day, I was awakened to a phone call that would change my life forever. I was in my dad's birthplace of Chicago when I had received news that my dad had served his earthly purpose in life, and God was calling him home. I was so distraught that I could not respond back to my mom with words, but whimpered like a baby on the phone. The only other man in the house was gone.

However, while he left us that day physically, his spiritual presence was and is still to this day extremely present. In fact, I received from him what I call my first sign or miracle on the same day that he passed. He and I had been to numerous Cubs games before, but each time ended up in a loss. However, that same day I went to Wrigley Field with my dad's brother and his family. I was clearly miserable and just trying to get through the day. But suddenly Wilson Contreras homered his first Major-League pitch, which contributed to a Cubs' win on this extremely bitter-sweet Father's Day. A few days later at his funeral I kept telling everyone to stay positive and be happy that he isn't suffering anymore. That day was both the worst and best day of my life. My most painful memory was watching his casket being put in the hearse, the door being shut, and the hearse driving off into the distance. However, the day ended with laughter from friends and family on our back porch while me and my cousins lit fireworks off in our backyard.

As school began months later, I had to figure out how to exist on my own without my dad. I felt particularly miserable that I could not watch the Cubs in the postseason with him on weeknights. However, my faith in God's plan was solidified when the Cubs won the World Series on an early November 3rd morning. I was surrounded that night with many family members amid tears of joy at the sight of a miracle. The next

day I was high-fiving every non-Indians fan and walking into the classrooms of the once chirping, now silent, Mr. Caputo and Mr. Genovesi. It isn't a coincidence that my dad passed away a Cubs fan the same year they broke their 108-year curse in a 7 game series; and since the day it happened I refuse to use the word coincidence. Many people refer to coincidences because they can not look beyond themselves to see what is really there. (I have learned this thanks to Mr. Conry). Instead, I use the terms miracle or gift from God. I believe it has been a gift to me that I am able to go to this school filled with amazing students, faculty and staff. I believe that life is a gift from God that should not be seen as a burden, and my father's life is a witness to this. He lived in such a way where he lived out St. Francis' ideal of doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.

My dad carried his cross so far and so powerfully and it rubs off on my life everyday. Through his cancer journey, my dad made the most out of his burden by keeping the faith and not losing hope in God's plan. His legacy inspires me to love my family and the St. Francis community unconditionally. Although you may not have met my dad, I hope that my life carries on his legacy of love and service and you can get to know him through me. After the last day of school my freshman year he said to me that he was happy that I chose this school, and felt affirmed that I was in good hands with the brotherhood of St. Francis. I am here to tell you that I agree 100%. He is my inspiration to live courageously and love greatly. Keep the faith in ways beyond yourself and never be afraid to show unconditional love in the ways of the Saints.

'You can't anticipate; but you can adapt'. -Kevin O'Neill Burke. Love you Dad."

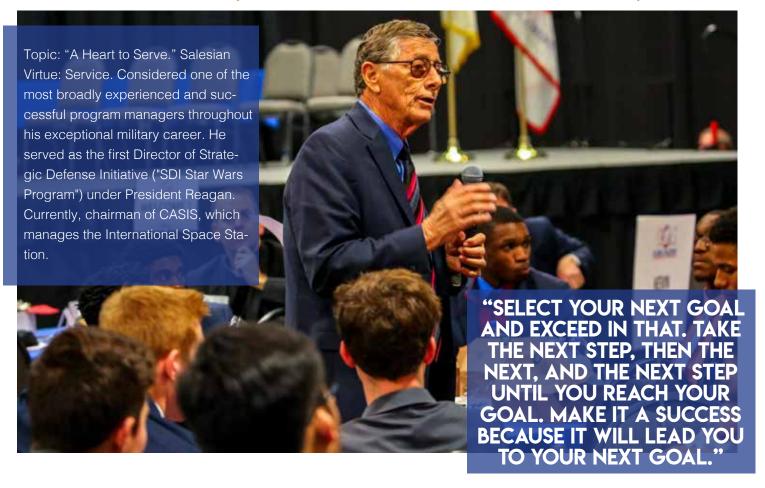


SECOND ANNUAL GLOBAL SALESIAN
LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM ATTRACTS
THOUGHT LEADERS ON WATER
QUALITY, AIR AND SPACE AND BUSINESS
TO TOLEDO

ollowing the success of its inaugural 2017 event, St. Francis de Sales School hosted the second annual Global Salesian Leadership Symposium (GSLS). This year, the GSLS provided access and proximity to world-class thought leaders in diverse areas of innovation and industry including water quality in the Toledo region, air and space, and business. The vision of this program is to ensure Salesian leadership development programs and initiatives are embraced across our network schools and beyond, to maximize our impact, and to inspire future leaders. Through GSLS we seek to present speakers and programming that will inspire far beyond the single day of our event, developing tomorrow's leader today.

Over the past several years, St. Francis de Sales School has been in dialogue with local leaders in the fields of medicine, business, law, engineering, church, education, banking and civil service concerning the current educational and formational needs of our community. Many noted that employees are entering the work force with excellent technical knowledge, but too few show interest and knowledge of leadership or possess the skills. This reflects a national trend of data which reports that employees are needed who can motivate others, adapt to change and possess the ability, education, interest, humility, integrity, temperament and confidence to emerge as true leaders. St. Francis de Sales has launched the GSLS to address these concerns.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER LT. GENERAL JAMES ABRAHAMSON •RET. USAF•



KEYNOTE SPEAKER JOHN HORACK, PH.D.



CLEAN WATER & GREATER TOLEDO REGION PANEL:

TERRY COSBY: State Conservationist of the Natural Resources Service in Ohio

THE HONORABLE MARCY KAPTUR: Congresswoman Kaptur is the longest serving woman in the House

of Representatives where she serves on the powerful Appropriations Committee & Steering & Policy Committee.

JOHN HORACK, PH.D.: Professor at The Ohio State University College of Engineering and John Glenn College

of Public affairs. Interim Director at The Ohio State University Center for Aviation Studies.

CHRIS WINSLOW, PH.D.: Director of the Ohio Sea Grant College Program.

RYAN WICHMAN, EMCEE: WTOL Meteorologist

PRESENTERS



DR. MELISSA BAUMANN, PH.D. Provost and Chief Academic Officer Xavier University.

MR. MIKE BELL Former Mayor of Toledo 2010-2013, Former State Fire Marshall - State of Ohio, Former Toledo Fire Chief and First African American, as well as the youngest person ever to lead the department.





MR. PETER GRADY SFS '77 Completed a 30+year career with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles where he held leadership roles as Head of Global Dealer Network Development, President and CEO of Maserati North America and Head of Global Fleet Operations.



DR. JOEL HARRINGTON, PH.D. SFS '77

Centennial Professor at Vanderbilt University, with concurrent appointments in German Studies & the Graduate Department of Religion; expert on the Papacy.



COL. JACK HAYES, PH.D. Previous Director of the National Weather Service Office of Science and Technology. He was the Deputy Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Ocean Service and played a lead role in the agency's response to Hurricane Katrina.



MRS. LORI JOHNSTON President of ProMedica Insurance Corporation.



MAYOR WADE KAPSZUKIEWICZ SFS '90
Mayor of the City of Toledo



MR. DAVID TRESSLER, ESQ. SFS '95

Senior Counsel and lead legal advisor for product development and safety, cybersecurity and litigation at Waymo.



COL. JAY UPDEGRAFF SFS '86 Served as Commander of two Air Force Organizations, including combat and combat support sortied into Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. Graduated from the U.S. Army's School of Advanced Military Studies of the Air War College. Commanded a Global Mobility Squadron to Haiti in 2010 during the international earthquake relief effort.

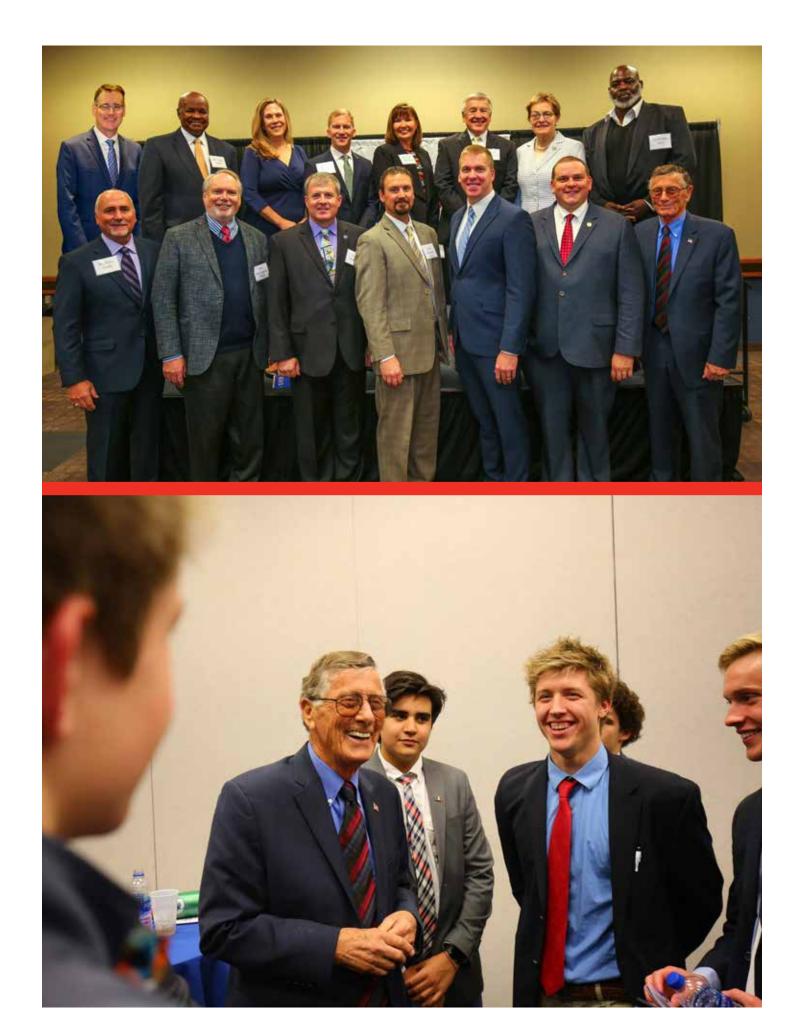
"IF YOU WANT TO BE A GOOD LEADER YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW IT ALL, BUT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHO DOES AND MAKE THEM PART OF YOUR TEAM...AND THEN EVERYONE IS STRONGER."

-The Honorable Mike Bell (What is Your Strong Suit-Playing Upon Your Strengths)



"AS HUMAN BEINGS, WE MUST HAVE EMPATHY TO RECOGNIZE AND KNOW WHEN OTHERS ARE HURTING IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN CONDITION. INSTILLING LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN YOUNG PEOPLE WHILE THEY ARE IN THEIR TEENAGE YEARS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. I AM PROUD OF MY ALMA MATER FOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE FOR MOVING THIS EFFORT FORWARD."

-The Honorable Wade Kapszukiewicz (Be Who You Are And Be That Well)



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CONTEMPLATE THESE UNANTICIPATED EVENTS AND LEARN TO PLAN FOR SUCH EVENTS.
THIS IS AN ESSENTIAL SKILL TO LEARN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE."

-Col. J. Jay Updegraff (Loyal to the Cause-Creating a Better World)



"YOU'RE NOT BORN TO BE A LEAD-ER. EVERYONE CAN LEARN TO BE A LEADER...AS LONG AS YOU MAINTAIN AUTHENTICITY AND INTEGRITY."

-Peter Grady (Innovation Leadership in a Changing World)

"LIFE SCIENCE IS THE KEY, LET THE TRUTH DRIVE DECISIONS, MAKE SURE YOU SEE BOTH SIDES, AND AP-PROACH THINGS COLLABORATIVELY.

-Chris Winslow, PH. D. (Clean Water and the Greater Toledo Area)

"YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE CRITICAL DECISIONS IN YOUR LIFE, CULTIVATE LISTENING TO THAT INNER VOICE, COMING TO ST. FRANCIS WAS ONE OF THOSE INNER VOICE DECISIONS FOR ME,"

Col. Jack Hayes, PH.D. (Doing Ordinary Things Extraordinarily Well in a Multinational Organization Today)

"SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND
HOSPITALS TEND TO BE THE SOUL OF
A COMMUNITY. HOW DO WE WORK
TOGETHER TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE
CHALLENGES IN THE COMMUNITY?"

-Lori Johnston (The Importance of Anchor Institutions)

"WE NEED PEOPLE WHO
UNDERSTAND THAT THE
ENVIRONMENT MATTERS, USE THE
NEXT 10 YEARS OF YOUR LIFE TO
DISCOVER YOUR WORLD."

-The Honorable Marcy Kaptur (Clean Water and the Greater Toledo Region)



"PERSEVERANCE IS TO HOLD ONTO SOMETHING. WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING ON TO? WHAT YOU HOLD ON TO IS YOUR TRUE SELF. NOT WHAT'S ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT WHO YOU ARE AT YOUR CORE; WHO GOD CREATED YOU TO BE. THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED TO HOLD ON TO."

-Dr. Joel Harrington (Battle Bravely-Leadership through Tough Times)





"IF WE CAN GET TO THE STUDENTS, THEY'LL INFLUENCE THE ADULTS."

-Terry Cosby (Clean Water & the Greater Toledo Region)

"HOW DO YOU ACCEPT, BUT NOT ACCEPT, THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE?"

-Dr. Melissa Baumann, PH.D. (Blessed are the Hearts That Can Bend for They Shall Never Be Broken)

"OPTIMISM IS NOT JUST A ROSY WAY OF LOOKING AT LIFE. REAL OPTIMISM IS DEEPER THAN THAT. IT'S SETTING BIG GOALS, FACING SETBACKS, AND RESETTING YOURSELF."

-David Tressler, ESQ. (Dream Big, Fail Often, Learn Quickly)

PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT

FOR TODAY, TOMORROW, FOREVER

TODAY

For St. Francis de Sales School, as for all not-for-profit institutions, the Annual Fund or, simply annual fundraising, is the backbone of the Development Office. Annual Funds are used in their entirety to help cover annual operational costs in charitable institutions. Catholic high schools simply cannot operate on tuition income alone unless they are to become elite schools catering only to families able to afford significant tuition costs. St. Francis is committed to providing a Catholic education to all those who desire and are deserving of it. Each year St. Francis de Sales School provides just over \$2 million in scholarships and tuition assistance.

Annually non-tuition revenues at St. Francis come from events like FUNARAMA, the Presidential Gala, the Knight of the Vine, and what is simply called Annual Giving. An appeal is made every year to ask for philanthropic gifts in support of the mission, the educational work of the school. Thankfully, more than \$600,000 is raised each year through the Annual Fund. The school would not be able to offer all the tuition assistance it does without Annual Giving.

In 1986 a boy named Jay Updegraff graduated from St.

Francis; he is now retired Air Force Colonel Jay Updegraff. Since 1993, just seven years after his graduation, Jay began sending donations to the Annual Appeal. He and his wife Becky are faithful long-term donors to his Alma Mater. Alumni and non-alumni donors like Jay empower the Oblates and lay faculty and staff to continue the mission of St. Francis: to help guide boys on the journey to becoming young Christian gentlemen, prepared for college and beyond, prepared to be contributing citizens in society.

No gift is too small for the Annual Fund and no gift is too large. Together with Jay Updegraff, hundreds of annual benefactors are sharing in the mission of St. Francis de Sales School. Simply stated, every year the school depends on them to continue as the premier Catholic school for boys in the greater Toledo area.

TOMORROW

"Tomorrow Gifts" are philanthropic gifts to St. Francis de Sales School or to the St. Francis de Sales Foundation to advance the school's strategic initiatives. These are initiatives designed to move the school forward in programs, physical facilities, or affordability. Oftentimes, being significant gifts, they are in the form of a pledge payable over several years. Such are the gifts made by Patrick



Mahoney, Class of 1960 and David Snell, father of two Knight Alumni and a member of the school's Board of Trustees as well as the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Five years ago Patrick and his brother, Michael, Class of 1959, established an endowed fund, the John and Helen Mahoney Leadership Award. The scholarship is awarded annually to a St. Francis senior for his senior year tuition. Designed as an incentive scholarship for students demonstrating leadership, the fund helps to advance the school's strategic initiative of Salesian Leadership. It is an initiative intended to promote leadership in the spirit of our school's patron, St. Francis de Sales. At the core of the Salesian Leadership initiative are the qualities of humble confidence, authentic relationships, and service. While the Mahoney brothers initially funded the scholarship five years ago, Patrick continues to increase the corpus with annual gifts.

David Snell is advancing our strategic initiatives through a very significant pledge that he and his wife, Nona, have made. A portion is to advance the CASE (Center for Advanced Scientific Exploration) Initiative and a portion is to fund the school's Affordability Initiative by establishing an endowed fund to provide significant tuition assistance to future Knights in perpetuity.

While "Today Gifts" help fund St. Francis' annual operating needs, "Tomorrow Gifts" move the school forward by advancing the strategic initiatives.

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For Dr. Bill Clegg, `74, education and a hard work ethic has always been a part of life. From the time he was a little boy, Bill remembers his father, a University of Toledo college professor, bringing an educational component into many family activities. It is not surprising that Bill and his wife, Denise, have chosen to include St. Francis in their estate.

After attending St. Catherine of Siena and then graduating from Gesu, St. Francis was his first and only choice for high school. While a student Knight, Bill was a member of the swimming and water polo teams as well as the intramural football team. His favorite classes were chemistry with Fr. John Ebenhoeh and English with Fr. William Fisher. Bill states, "I appreciated how Father Fisher taught us to be creative and 'to be concrete as hell' with our writing."

Bill graduated from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend. "I never would have been accepted to Notre Dame were it not for the challenging courses at St. Francis," he said. Soon after his graduation from Notre Dame he was accepted to the Medical College of Ohio.

Bill says that ever since being a Boy Scout, first aid and lifesaving were the areas that interested him. He did a full residency in emergency medicine and was the Flight Physician on more than 150 helicopter missions.

He practiced emergency medicine in Kalamazoo for 31 years, retiring in 2017. He and his wife Denise gave birth to and raised two sons. Due to his love of water polo at St. Francis and wanting to share that with his sons, Bill began and coached the first water polo team in Portage, Michigan. He also served as a Boy Scout leader. He volunteers

as the local BSA camp medical doctor, was a physician at the 2017 Scout National Jamboree and will be on the Medical Staff of the 2019 World Scout Jamboree.

Bill and Denise believe in giving back and helping to provide opportunities for others to grow and learn to help themselves. Bill explains, "I have been afforded so many great opportunities; I want to help others achieve their dreams. Without my St Francis foundations, I never would have been able to achieve my goals. Our teachers were always challenging us."

As Denise and Bill are both graduates of Catholic schools, they thought it important to give back to Catholic education. In planning their estate Bill said, "While providing for our family, Denise, and I both felt it was important to carve a portion of our estate to give back to those organizations that made a difference in our lives and in the lives of others."

By establishing an endowed fund in the St. Francis de Sales Foundation, Bill and Denise will provide scholarships and tuition assistance for many generations of future Knights. Theirs is what is called a "Forever Gift" because it will generate distributions in perpetuity.

Bill wants to encourage others, especially alumni, to do what he and Denise did. He challenges classmates to consider where they are now and to remember how many shoulders they had to stand on to get there. Bill Clegg truly believes that all of the St. Francis Alumni achieved their positions in life with multiple helping hands. He believes they should be those hands now for future Knights.

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St. Francis de Sales

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HOW TO PROCEED

- 1. Work with your attorney or financial advisor to designate a specific asset or percentage of your estate, trust, retirement, or other financial accounts to the St. Francis de Sales Foundation. The SFS foundation can be either a primary or contingent beneficiary.
- 2. Do you want to direct the use of your gift? If so, contact Renee Winkler at 419.214.5429 to discuss options and ensure that your wishes can be met.
- 3. Inform SFS of your commitment. This will allow us to notify you of any changes that may impact your future commitment, enroll you in our Knight Legacy Guild, and properly recognize you for your future commitment to SFS.

Commitments are kept confidential and are not binding; you control your assets during your lifetime. As a member of the Knight Legacy Guild, you are recognized in our Annual Impact Report (unless you prefer to be a member but do not wish public recognition) as a way to demonstrate your support for SFS and its values.





Thursday, May 2nd @ 7:30pm Friday, May 3rd @ 7:30pm Saturday, May 4th @ 7:30pm Sunday, May 5th @ 2:00pm

Franciscan Theater
On the Campus of Lourdes University



"Livin la Vida Loca" by Ricky Martin "Graduation"
by Vitamin C
Adam Gomoll'00

Tony Caputo '00

"Jack & Diane"

by John Cougar Mellencamp Chris Keller '83



Answer our next question:

"What are some words of wisdom you first heard at St. Francis that still stick with you today?"

Email your answers to alumni@sfsknights.org by April 15, 2019.

"Under Pressure."

by Queen & David Bowie Eric Karolak '82

"School's Out"

by Alice Cooper

Joe Torti '76



"Mo Bamba"
by Sheck Wes

Jack Alberti '19

"Ambition"

by Wale and Meek Mill

Joseph Eid '13

"Shoulder Lean" by Young Dro ft. T.I.

Billy Kuyoth '09



"Thrift Shop" by Macklemore

Nick Dombi '14

"The Twist" by Chubby Checker

Barney Schlachter '60

"Learn to Fly" by The Foo Fighters

Casey Darrah '00

"Gold Digger"

by Kanye West

Stephen Jefferson'06

"Paint it Black" by The Rolling Stones

John O'Neill'66



"1979<mark>"</mark>

by The Smashing Pumpkins

Andrew Schwanger '98



"Never Going to Give You Up" By Rick Astley

Mark Hayden '88

"Careless Whisper" by Wham

Robert Solon Jr.'85

"Oh Donna" by Ritchie Valens

Tom Schlachter '62



HALL OF FAME 2018

ON OCTOBER 18, ST. FRANCIS
CELEBRATED THE HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION WITH ALUMNI FROM
ALL ERAS. THIS YEAR'S AWARD
RECIPIENTS INCLUDED:

EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES

DAVID BAK 1975 (POSTHUMOUSLY)
CHRIS GRANATA 1990
STEVE HARMS 1996
PATRICK BEHAN 2000
ROSS WILSON 2002

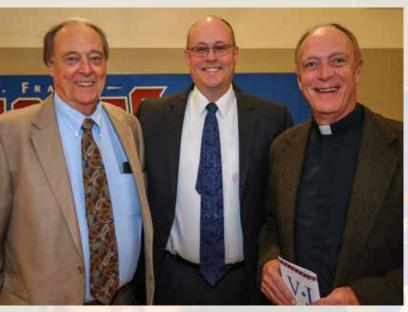
GOLDEN KNIGHT AWARD TOM GEIGER, JR. 1972

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SERVICE AWARD
THE ZYCHOWICZ FAMILY/
THE SKOWRONEK FAMILY

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TEAM OF DISTINCTION
1999 SWIMMING FREE RELAY
(CIFERRI '99, LEAHY '99, KURTH
'99, FRAAS '00)











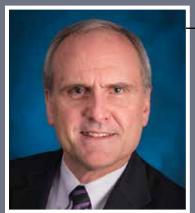


CLASS NOTES









DR. GERALD CICHOCKI '64

Dr. Gerald and Deborah Cichocki recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Frisco, Texas.

RANDY WHATELY '70

Randy Whately has been inducted into the Toledo City League Hall of Fame for his successes during his time at St. Francis. He was a wide receiver for the football team, a guard for the basketball team, and an extraordinary tennis player as well. He went on to be a two-year letterman for the football team and the tennis team at the University of Toledo. Randy was inducted in October 2018.

GARY MORSCHES '77 AND TOM SEEMAN '77

Fr. Ron Olszewski and Joe Sweeney met with Gary and Tom this past September after taking a road trip to Boston where Tom now lives.

STEPHEN CAIN '78

During his 30 years as a staff member at Montgomery College, Dr. Cain has worn many hats starting as a part-time chemistry teacher and now serving as the acting President of the College for a six-month term. MC is the largest community college in Maryland (55,000 students) and Stephen is thrilled to fill this role of president until January when the original president returns from sabbatical. Dr. Cain will then resume his position as the Chief of Staff/ Chief Strategy Officer where he fulfills an array of responsibilities that require leadership, vision, and a profound commitment to institutional and student success. He is also a fellow in the Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence which is a program "aimed at preparing the next generation of

community college presidents to transform institutions to achieve high and equitable levels of student success both in college and in the labor market" Stephen and his wife have been married 33 years and have a family of four children as well as one granddaughter! Three of his children graduated from the University of Dayton and one is a freshman this year. Also, with family in Toledo and Columbus areas, Stephen frequently visits Ohio despite living in the DC area himself.

PATRICK KENNEY '79, ALAN ZOBLER '97, AND JAY KENNEY '08

On November 4th three SFS alumni completed the NYC marathon. Patrick Kenney, Dr. Jay Kenney and Fr. Alan Zobler joined 52,000 other runners to run 26.2 miles through the five boroughs of New York City. This was Patrick's 17th New York Marathon, 20th overall. Jay Kenney competed in his first ever marathon and this was Fr. Zobler's 3rd NYC Marathon and 13th overall. After the race there was a Saturday evening Mass at the historic St. Patrick's Cathedral. Fr. Zobler co-celebrated the Mass, which ended in a final blessing of the runners as they are invited to the Altar. Several St. Francis de Sales School alums joined in this celebration!

JEFF ZIRKER '83

Jeff is Chief Experience Officer and VP, Managed Services at The Select Group, a Technical Services firm in Raleigh, NC, with offices across North America. Jeff is celebrating 3 years of marriage with his wife Denise. Jeff is also a certified customer experience executive through The Dijulius Group and completed a Stanford GSB LEAD certificate program in corporate innovation.

Alumni looking for career opportunities should contact Jeff at LinkedIn or email to jzirker@selectgroup.com





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CHRIS KELLER '83

When a company is looking to expand, a seasoned veteran like Chris Keller, middle, can be a crucial asset. This is exactly what brought Hub Group to hire our local alumnus. Hub Group is a supply chain solutions provider that offers transportation services throughout North America including truck brokerage and logistics services. Chris, Vice President, has seen tremendous growth in his time with the company including a staff of 115 employees, outgrowing two facilities within a four-year period, and being recognized as an anchor company in the Toledo Warehouse District. Mr. Keller has created an "empowering, inclusive culture" by implementing the St. Francis motto "Be who you are and be that well". He believes that community and family is an important part of the office and those values have spilled over into the relationships they have with customers and how they care for and support each other. The success for Hub Group has just begun with a great leader like Chris Keller at the helm!

WADE KAPSZUKIEWICZ '90

Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz has done some great things for the city of Toledo during his time as mayor. In the photo, Wade is speaking at a Leadership Toledo breakfast gathering in the newly renovated Renaissance Hotel in downtown Toledo. This gathering was put on in order to raise funds for the organization as well as promote its great mission. Leadership Toledo is an organization committed to inspiring the next generation to lead. You can also hear from the Mayor at his "Wednesday's with Wade" that take place the first Wednesday of each month at different locations around the city!

NATHAN CROMLEY '94

Fr. Nathan Cromley addresses the Catholic Business Network (CBN) mission breakfast at Sylvania Saint Joe's. Father Nathan runs the St. John institute based in Denver Colorado and travels the country spreading the Good News of the Gospel

JOSH '94 AND DANIEL '99 BARROW

Lieutenant Colonel Josh Barrow and Major Daniel Barrow participated in the NATO CIOR Military Skills Competition in Quebec City, Canada this past

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summer. The team trained at Camp Ethan Allen, Vermont and prepared for an all- around test of their skills including Pistol and Rifle competitioins, Orienteering, Land Obstacle, and Water Obstacle courses. The two brothers represented the United States well and also further developed their leadership and military skills. This event was a great way to network with the host nation and other NATO partners as well as exchange best practices and foster team development. Congratulations to the Barrow brothers and their team!

CORY THOMPSON '96

Cory and his family made the trip from Metro Detroit to speak to the inductees of the National Honor Society on October 17, 2018. Cory spoke about how his time at SFS shaped him in to who he is today and also gave advice to the

young Knights about utilizing all of the resources available at this awesome school as well as getting themselves out of their comfort zones in order to grow and succeed.

Cory obtained his Bachelor of Science in Business with a double major in Accountancy and Finance in four years at Miami University. After receiving his degree, Cory was hired by Stout, a financial advisory services firm with a focus of Investment Banking and



Valuation Advisory headquartered in Chicago, IL. Mr. Thompson has an 18-year tenure at Stout and advanced from Analyst to currently serving as a Managing Director and the leader of the firm's Detroit office. He has also given of his time to be involved in the Corporate Work Study Planning Council at Detroit Cristo Rey High School, where they provide high-quality Catholic college preparatory education to youth who would not otherwise be able to afford private school education.

He and his wife Gina are raising their two children (Noah-10 and Emily-7) in Northville, Michigan. We thank Cory and his family for joining us in this celebration and for his words of wisdom!







CHRISTOPHER WEBER '03

Chris and his wife, Connie, welcomed a new member into the family August 8th, 2018. Bligh Christopher was born at West Boca Medical Center in Boca Raton, Florida. He weighed 8lbs 15oz and was 20.5" long.

MATT BELL '05, JOSH MURNEN '00, AND KEVAN TONEY '04

Since 1996, 20 Under 40, a Leadership Recognition Program, has showcased dynamic leaders in the Toledo area. This year, three of our own St. Francis graduates have made the list!

Matt Bell serves as the president and co-founder of Team Recovery & Midwest Recovery Center and was named the 2017 Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Advocate of the year. After suffering through addiction himself, Matt has been sober since 2015 and has looked to make a difference ever since. Opening five treatment centers between Lucas and Wood County, raising over \$1.2 million, personally speaking to 90 different schools, and working with Promedica and Epworth Church to create a family support group are just a few ways Bell is helping suffering individuals and families.

Joshua Murnen is extremely dedicated to improving our community through rebuilding neighborhoods throughout Toledo and Lucas County. Josh is the vice president and general counsel of the Lucas County Land Bank where he oversees thousands of individual projects and works with residents, non-profits, private developers, and the public sector to make these improvements happen. Murnen has received degrees from three different universities, including the University of Toledo, and utilizes his skills in various community-driven initiatives, as the secretary for the Lucas County Land Reutilization Corporation, and also is a part of numerous sustainability boards in Lucas County.

- Kevan Toney made his way from a patrol officer to his position now as the youngest lieutenant in the Toledo Police Department. While Kevan has held many leadership roles within the department, he is also an Air Force veteran and has been recognized for his performance on duty as well as other recognitions in his field. Toney is also an active volunteer with the police department's

12 Kids of Christmas, Race for the Cure, and raises funds for charity through Toledo Police Hockey.

Congratulations to these three Knight Alumni! We couldn't be more thankful for their leadership in our community!

ZACH '06 AND TIA ROST

The Rost's had a baby boy, Henry Charles, on September 2nd, 2018. Zach has one more year in his residency in Toledo and will be pursuing a fellowship at Harvard in intervention radiology the following year.

PAUL FUZINSKI '07

After connecting with a college friend who worked for Buckeye Cable Arts Network (BCAN), Paul was asked to be a part of the network and the two created their own show called "Take It Outside". The program takes you through Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan explaining localized nature information as well as showing all of the fun nature exploring to do in the area. Tune in to "Take It Outside" Monday evenings at 9 pm to see what adventures Paul is on these days!

MARK BLOWERS '08

After graduating from St. Francis, Mark pursued a Bachelor's of Music and a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre at Ohio Northern University. During his time at ONU, Mark performed in summer stock theatres frequently and decided to further his music career by moving to New York City after graduating in December 2012. Throughout his five and a half years in NYC Mark has performed Off-Broadway and around the country, and also toured with My Fair Lady to Singapore and China. Mr. Blowers is also proud of the shows that he has directed and choreographed that still have impressive runs in both LA and NYC.

After a few years of dedication and hard-work, Mark has signed with Preston Ridge Management in order to continue developing his career. Their most recent show, "Mark William: Come Croon with Me", will be put on for the public as well as a showcase for industry professionals to see the great talent that



Mark has. This opportunity will potentially lead to even more excitement in Mark's career and hopefully brings the show back to Toledo in the near future!

MICHAEL AMPTHOR '10

Michael attended the University of Dayton and was awarded the Keith Dressel Scholarship for those pursuing a criminal justice/law enforcement career. Michael graduated with a criminal justice and psychology degree and has been a police officer with the City of Chattanooga (TN) for the past four years. In that time, he has sought out and completed additional training related to crowd control, bicycle patrolling, community service by attending summer camp with underserved youth, and accepting extra duty at local businesses and churches. Recently Michael was awarded a Community Service Recognition for his work at the summer camp and in engaging with the people in his patrol area. Additionally, he was recognized with a Life Saving Award for having provided emergency first aid to a gunshot victim prior to the EMTs arriving. This swift action saved the person's life due to multiple gunshot wounds.



RJ RIOS 10

RJ Rios married Zoe Burzynski on June 23, 2018

ALEC FALKENBERG '13

After graduating from the University of Toledo, Alec has been running his business through Transamerica Financial Advisors where he is a Comprehensive Financial Planner. He works to improve financial literacy, help plan for retirement, begin investments, and place life insurance.

IN MEMORIAM

The St. Francis de Sales School community joins in prayerful remembrance of those who have died. Eternal peace, grant unto them, O Lord.

- · Joseph J. Lisowski '72 12/20/2017
- Jeffrey G. Millns '68 12/27/2017
- Edward J. Taylor '59 1/11/2018
- David L. Root '68 1/11/2018
- Michael F. Simone '09 1/26/2018
- Theodore E. Maxson '61 2/2/2018
- William L. Zorn '17 2/18/2018
- Peter A. Puhl '65 3/5/2018
- Jan F. Chlebowski '61 3/10/2018
- · Thomas J. Malinowski '74 3/10/2018
- · Ryan A. Kersey '04 3/26/2018
- · William J. Chmielewski '62 4/6/2018
- Dennis R. Koop '60 4/13/2018
- Martin J. Degnan '64 4/26/2018
- · John E. Thor '88 4/30/2018
- Michael J. Flis '77 5/11/2018
- · Kevin J. Gallagher '65 5/16/2018
- · Thomas I. Wisniewski '66 6/9/2018
- Bernard A. Lloyd '13 6/14/2018
- · Jeremiah Valiant '92 6/15/2018
- · Robert E. Rahman '62 7/26/2018
- · Leonard E. Avery '62 8/13/2018
- Henry E. Nowakowski '73 8/30/2018
- · Gregory J. Oswald '60 8/31/2018
- C. Michael Dooley '95 8/31/2018
- · Francis G. Parker '65 9/7/2018
- Kenneth V. Schreiner '59 9/11/2018
- · Michael C. Granata '87 9/30/2018
- Michael G. Lewczynski '79 10/17/2018



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