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Ever Changing. Ever Growing. Always St Joes.



Navigating history outside of the classroom. Peer Ministry students participate in a social justice program through *Discovering Amistad!*



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Ever Changing, Ever Growing...

A Letter from SJ Cadet, Colby Trembley '19

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I received my St Joseph High School acceptance letter in December 2015, and I was ready to make St Joes my home. The newly built lobby and courtyard felt collegiate; and I knew this was the school that would prepare me for

college. Since my freshman year, changes were made to make our school feel more like a college campus; we gained a new Health and Wellness Center, a turf field, classrooms in the convent, and a new boardwalk to name a few. There are always projects going on, building St Joes into the premier preparatory school it boasts to be. However, the building was not the only thing changing.

My peers and I have grown so much in four short years. From nervous freshmen, believing there was a pool on the "fourth floor", to upperclassmen, preparing to head off on our journeys into college and "the real world". I entered St Joseph High School as an insecure freshman, unsure of his role in society. Thanks to the faculty, staff, and administrators, I am ready to major in elementary education. I am fully prepared to go off to college and bring with me the values that St Joes has instilled in me. I now know

how to make a change in society as an educator myself. The skills I have been taught will allow me to flourish when I have a classroom of my own.

As my time at St Joes begins to wind down, I have noticed myself taking more time to appreciate the little things that I love about this school. I will surely miss the laughter in the hallway between classes, the sounds of steel-pan practicing in the auditorium, and the friendly faces smiling at me as I walk through the cafeteria. Although it will be hard to say goodbye, I know that I will not be away for long.

I cannot wait to come back and visit. I know there will be so many new things to see. Although my fellow seniors are growing and moving on, there is always a new freshman class waiting to call St Joes home and carry on our traditions. We are all ever growing, ever changing, but always St Joes.

With Thanks,

Always St Joes.



The cover photograph of our students cruising Long Island Sound on the Amistad made me realize how porous our classroom walls have become.

The photo began in Mr Smith's Peer Ministry classroom. Deacon Arthur Miller from the Hartford Diocese had given a school-wide lecture on racism and "Bystander Intervention." The conversation continued in class, and focused on ethnic diversity at St Joes and the moral imperative in our motto: Privilege and Responsibility. Which led to the docks in New Haven and the decks of the Amistad, where students learned about the slave trade, the culture of the Mende captives, and Connecticut's landmark Supreme Court decision that freed the captives from slavery. Not a bad day at school.

Mr Dempsey, activities coordinator, on the lookout for relevant programs encountered Milestone C, two aeronautical engineers looking to inspire high schoolers. Their workshop now runs after school and during the summer and has sparked courses in robotics, engineering, coding, and software design (gaming). Students are building drones and working with flight simulators.

A career interest survey in Guidance spawned the Career Readiness Day for juniors and seniors, which then hatched the new Futures Internships Program.

The Health and Wellness Center has turned Physical Education into fitness science. Mrs Thresher offers Yoga, Mobility, and a new Boot Camp on Saturday mornings for parents and alums.

The Francis Xavier program begins in the classroom and has travelled so far to China, Montana, Nicaragua, West Virginia, Rome, New Orleans, Peru, Maine, and Puerto Rico—as well as numerous community organizations

throughout the Bridgeport area.

Dr Walsh has his students in the wetlands. Mrs Cellini takes genetics classes to Cold Spring Harbor Labs. Mr Mamrus' physics classes seem to always be in the halls testing the principles of gravity and mechanics. Mr Schmidlin's classes in international relations compete with international teams at Model UN. Mr Semplice will be off to Spain for three weeks and Mrs Piatak to the University of Iowa as part of our new summer Sabbatical grants.

St Joes does not sit still. Our goal is a dynamic Catholic college preparatory education. Art museums, plays and performances, media and communications—all are part of a St Joes education. Blue waters, open oceans, and adventurous souls—we care less about where we have been than where we are heading. We chart our courses by the stars—our students.

Godspeed,

From Admissions Through Guidance: We Are Here Every Step of the Way.

by Jessica Costa, Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management and Megan Baird '01, Director of Guidance



centric vision; focused on goal setting, collaborative problem solving, committed to tracking progress and celebrating success. When students walk through the doors in August, freshmen are welcomed by their guidance counselors and immediately begin to cultivate strong relationships through individual and parent meetings, as well as small group workshops. The first quarter of freshman year, counselors meet with their new students to assist them in navigating student resources, introduce them to the college planning process, and counsel them through the growing range of obstacles students face on their way to success.

We expect great things from the Class of 2023, but we do not leave their success to chance. With careful intention, our students are shaped into well-rounded global citizens with the tools to succeed not only in college, but in life beyond St Joes.

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Our new freshman class boasts impressive statistics; students originate from 24 towns in Fairfield, New Haven, and Hartford Counties and 51 different middle schools across the state, even one from New York. The Class of 2023 is comprised of three Student Council Presidents, multiple first-place essay and poetry winners, inventors, performers, athletes, and artists with a collective 8th grade GPA of 87.6 as well as an endless amount of community service. At a recent accepted student event, Head of School, Dr Fitzgerald offered his congratulations and admiration to our incoming freshmen tempered with the expectation that their accomplishments have only just begun.

Our admissions office is eagerly awaiting the fulfillment of this expectation because

the success of each student propels the success of our community. However, the unique value of a St Joes education is in the process of attaining such success. Individual accomplishments are celebrated with the humble appreciation for the community of support. We grow into great – we grow together—students, parents, teachers, and school administrators alike.

The first step in ensuring our already motivated incoming students maintain their momentum is to communicate the unique aptitudes of each new student to their new advocates: the guidance team. The guidance and college counseling staff are not only focused on the relationships with colleges and university admission staff, but the admission staff located right down the hall in the main lobby of St Joes. The guidance team has been collaborating with the admissions team since October to plan for the students who will not arrive until August.

The guidance staff maintains a student



Pictured: SJ Alumni return for 2019's Accepted Student Night!

**The Proof is in
the Numbers**

100%
college and university
acceptance

\$25M
earned in college scholarships
by the class of 2018

Introducing the Class of 2023: AKA... THE STANDOUTS.

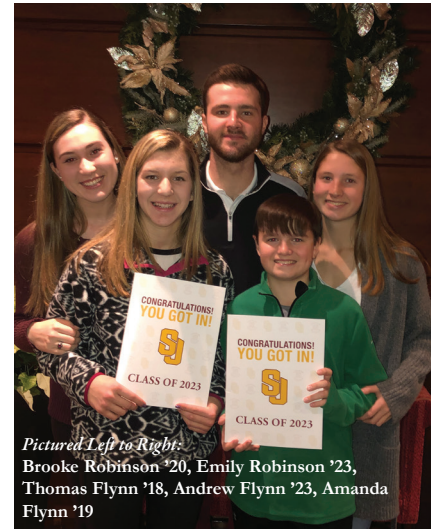
We are happy to welcome the Class of 2023 from the middle schools listed below. The Class of 2023 is known as The Standouts in our Admissions office because applicants include: first-place essayists, first-place poetry contest winners, the most accepted students placed in honors courses after first review, three Student Council Presidents, 62% National Junior Honor Society members, four karate black belts, and one state finalist inventor!

Amity Orange Middle School
Ansonia Middle School
All Saints Catholic School
Assumption School, Ansonia
Barnum Middle School
Bedford Middle School
Bethel Middle School
Blackham Middle School
Catholic Academy of Waterbury
Christian Heritage School
East Shore Middle School
Easton Country Day School
Flood Middle School
Fraser Woods Middle School
Geraldine Johnson Middle School
Great Oak Middle School
Greenwich Catholic School
Harborside Middle School

Helen Keller Middle School
Hillcrest Middle School
Holy Trinity Catholic Academy
Jockey Hollow Middle School
Jockey Hollow STEM Academy
Ludlowe Middle School
Madison Middle School
Nathan Hale Middle School
Our Lady of Fatima School
Park City Preparatory Charter School
Ponus Ridge Middle School
Rogers International Middle School
Seymour Middle School
Side by Side Charter School
Shelton Intermediate School
Six to Six Magnet School

St Ann Academy
St Bernadette School
St Catherine of Siena School
St James School
St Mark School
St Mary School, Bethel
St Mary School, Milford
St Rose of Lima School
St Theresa School
St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
Saints John & Paul School, Larchmont, NY
Thomas Hooker Middle School
Tomlinson Middle School
Unquowa School
West Rocks Middle School
West Shore Middle School

Wooster Middle School



Pictured Left to Right:
Brooke Robinson '20, Emily Robinson '23,
Thomas Flynn '18, Andrew Flynn '23, Amanda
Flynn '19

The Futures Internship Program: Thinking Beyond SJ.

by Sasha Davila Russell '01, Assistant Director of Advancement & Alumni Affairs

Career Readiness Day at St Joes is an integral part of the junior and senior curriculum that aims at developing career awareness, professional networking skills, and mature college decision making.

After learning about different careers and fields of study during our 2018 Career Readiness Day, current senior students now have the opportunity to delve even deeper into their career interests through the **St Joseph High School Futures Internship Program**.

With the help of Guidance and College Counseling Staff, seniors who apply to partake in the program will be strategically placed in internships based on their skills and career goals. Upon completion of the three-week internship, seniors will earn a recommendation that will aid in procuring future opportunities throughout college and beyond.



The following organizations are hosting members of the Class of 2019 as interns:

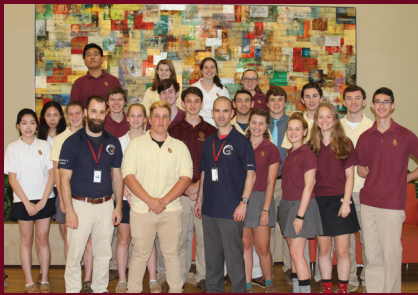
- Barnum Financial
- Building One Community
- Griffin Hospital
- Milestone C
- Middlebrook Elementary School
- Neighborhood Music School
- NYU Langone Hospital
- Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Center
- Prescription Center of Ossining
- Turner Construction Company
- Trumbull EMS
- Wilton RE

Thank You!

Engineering the Students of Tomorrow.

Bringing “Non Linear” STEM Education to SJ.

by Cemocan “Gemo” Yesil, Milestone C.



St Joseph High School is pleased to announce a brand new era of collaboration with Milestone C. We are working together to enhance current classes, add new STEM electives, offer after-school programs, and develop a strategy to propel St Joes into the leading edge of STEM education and leadership development.

Milestone C advocates teaching in the same context that students will apply the subject knowledge and skills. Professional organizations from all technology industries also operate on the same “context-based retrieval” principles. Corporations offer internship programs, the US Military adopts a “train like we fight” mentality, and Milestone C employs an innovative “Non-Linear Learning” technique based on the following philosophies:

- Controlled chaos is a highly-effective learning environment. 21st Century STEM professionals work in cross-functional teams and progress takes effort. Education that eliminates the potential for miscommunication, confusion, and reasonable frustration

also inadvertently eliminates the most valuable teamwork lessons.

- “Hands-off” teaching is the best facilitator of “hands-on” learning. In the professional environment, it takes research to get to information. Even then, data may be unclear, untimely, out of order, and conflicting. Allowing students to obtain and process information without frequent interjections is critical to broadening their horizons.
- Encouraging innovation without fear of failure will groom critical thinkers. Shaping future STEM leaders begins with enabling and empowering students to learn from their failures. The primary objective of any project-based program should be to get students comfortable with problem-solving without a single “correct” answer.



Pictured: Dharon Greenfield '19 and Ellie Rotunno '19 interact with CUE, the WonderWorkshop Robot in Mrs Piatak's Coding Class. Students will learn to write code that will ensure that CUE can accomplish a variety of tasks, mazes, and more!

Robotics at St Joes Grows to New Heights.


by Nancy DiBuono, Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction

The world of the 21st century is rapidly changing and at St Joes we believe that curriculum must constantly undergo transformation to meet the needs of all learners.

In order for our students to find success in higher education and their careers, we encourage creativity, innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving. Effective collaboration is highly valued in technology-focused classes such as robotics, engineering, computer coding and tech-assisted entrepreneurship. Students learn higher level thinking skills in working with peers, deepening their knowledge and conceptual understanding.

Our faculty, assisted by Milestone C, is embedding STEM projects into our math, science, and technology courses. Students will explore issues, design solutions, and acquire skills to logically problem solve. The freshman technology class has been redesigned to reflect more real world conceptual projects that are needed in the STEM driven workforce of their future.

The world of this generation is technology driven and the use of technology in the classroom, such as the iPad and SmartBoards, develops in the learner competency and comfort. The faculty integrates the iPad as an educational tool to create, communicate and collaborate. Teachers explore platforms like Google Classroom to engage the students and have them take control of their learning. Technology in the classroom, while enhancing curriculum, allows all to benefit from personalized learning.

A group of students are working on drone projects in a classroom. In the foreground, a male student with a beard and a red shirt is focused on a drone component on his desk. Next to him, a female student is looking at a laptop screen. In the background, other students are also working on their projects, some standing and some sitting. The classroom has large windows and orange chairs.

“Milestone C brings about a different view of teaching that we haven’t seen before. It’s not just building a drone, it’s the ability to think creatively. To think outside the box and on my own.”

~ Mark Leonardi '19

Engineering the Classroom of Tomorrow.

Utilizing Technology in the Classroom

by Giulia Terese,
World Language Department Chair



An educator's role in the classroom is to inspire and encourage students to grasp new material through creative and collaborative methods. Our World Language classes utilize technology to bring student connections to life both within the classroom and globally. Quizlet, Kahoot, and Conjuguemos are only some of the programs that allow our students to practice and enhance their understanding of world languages.

Quizlet Live transforms the classroom into a race in which teams compete in content quizzes. Skype and FaceTime allow educators from around the globe to come together and share curriculum in innovative ways. Students Skype with native language speakers across continents to practice conversational skills. These types of programs dissolve the four walls of the traditional classroom and create a new global understanding of the school environment.

The technological transformation of the educational realm is ever growing and changing our vision of the classroom setting. Technology utilized in our world language classes builds an ever growing and ever stronger bond between the St Joes community and the world.

Using technology, especially in my Italian class, has allowed me to expand my horizons outside of the classroom. It broadened my exposure to the culture and language and only furthers my desire to learn.
~ Gina Oraziotti '19

Creating a 21st Century Library

by Julianne Moskowitz,
Media Center Director



Upon entering the O'Keefe Media Center, many visitors say "What a beautiful library!" Sometimes that comment is followed by "Where are all the books?" Rest assured that the Media Center still contains thousands of books, but today, the paradigm of a school library is very different.

We welcome you to the 21st century library at St Joseph High School. Our library extends beyond our four walls and printed books. Our library includes hundreds of eBooks and dozens of databases to support curriculum and student research. At our 1:1 iPad school, our students have access to these resources through our campus-wide internet connection from any iPad, smart phone, or computer.

My role as a librarian has changed as well. When I began my career as a school librarian twenty years ago, my students used a card catalog and the print version of *The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*. Today, I teach students how to access, evaluate, create, share, and synthesize information online. While some people may think that the internet is like a library, it is more like a library where all the books have been randomly dumped on the floor. The role of a school librarian remains just as important today as it always has been. As students confront an almost unlimited amount of information online, the librarian remains the best person to help them navigate the information super highway.

Bringing SJ to the Big Screen

by Thomas Forde,
English Teacher, SJTV Moderator



Many alumni fondly remember a video magazine called SJ Today. It was a student produced, news and entertainment program which has metamorphasized in 2019 as SJTV. SJTV is a daily program that informs the entire St Joseph High School community.

The library storage room in the student commons is now a renovated, fully equipped and operational SJTV studio. The daily episodes are written, produced, performed, recorded, and distributed by SJHS students enrolled in the Broadcast Journalism course.

The class is divided into two broadcast teams, each responsible for an episode every other day. Students bring ideas for features to their production meetings; features that enhance the daily announcements and sports reports that make up the template for the program. Broadcast Journalism is a full-year, full-credit course in which students learn all aspects of TV broadcasting, on both the talent and tech sides of the camera.

We have only just begun. There are plans to expand and add studio-adjacent editing bays. This will enhance what students can accomplish and refine in a field that is always expanding and on the cutting edge of technology.

Pictured Opposite:
William Manusky '20 and Emma Yacavone '20 preparing an episode of SJTV. Be sure to subscribe to their channel on YouTube!

SJTV



“I truly enjoy being a part of SJTV and in particular, the AV Club. I feel that I am learning the skills that I know I’ll need to use in the future as I aspire to work in the field of journalism!”

~ Emma Yacavone '20

Some Traditions Never Change.

by Fr Eric Silva '08, School Chaplain and Jordan Smith, Director of Campus Ministry



Saint Augustine of Hippo described the beauty of God as being “ever ancient, ever new”.

At St Joseph High School, our Catholic Identity and Spiritual Life are “ever ancient, ever new.” While we remain gratefully rooted in our Catholic Tradition, we recognize the newness of the generations that come to this school year after year. With a strong Catholic tradition, we perpetuate the spiritual foundation instituted by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the Marist Brothers, and the Diocese of Bridgeport in 1962.

As this community has grown, so too has it changed. At its core, St Joes maintains the same Tradition that Jesus instituted in His Church when he gave the mandate to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”. This mandate given by Christ Himself is the heart of our spiritual life. Christ’s commission to his disciples some 2,000 years ago remains the same for His disciples in 2019; this school is ever ancient in Christ while being ever new in its disciples. St Joseph High School seeks to foster a spiritual life in our students by exposing them to the beauty of the Eucharist Mass, the importance of Reconciliation, the richness of Sacred Scripture, and the great diversity of devotions that our Tradition provides. These gifts that Christ gave to His followers remain as gifts for St Joseph High School today, that we might send our students out into the world fully formed academically, athletically, spiritually, socially, and charitably.

St Joseph is the patron of this school and Jesus Christ is our source and summit, keeping St Joes “ever ancient, ever new”.



Traditions Continue!

Congratulations to Fr Bill Platt '77 (*left*) who is to be installed as Pastor of St Catherine’s in Riverside, as well as Rev Monsignor John Georgia '67 (*right*), who will serve as Pastor of the Resurrection Parish in Wallingford.

Campus Ministry: Holy Joes Cafe in Full Swing!



While on an immersion trip to Nicaragua in 2017, St Joseph High School students were introduced to the Café de las Sonrisas (Cafe of Smiles), run by individuals with disabilities who do not have a social services network to rely on.

Energized by the Café de las Sonrisas staff’s hard work and creativity, St Joseph High School students have created a café of their own - the Cup of Joe Café!

Students met with business leaders to learn start up procedures and applied for a micro-loan from Student Government. They set up work schedules, procured donated equipment, and even found a supplier of Nicaraguan coffee beans. Our Cadets have learned to grind organic beans and brew great coffee all while serving customers with a smile.

The Café officially opened in May 2018; all proceeds benefit Café de las Sonrisas.

In Service to Others...

We are proud to note that thus far, more than \$1,000 has been sent to Café de las Sonrisas in Nicaragua.



CREATING LEGACIES.

2018 MAROON & GOLD GALA - WHAT A PARTY!

St Joes is mission driven - one helps best by helping all. With this incredible night of celebrating the St Joes community, comes our responsibility to give back. The goal of the Gala is to support scholarships for our students. We raised more than \$140,000. Each year, we distribute over \$1.5 million in tuition assistance. Some have more, some have less, but St Joes goes best when we go together.

Building a life-long community is imperative to the stability and advancement of our school. During our 2018 Gala, we announced the creation of three new endowed scholarships.

The Rosemarie Skawinski Chaves '74 Engineering Scholarship - awarded to women intending to pursue engineering. Rosemarie studied Industrial Design in the College of Engineering at the University of Bridgeport and had a successful career at Avco Lycoming. She was encouraged in mathematics and science by the faculty at St Joes, even as she was the only female in her Drafting class.

The Father John Baran '76 Scholarship - awarded to a student who is active in their parish and exemplifies a dedication to personal faith. Father John was the highly regarded pastor of St Anthony of Padua in Fairfield. He cultivated a model of the engaged parish that serves as well as it worships. He would not let us forget that the People of God are made in love for a reason.

The Bellows Family Scholarship - awarded to a student who exemplifies the qualities of a St Joseph High School community. Brian and Brenda have long exemplified the qualities of the St Joes "family." We are a family of faith and moral values, and it is families like the Bellows who make the difference.

SAVE THE DATE! The next Maroon & Gold Gala will be held on November 16, 2019.

REMEMBERING A PRINCIPAL WHO *WAS* ST JOES.

Mr Kenneth Mayo passed away last November. The family had a memorial mass in our chapel with faculty and friends. Coach Luchansky spoke, reminding us that as football coach, Religion teacher, Dean of Students, Principal—Mr Mayo was the face of St Joes for 38 years. Ken's warm humor was ever present in his retelling of the escapades of the faculty, past administrators, challenges and successes, and was especially present in the pride with which he spoke of his students. He understood human nature, when to chide and when to encourage. In all things, he valued the St Joes family. Jeannie said, "St Joes meant everything to Ken." Yes, but more so, Ken was St Joes. The SJ tradition owes much to what Ken gave. He is most worthy to be enshrined in the St Joseph High School Hall of Fame.

May his memory be for a blessing.

They Built the Legacy Out of Which Our Students Bloom.

2018 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend!



In November 2018, SJ Alumni, Students, Family, and Friends came together to celebrate the '80s Decade Reunion, the 50th Reunion, and Homecoming. It was a wonderful weekend filled with love, laughter, and pure Maroon & Gold spirit!

01 Hanging with old friends at the '80s Decade Reunion **02** The Class of 1968 Celebrate their 50th Reunion **03** Kevin O'Callaghan '68 (#85 back in his day) poses with Leo Caserta '19 (current #85). **04** Jimmy Evans '19 and Debora Yohou '19 wave to the crowd at the homecoming game **05** The Class of 1988 celebrate their 30th Reunion!





A Celebration of Champions

2019 Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

March 30, 2019

ATHLETE

Barbara Zito-Madden



Class of 1967
Basketball, Softball

ATHLETE

Jeff Sargent



Class of 1982
Swimming

ATHLETE

Bob Ventresca



Class of 1984
Football

ATHLETE

Marvin Saddler



Class of 1988
Basketball

TEAM

1992 Girls Volleyball



Pictured: JV & Varsity Athletes
The Varsity Team is being Inducted

ATHLETE

Kris-Andra Pekar Houchins



Class of 1993
Volleyball, Basketball, Softball

COACH/FRIEND

Ken Mayo



Football, Baseball

FRIEND

Kevin Morey



Class of 1970
Football, Basketball, Lacrosse

ATHLETE

Mark Tomey



Class of 1990
Football, Baseball

Read full bios at scadets.org/halloffame

A Celebration of Champions

SJ Student-Athletes Take the World by Storm

Varsity Football Wins Second CIAC Championship in Two Years!

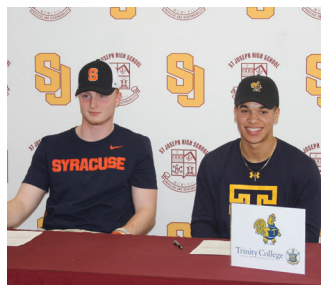


Football took the Class M State Championship with the highest scoring game any team has ever put up in a Championship game - beating Berlin 70-18.

In all, St Joes won its 14th CIAC title in our 17th appearance. In 2018, the CIAC moved St Joes up from Class S to M under the "school of choice" rule, as we had reached back-to-back finals.

"Win everyday," Coach Dell espouses. And, so we do.

SJ's NCAA Signing Ceremonies!



As of February 2019, St Joes has honored 16 student-athletes who will be continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level! The student-athletes were surrounded by friends, family, teammates, and coaches as they signed their respective letters of intent. We wish them all the best as they continue their journey.

- Jessica Mazo, UConn, Soccer, I
- Sawyer Meehan, Longwood, Soccer, I
- Charlie Pagliarini, Fairfield, Baseball, I
- Stephen Paolini, Elon, Baseball, I
- Phil Pasmeg, Hofstra, Lacrosse, I
- Erin Owens, Central Michigan, Lacrosse, I
- JC Sanzone, Northeastern, Crew, I
- David Summers, Syracuse, Football, I
- Ben Talbot, Holy Cross, Baseball, I
- Darren Warren, Trinity, Football, I
- Olivia Johnson, Assumption, Track, II
- Al Paolozzi, Bentley, Baseball, II
- Bryan Viglione, Pace, Lacrosse, II
- Emma Elrod, Western New England, Basketball, III
- Jimmy Evans, Tufts, Baseball, III
- Jettke Gray, Ithaca, Lacrosse, III

Jessica Mazo '19: National Player of the Year; 3-Time All-American!



In Fall 2018, Jessica Mazo was not only named an All-American for the third year in a row, but she was also named the 2018 National Player of the Year.

"She is a favorite. A favorite in a classroom, on the field, in the hallways. You won't find a nicer person; you won't find a tougher person. She knows that and we know that. So we don't really need to make a big deal of it. But when the United States Soccer Coaches Association names her the National Player of the Year, yes, we should stop and take note. Well, done, Jess Mazo!"

~ Dr Fitzgerald at the Winter Pep Rally 2018

Jess accumulated a host of soccer accolades including: FCIAC 3-year All-State Selection, 3-year All-Region Selection, and CHSCA Girls Soccer Player of the Year.

"She's one of the best players I've seen in my twenty years at St Joes," said Jack Nogueira, SJ Soccer Coach. "She works non-stop and has a determination to win that is unmatched."

Mazo is also a member of the National Honor Society, and currently carries a GPA of 96.8. Jessica Mazo has committed to play Division I Soccer at UCONN in the Fall.

ALUMNI NEWS

1960s

Frank Krugal '66 recently wrote in to let us know that in 2016 he was inducted into the Connecticut Football Officials "Hall of Fame" after 33 years of officiating high school football in the state of Connecticut.

50th YEAR REUNION

**1969 Class
Reunion!**
**October
25-27, 2019**

1970s



Ray Foote '73 (Center Left) shared this picture of Ray and his sons, **Denis '05** (Left), **Nick '07** (Center Right) and **Ray '04** (Right). There are 16 years of SJ Football between them, including 2 captains, 3 All-FCIAC, and 1 Thanksgiving Day MVP.

1980s

Johnny Vazzano '80 hosted a Family Breakfast for the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport on September 22, 2018 to welcome the new school year.



Congrats to **John Larkins '84**, one of six individuals who have been named recipients of the John Wentworth Good Sport Award by the Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance.



Tina MacInnis '86 is a psychotherapist in private practice in Woodbury. In 2014, she published her book, *Tangled Truths*. You can purchase the book on Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.



In August 2017, **Colleen Wright '87** started her jewelry line, I Am Movement. Her mission is to raise awareness and to overcome psychological abuse. You can support this movement by shopping at www.iammovement.us.



Donamarie DeSanctis Oligino '89, LCSW is the Founder and CEO of Daniel Island Counseling in South Carolina. Donamarie is an experienced therapist who has been practicing since 2001 in both hospital and outpatient settings. Her counseling style combines mindfulness with an evidence based cognitive behavioral approach to help you achieve your goals. Visit www.dicounseling.com for more information.



Ross Bacarella '80 won the Top Leadership award for employers in Hearst's Connecticut

Media's Top Workplaces 2018. Ross' company, BTX Global Logistics also won the 2018 Silver Hammer Award by the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce.

(Photo Courtesy Of BTX Global Logistics / Fred Ortol Photography)



Bill '85 & Mark '87 DaSilva were recently presented the 2018 Silver Hammer award by the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce for their craft brewery, BAD SONS Beer Co.



SJ Director of Advancement & Alumni Affairs, **Michele Krasznai '89** and her husband, **Zoltan Krasznai '87** ran into **Keith Clinkscales '82** on February 12, 2019 at the West LA Farmers Market. Keith is the former-CEO of Revolt TV, Vanguard Media, and VIBE. He is also the founder of The Shadow League, a digital sports platform in partnership with ESPN.

1990s



On Sunday, November 4, 2018, **Mark Tomey '90**, parent of **Schuyler '20** and **Ryan '22**, completed his first NYC Marathon. Mark finished in 4:10:10. He ran his second marathon in January 2019 in Walt Disney World.



25th Reunion Celebration! Members of the **Class of 1993** gathered together at the beginning of the new year at Caloroso Restaurant in Shelton. The restaurant is owned by **Mathew Calandro '93**.

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On Thursday, January 31, 2019, **Dr Natalie K Metz '96** hosted a seminar at the Helio's Health Center in Carbondale, Colorado on The Promise of Psychedelic Healing and the Future for Medicine. **Dana Ganssle '99**, a design architect living in Colorado, attended the workshop after seeing Dr Metz would be speaking.

2000s



Courtney Jaser '01 and husband Andrew Lindgren-Robertson welcomed their daughter Hazel Jaser Robertson on January 23, 2019.



Paul Giansanti '01 was appointed Principal of Ansonia High School before the start of the 2018-2019 School Year. Since becoming Principal, Paul has been praised for his hard work to create career connections and opportunities for Ansonia High Students. *Photo: Christian Abraham / Hearst Connecticut Media File*



On January 3, 2019, **Ed Voccola '04** stopped by to meet with students interested in acting and screenwriting. Ed is currently a writer for the sitcom *Rick & Morty* and prior to that, wrote for the show *Last Man on Earth*. While on campus, Ed spent time having lunch with our Cadets and spoke to Mrs Cardillo's Acting Class.



Elle Meegan Russell was born to parents **Emily Luchansky Russell '07** and her husband, Corey Russell on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Elle measured 6 lbs, 8 oz and 19 inches. She is the first grandchild of **Jim Luchansky '75** and **Peggy Kelley Luchansky '75**.

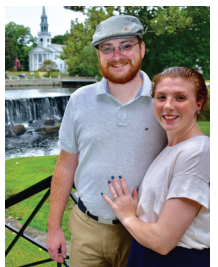


Stephanie Melkus Hashemi '08 and **David Hashemi '07** welcomed their first child, Jaxon, on October 17, 2018 at 12:50pm.



On September 15, 2018, **Kelly Brennan '09** married **Connor Brawley '10** at St Mary's Church in Stamford, CT followed by a reception at the Stamford Yacht Club where they arrived by boat to share their love with family and friends.

2010s



On September 1, 2018, **Michael McGannon '11** became engaged to his girlfriend, Ashley, of 7 years. They have set their Wedding date for September 19, 2020.

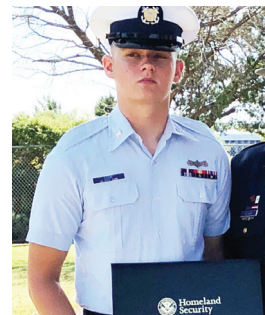


Carly Onorato '12 and **Brendan McGannon '14** got engaged at CT's Beardsley Zoo. The couple met while attending St Joes. In December 2018, they came home to Joe for engagement photos.



Steve Hashemi '14 was recently hired as a graduate assistant coach for the University of Miami. Previously, Steve was part of the Trinity College football coaching staff, where he coached running backs, and was a coaching intern for the Yale Bulldogs in Spring 2018. After

SJ, Steve went on to play for UConn, where he was a three year letter earner for the Huskies. He was also the recipient of the John L Toner Scholar Athlete Award which recognized a senior member of the football program who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance and citizenship while making a significant contribution to the overall success of the team.



Justice R Cook '15, United States Coast Guard, graduated on October 4, 2018 from the Federal Law Enforcement Center in Charleston South Carolina.



Charles "Buddy" Wade '15 was the 2018 recipient of the Nichols College Bobby Daigle Award for Best Defensive Lineman. In February 2015, he committed to play Division III football for Mount Ida College in MA. Buddy was a 3-year starter at defensive end and

led both his school and the ECFC Conference in sacks his junior year. In May of 2018, Mount Ida unexpectedly announced that they would be closing their doors permanently. Buddy found a new home for his senior year and football season at Nichols College in MA where he again earned the defensive end position.

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Lars Pedersen '15, Jude Andrzejewski '18 and Cam Ryan '16 posed for a photo after Cornell's big win over Harvard on October 6, 2018.



In December 2018, **Joe Lucy '16** attended the Pittsburgh Steelers game and met up with fellow alum, **Tyler Matakevich '11** on the field before the game. **Joe Lucy, Sr '78, Tim Welch '16, Matt Welch '13, and Amanda Welch '09** were also in attendance.



William Quigley '16 was one of four US Merchant Marine Academy cadets awarded with 2018 Thomas B Crowley Memorial Scholarships by Crowley Maritime Corp during the Containerization and Intermodal Institute's Connie Awards luncheon on December 10, 2018.

Kara Saranich '16 made the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 at Sacred Heart University.



On October 13, 2018, **Evan DeBenedetto '16** greeted his little sister and current SJ Cadet, **Kayla DeBenedetto '21**, along with **Katie McKeon '19** and **Lauren McKeon '20** after his performance with *So You Think You Can Dance Live!*

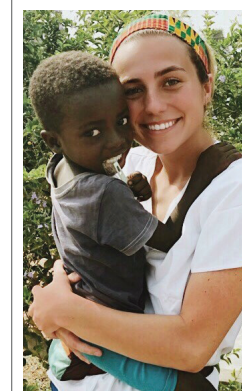


On January 9, 2019, **Ashley Ebanks '16** attended the 82nd YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund Gala. The Gala, raised over \$3.5M for fashion school scholarships. Ashley represented the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising and was a recipient of a \$5000 scholarship thanks to her case study on how Pat McGrath Cosmetics can expand globally. Ashley also met Martha Stewart, Ryan Seacrest, and actor Jake T Austin at the event.

Krysta Caltabiano '16 made the Fall 2018 Dean's List at Curry College.



Over winter break, **Robyn Pelletier '16**, a Pre-PA student at UCONN, traveled to Ghana with **Katelyn O'Dea '17** and **Lindsay Lucifora '16**. They provided medical assistance to underprivileged families, helping over 700 patients by providing treatment and medication. Robyn said, "Whether we were taking vitals, assisting doctors, or even playing games with the kids, the people we treated were extremely grateful and touched by our efforts, and in turn we were touched by them. Visiting Africa was a truly eye-opening experience for all three of us, and we fully intend to visit again and continue to help next year."



On December 21, 2018, SJ boys basketball team alumni, **Bobby Sullivan '18, Tim Dineen '16, Joe Lucy '16, Will Quigley '16, Cam Menefee '17, Omar Telfer '17, and Brian Dineen '18** stopped by to cheer on our current team.

2018 Alumni: In Memoriam

Masses are celebrated in the Alumni Chapel at 9:15am throughout the year and all are welcome to attend. For more information or to schedule a mass, contact Director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs, Michele Krasznai at mkrasznai@sjcadets.org.

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Carl Stenger '71
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David Donnelly '78
John Haynes '88

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Herbert Bundock
Michael Burke '93

Edward Caliendo
John Cesario
Eileen Collins
Rev Edwin Coyne
Thomas Dalling '89
Helen & Robert Dalton
Sr Alphonsine DeJulio
Sr Catherine Fanning, SSND
Dorothy (Dot) Farrell
Julia Fry
Albert Graham
Bernard Helfrich

Eileen Hickey '91
George & Bertha Johnston
Msgr Bartholomew Laurello
Genevieve Leso
Loretta Martone
Kenneth Mayo
Rev Msgr Lawrence McMahon
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James O'Connor
Robert O'Keefe
John & Clara Ondecko
Amerigo & Pat Pagliaroli

James & Catherine Pezzullo
James Rafferty
Karen Dunford Reilly '75
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ACADEMICS - Mark Leonardi '19

"As I prepare to attend Northwestern, I know that St Joes has enabled me to succeed in 21st century collegiate and corporate environments. Our outstanding teachers have taught me to think outside the box, apply my knowledge to real-world problems, and to know the difference between rote memorization and authentic learning."

ATHLETICS - James Evans '19

"St Joes has allowed me to excel on and off the baseball field, while competing in one of the best conferences in the state. Our athletic facilities allow students like myself to achieve peak performance, alongside a supportive coaching and training staff that has helped develop me into a collegiate athlete."



FINE ARTS - Debora Yohou '19

"Being a part of the drama club has allowed me to meet new friends who share my passion for the arts. It's also given me an outlet to express my own personal creativity, becoming more outgoing and confident when public speaking. The family we build here has shaped me into the bubbly and convivial person I am today, and for that I am truly grateful."



FAITH & SERVICE - Lindsey Gallagher '19

"St Joes has given me so many opportunities to expand my faith by serving others. My service trip to Puerto Rico allowed me to explore a different culture and my own relationship with God. Over the past four years, my faith has been a leading light in my life and has enabled me to take part in new and eye-opening experiences."



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Spring Musical –
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Dreamcoat*

May 16

Fine Arts Night

May 30

Baccalaureate Mass

June 1

Graduation

June 11

Athletic Association
Golf Tournament

August 31

Alumni & Friends Cross
Country Run

September 25

Vines & Steins

October 6

Fall Open House

October 25-27

Homecoming &

Reunion Weekend

'90s Decade Reunion

Class of 1969 – *50th*

Reunion

November 16

Maroon & Gold Gala

November 25

Benefactors Mass of
Thanksgiving

November 28

Class of 2013 - *5-Year*
Reunion

December 3

Giving Tuesday



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