

SAVIO

SUMMER 2016 REVISED

NOW

Class of 2016



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



President's Welcome



DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES,

Whew! It makes me tired just looking at all the activities of this past school year! Enjoy your stroll down memory lane as you are reminded of the incredible number of ways that our students embrace new opportunities.

Personally, I think it is the highlight of the Savio experience for our students to be able to find so many things to enjoy in their high school years. There is something to appeal to all interests.

Of course, we hope all will develop a deeper relationship with Christ during their time at Savio. With the array of opportunity pouring forth from the Theology department in beautifully planned retreats, liturgies, special blessing ceremonies and adoration, it is hard to imagine that anyone could leave without an expanded awareness of God's presence in others, the world and this community. We witness many God-given talents within our school faculty, staff, students and parents. From the fabulous creativity of our art students, to the dramatic performances of music and theatre students, from the exacting agility of our athletes, to the thoughtful calculations of our mathematicians and engineers, from the beautiful image of serving student ministers to the joyful playing of the Frisbee club, Savio students are happily exploring the many possibilities of the body, mind and spirit. What a joy it is to see!

We are so thankful for a faculty and staff that bring their talents to share with these young minds, and who enjoy the mix that only a high school experience can bring. Our students are still learning, challenging, testing the limits, stepping up and stepping back, and yet our teachers hang right with them. I have often said "you gotta love Catholic school teachers! They hold the line when the rest of us get tired!" My own children have heard me say it, and I still believe it's true. It's one of the great values of a Catholic education—educators that have high expectations for students and understand their supporting role. What a blessing!

We look forward to a wonderful new school year.

BLESSINGS TO ALL!

JOAN WAGNER, Ph.D.
PRESIDENT

ON THE COVER: St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School's graduating class—Class of 2016.



Principal's Message

Our seventh year as a school has seen our students and faculty continue to fulfill our Catholic vision of "forming servant leaders in the Image of Christ." Our students have completed tens of thousands of hours of service on behalf of both the community of Austin and the larger world community. I am proud to see how our faithful students have reached out to those in need through such programs as Cuts for Cancer, the Christ Child group, Feed my People, Art for Water, the NHS trivia night (for La Casa in Colombia), the senior service projects, and of course, Imago Christi Day. Through this service, as well as weekly liturgy celebrations and annual retreats, we have seen tremendous spiritual growth amongst our young men and women.

Our students have accomplished much this year in terms of academics, fine arts, athletics, leadership and other extracurricular activities. Our choir program placed second in the state TAPPS competition, our academic team finished third in state, and the girls track team won the state TAPPS 4A title. We are proud of our seven seniors who earned national merit recognition. Finally, our students continued to pursue academic excellence, taking over 360 AP exams and striving to make honor roll every quarter. We look forward to continuing to support our students as they grow spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially as servant leaders.

MORGAN DANIELS, PRINCIPAL



St. Dominic Savio continues to be blessed with the presence of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, on our campus. Postulants (which is the first stage of formation) and Savio alumnae recently received their habit and religious names. **Robyn Aanstoos**, now *Sr. Maria Reginald Aanstoos* and **Ava Lynk**, now *Sr. Monica Marie Lynk*, are pictured here with Sr. Maria Catherine. Sr. Maria Reginald is named for Blessed Reginald, O.P., an early Dominican, and Sr. Monica Marie is named for St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine. The Sisters have been a part of the school since it opened. It is an honor to see our students continue to discern religious life.

A sincere thank you to our board and advisory members for all their work in support of the development and long-range planning for our school. It is through their personal expertise and commitment to Savio, that our school is able to carry out its mission, which is to prepare young men and women to become faith filled, visionary and inspirational leaders in service to the Church and the world.

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Valedictorian *and* Salutatorian Announced

St Dominic Savio's Principal, Morgan Daniels, is proud to announce the Class of 2016's highest ranking seniors, **Allison Meskill** and **Clayton Knavel**. *Meskill* is the class Valedictorian and will be attending the University of Notre Dame in the fall. *Knavel* is the class Salutatorian and will be attending the University of Alabama, Honors College.



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AWARD MICHAEL BUTLER AND MIKE GREGORIO



Both Michael and Mike co-founded the St. Dominic Savio robotics team, which began when the school first opened. They have created a highly competitive program that has grown to four teams and more than 30 students in the last six years. Both men have devoted thousands of volunteer hours to securing resources, organizing practices and coaching the Iron Eagles in the FIRST Tech Challenges.

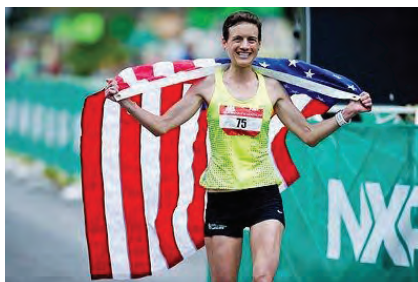


Through their guidance and commitment, the Savio robotics team has qualified for regional and world competitions. Their teams have earned rankings among the top 20 in the world. This amazing robotics program would not have been possible without the ongoing vision, planning, dedication, mentoring/coaching, management and perseverance of their efforts.

AUSTIN HALF-MARATHON, 1ST PLACE

TIFFANIE MARLEY

Congratulations to Savio Math teacher, Ms. Tiffanie Marley, for winning 1st place in the 2016 Austin Half-Marathon. It was an unexpected dream come true for her as she won the race in an impressive 1:24:02!



JOHN BOSCO AWARD JONITHAN PENDERGRASS

The Parent Association presents this annual award to a parent, staff member or teacher that reflects the self-sacrifice and extra effort exerted in order to help make our school a place of academic excellence, strong Catholic, moral character and exemplary servant leadership. Jonithan Pendergrass' day begins before most people arrive and he is here long after the school day ends. His task list never ends, yet he is always willing to lend a hand and does so with a can-do attitude and smile.



OUTSTANDING SERVANT LEADER PAM OTTEN

Faculty and staff recognize one of their peers as an outstanding servant leader in the school community each year. Pam Otten has taught at Savio for several years and she looks for ways to better serve her students and others. She can be found listening and advising students who are going through a difficult time. She cares deeply for all of those around her and is often the first one to lend a hand in a time of need. She is truly a servant leader who puts the needs of others first and better our community with her daily presence.

Each year, St. Dominic Savio holds a night to honor the students' hard work inside the classroom. Each department presents an award to a student at each level for their outstanding achievement. Each award is named after a saint who is a patron in each area. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Academic

ENGLISH { ST. FRANCIS DE SALES }

Fr: Isabel Helal
So: Phoebe Anderson
Jr: Jacob Hudson
Sr: Lillian Kress

MATH { ST. HUBERT OF LIEGE }

Algebra I: Grace Jarman
Geometry: Kira Winkeler
Algebra II: Matthew Meskill
PreCalculus: Joel Uong
Senior Award: Charles Herridge

SCIENCE { ST. ALBERT THE GREAT }

Biology: Martha-Marie Myer
Chemistry: Jonathan Shoemaker
Physics: Thomas Snyder
Senior Award: Felipe Quijano-Ortiz

SOCIAL SCIENCES { ST. BEDE }

Fr: Matthew Meskill
So: Sizhe Wen
Jr: Benjamin Shrader
Sr: George Hinkel
Psychology: Rachel Spratt

THEOLOGY { ST. AUGUSTINE }

Fr: Bianca Aridjis-Olivos
So: José-Miguel Guevara-Hernandez
Jr: Andrew Kalamarides
Sr: Kelly Leary

WORLD LANGUAGE { ST. FRANCIS XAVIER }

Chinese: Jacob Hudson
Latin: Mark Simmons
Spanish: Natalie Reysa
Senior: Elena Pojman

Visual Arts

STUDIO ART { ST. LUKE }

Fr: Micaela Kuenstler
So: Phoebe Anderson
Jr: Kyle Wyborski
Sr: Andrea D'Mello

ART FOR WATER

Sarah Greiner
Ashley Huffman
Gabrielle Saucedo

PHOTOGRAPHY { ST. LUKE }

So: Olivia Ramirez
Jr: Madeleine Miller
Sr: Natalie Boyce

Musical Arts

ORCHESTRA { ST. CECILIA }

Underclassman: Andrea Nguyen
Upperclassman: Aaron Mink

WIND ENSEMBLE { ST. CECILIA }

Underclassman: Henrike Lawrence
Upperclassman: Emma Mole

CHOIR { ST. CECILIA }

Underclassman: Amanda Tuerff
Upperclassman: Isabel Gonzalez

Technology & Engineering

TECHNOLOGY { ST. ISADORE OF SEVILLE }

Underclassman: Kira Winkeler
Upperclassman: Emily Shoemaker

ENGINEERING { ST. PATRICK }

Underclassman: Bryn Stryk
Upperclassman: Cameron Kologinczak

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY 4-YR CERTIFICATE

Lloyd-Wayne Bird
Ivan Carvallo-Roy
Isabel Gonzalez
Charles Herridge
Geoge Hinkel
Jacob Kilburn
Felipe Quijano-Ortiz

ROBOTICS ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Jonathan Shoemaker

ENGINEERING AWARD: Giakhanh Hoang

FULCRUM AWARD: Charles Herridge

SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS: George Hinkel

Catholic Daughters of America

Andrew Poblete, 2nd, Essay
Aaron Mink, 1st, Poetry
Daniel Jilek, 2nd, Poetry
Nicholas Isakson, 3rd, Poetry
Kyle Champion, 1st, Photography

Leadership

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES GLOBAL ADVOCATE AWARD

Kelly Leary
Ana Richie

RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Logan Kuenstler
Joshua Noth
Cecilia Schroeder
Natalie Stewart

Outstanding Students

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Elena Pojman

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO

Kelly Leary

National Merit Scholars

NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST

Isabel Gonzalez

COMMENDED SCHOLARS

George Hinkle
Clayton Knavel
Allison Meskill

NATIONAL HISPANIC SCHOLAR

Ivan Carvallo-Roy
Isabel Gonzalez
Sean Halligan
Cecilia Schroeder

200 Club

STUDENTS EARNING MORE THAN 200 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Elena Pojman
Shelbie Sagnes
Melanie Shempert
Callen Hajda
Chadwick Gonsalvez
Teresa Contreras-O'Reilly
Savanah Acosta
Charles Herridge
Jensen Janecka
Sarah Buchanan
Ashley Huffman
Stephanie Kamau

Athletics

NATIONAL FOOTBALL FDN & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME. SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

Marty Sedlacek

STUDENT ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Matthew Bianchi

BOY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Roberto "Bo" Valko

GIRL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Stephanie Moses

Class of 2016

96 students graduated, Savio's largest ever!

8,395 hours of community service / **12 students completed 200+ hours**

3 students recognized as **Commended National Merit Scholars**

4 students recognized as **National Hispanic Scholars**

1 student recognized as **National Merit Scholar Finalist**

350 AP exams, **7 students** completed the **4-year Project Lead the Way** Pathway in Engineering

Earned **\$2.5M** in scholarships

Attending **54 different universities** in Fall 2016, **1** appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point

Members of this class participated on teams that won **state and regional titles** in track, instrumental music, academics and robotics



THANKS to Fred and Julie Frey, 2015-2016 *Build the Nest Annual Appeal* chairs. Their hard work and dedication exceeded our goals as we **raised more than \$210,000!** This shows amazing growth for St. Dominic Savio and we are grateful to the Freys, parent social hosts, Phone-a-Thon volunteers and donors that supported this successful campaign.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING THIS YEAR'S SOIRÉE A SUCCESS! The evening was filled with great friends, food, and plenty of live music to dance the night away. Together we raised over \$78,000! Thank you to our amazing committee, event day volunteers and class basket coordinators who made Havana Nights a huge success and great time. Terri Allman, Joanie Butler, Pilar Antón-Martinez, Joanne Boyce, Aida Camez, Gloria Lenis, Lara Morgan, Anita Nicholson, Jayne Saucedo, Stacey Sherman, Susan Tull, Kim Veenis and Julie Zimmerman. A very special **THANK YOU** to our event sponsors. Your generosity is appreciated.

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ACADEMIC/SPEECH TEAMS HONORED



At the Belton Invitational, the academic team took home first place honors in Team Number Sense, Team Math, Team Computer Science, and Team Calculator, placing second in the overall sweepstakes. At the UIL academic tournament at James Madison High School, the Eagles earned first place in Team Mathematics and Team Number Sense and second place in Team Calculator, placing second in the overall sweepstakes.



Julian Sparks, Rachel Givens, Andrea Poblete and Caitlin McCauslin were part of the team of eight Eagles who competed at the Holy Trinity Catholic High School tournament in Solo Acting, Poetry Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking and Prose Interpretation. Caitlin finished fourth in Solo Acting, and Rachel earned sixth in Poetry Interpretation. The academic team finished in the top six in every event except for one. In addition to finishing in first place in Science, Junior Kim Huang also received top scores in both Chemistry and Physics. Freshman Jonathan Shoemaker earned first place in multiple events and was recognized as the overall top academic competitor. The team finished second overall.

TAAPS 4A ACADEMIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Fifteen students competed in the TAPPS 4A Academic Championship on April 4-5. Events included Ready Writing, Science, Prose Interpretation, Spelling/Vocabulary, Current Events/Issues, Number Sense, Calculator, Advanced Math, Math, Solo Acting, Literary Criticism, Social Studies, Spanish, Duet Acting and Poetry Interpretation. Savio brought home third place overall.



TIMOTHY TEAM, PEER MINISTRY

The Timothy Team is made up of 13 members from Savio's junior and senior student body. Formation faculty included Chris and Jessica Ochoa, Sr. Amata Veritas, O.P., Sr. Maria Veritas, O.P and Alanna Heyl. The team has become a vital center of the faith life at Savio, working tirelessly and praying constantly to draw the students, faculty and staff closer

to Christ. Each year, the team facilitates programs and has ministries within its own program, including Sacraments, The Word, Music, Retreats, Christian Life, Resource and Formation Faculty.



SWIMMING	16 STATE QUALIFIERS
BOYS' SOCCER	BI-DISTRICT FINALIST
GIRLS' BASKETBALL	DISTRICT CHAMPS
	BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS
	REGIONAL CHAMPS
	AREA FINALIST
BOYS' BASKETBALL	DISTRICT CHAMPS
	BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS
	REGIONAL FINALIST
	STATE SEMI-FINALIST
GIRLS' GOLF	DISTRICT CHAMPS
	REGIONAL QUALIFIERS
	STATE QUALIFIERS
GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD.....	REGIONAL CHAMPS
	STATE CHAMPS
BOYS' TENNIS.....	3 STATE QUALIFIERS
	1 BRONZE MEDALIST



Savio’s “Iron Eagles” just completed their seventh season. In their tournaments, they competed in 9 out of 13 possible elimination rounds, they won four judged awards and were finalists for many others. They won eight trophies, and all four teams advanced to the Regional Tournament. Particular acclaim should be given to Team Guardian, who won the Inspire Award, FIRST’s top honor, at the largest qualifier in the Region. Then, they won their third Rockwell-Collins Innovate Award to become one of just 13 teams to advance to the Super-Regional Tournament—a feat which they have now accomplished for the second straight year! In addition to the tournament season, the Iron Eagles launched its Lettering program this year. Lettermen for 2015-2016: Allison Holicky, Roberto Serrano, Giakhanh Hoang, Cameron Kologinczak, Jasmine McCormick, Christian Poblete, Eliberto Escobedo, Isabel Gonzalez, Charles Herridge, George Hinkel, Felipe Quijano, Cecilia Schroeder, Emily Basquez, Christine Baticados, Thyra Jensen, Minh Mather, Mackenzie Purdy, Tyler Bednarz, Ivan Carvallo-Roy, Trevor Staebel, Wayne Bird, Cody Miller and Jonathan Shoemaker.

COMPUTER SCIENCE WINS 1ST TROPHY

The Computer Science team entered their first tournament in the Novice Division (teams with one or less years of computer science class experience), along with 52 other teams. The team of Matthew Bianchi, Emily Shoemaker and Jonathan Shoemaker finished fifth. Their second tournament had them competing against 73 other Novice teams. They were thrilled to earn first!



LATIN STUDENTS HONORED

Ten Latin students were honored for their outstanding performance on the National Latin Exam. Nearly half of Savio Latin students achieved recognition for their scores. Students participated in the Area Convention, placing first in four competitions and receiving two trophies for exceptionally high scores, placing fourth overall. All 10 students who participated in the Pentathlon contest were recognized for their scores.





IMAGO CHRISTI "IN THE IMAGE OF CHRIST" DAY 2016

Imago Christi seeks to form students as Servant Leaders. They hear a keynote speaker, participate in community building activities, spend time in communal prayer and participate in service. This year our families visited 19 locations.



RETREAT ON THE STREET

The junior class was divided into two groups, spending more than 20 hours on the streets in Austin. These students—along with adults from the school, youth ministers from parishes around Austin, several deacons and a number of parent volunteers—traveled to downtown Austin, evangelizing with our brothers and sisters on the street. They also participated in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and celebrated Mass at St. Austin.



HOMECOMING

Students and alumni gathered October 2 to watch the Eagles take on Hyde Park in football. The team showed great effort at this fun event.

MRS. ARTZT WINS 4TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING WING EATING SHOWDOWN

Students and parents packed in to see if anyone could dethrone the returning champion, Mrs. Artzt. She attacked the wings like a bad equation while the Athletic Directors tried specific game strategies. Coach Estrada took the easy way out avoiding the dreaded Fire in the Hole wing.



PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Many creative pumpkins were submitted for the contest, including St. Joan of Arc, Mike Wazowski, Beowulf, Plumpy the Pumpkin and Donald Trump. The St. Pope John Paul II family won for their creation of Mike Wazowski from Monsters Inc.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Student council hosted its annual Trunk or Treat. Various clubs and sports teams provided a fun evening of tricks and treats to students from Holy Family Catholic School, community neighbors and families across the diocese.



NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

Students, faculty and staff helped fight cancer by raising more than \$900 for the Prevent Cancer Foundation. The contest winners included best goatee, best blonde beard, best Amish beard, best effort and best peach fuzz. Congratulations to senior, Felipe Quijano-Ortiz, for "best beard" and thanks to seniors Michael Holmes, Michael Phillips and Marty Sedlacek for organizing the event.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents gathered to celebrate Mass with our school community at St. Vincent de Paul. The pews were filled with students, grandparents and even great-grandparents. After Mass, a reception was held in honor of our guests and school tours were given by Student Ambassadors.

SAVIO STUDENTS RALLY FOR SCHOOL CHOICE

Several seniors joined 300 others at the State Capitol to support “school choice” measures they hope to see adopted by Texas’ 85th legislature. The proposed legislation would prospectively allow a greater freedom of choice, along with financial support in the form of tax credits, to parents facing one of their most crucial life decisions—where to send their children to school.

SAVIO CUTS FOR CANCER

The 3rd annual Cuts for Cancer was held in honor of Matthew Pettinato, a Holy Family fourth grader who passed away from leukemia in Fall 2015. Savio donated 70 ponytails to Pantene Beautiful Lengths and \$2,500 to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Junior Connor Neill coordinated the event.

ENGINEERS WEEK

Engineers Week was filled with guest speakers, panel discussions, and lunchtime engineering videos. The week would not have been complete without the fourth annual Spaghetti Marshmallow Tower of Power contest! The students and Sisters competed fiercely, with Matthew Bianchi and Thomas Synder’s team winning first place.

PI DAY

Congratulations to the St. Philomena family for scoring the most points in the various Pi day activities including a canned goods collection, relay race, frisbee throw, hula hoop, “pi” eating contest and digits of pi recitation.

JUNIOR RING/PIN BLESSING

As with many Savio school traditions, our Junior Ring and Pin Blessing proved to be a special ceremony. On April 27, Fr. Jonathan Raia, Director of the Office of Vocations, celebrated Mass and blessed the students’ rings and pins.

HAPPY FEAST DAY ST. DOMINIC SAVIO

On May 6, students, faculty and guests celebrated the feast day of our patron saint, St. Dominic Savio. For Mass, students participated in a special “dress-up” day and later were treated to lunch and a commemorative dessert.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

The week was filled with a panel discussion of what it is like living abroad, an International Spelling Bee, Mass with Prayers of the Faithful spoken in different languages, an International fashion show, salsa lessons and a food festival during lunch.

TRIVIA NIGHT

The first annual NHS trivia night welcomed 150 contestants for an evening of food, fun and great competition. More than \$2,000 was raised to help buy clothes for the children of La Casa Orphanage. Congratulations to the night’s winners, the Jameson-Goertz-Ochoa-Cake-Sykes table!

CROWNING OF MARY

Led by the Timothy Team, students gathered in the courtyard to crown the statue of Mary. Students and faculty gathered prayerfully to recite the fifth decade of the Glorious Mysteries.

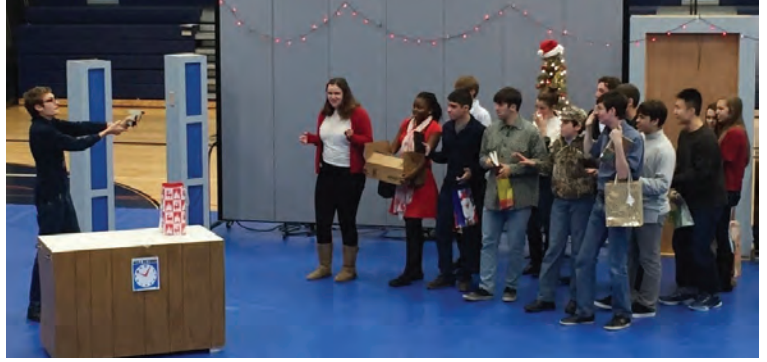
SENIOR BLESSING

The traditional, candle-lit ceremony was held for seniors. Families, faculty and staff prayed over the seniors during the last Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament of the school year. During the ceremony, seniors passed their candles to juniors, symbolizing the change in student leadership on campus.





Fine Arts News



THEATRE: Congratulations to the cast of the fall play, “The Curious Savage,” for a job well done! Stephanie Kamau, Isabel Gonzalez, Joseph Prybyla, Aaron Mink, Lauren Graham, Thomas Snyder, Kelly Leary, Nicholas Coers, Amanda Fuentes, Daniel Warfield and Isabel Helal, gave an incredible performance. Theatre I presented their Christmas play, “The Ghost of Christmas Presents,” at an assembly. It was an enjoyable show about family, kindness and Christmas cheer! The spring musical, Little Mary Sunshine, was held in the gym and was well attended, while the Theater class featured student-directed shows, “The Taming of the Shrew” and “And Then There Was One.”

MUSIC: The St. Dominic Savio Music program held its Fall Pops Concert by performing music by The Beatles, The Temptations, Queen, Adele and more! Ensembles performing included Percussion Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Chamber Choir Concert Choir and Orchestra. The annual Christmas concert was performed in the gym by the following ensembles; Percussion and Wind, Jazz Band, Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra.

Despite a very rainy season and a few re-schedules, the Savio Carnival, hosted by the fine arts department, turned out to be a very fun, indoor event. Game booths, a cake wheel, bouncy houses and a spa were scattered throughout Savio’s gym.

Carnival-style food was available and fun entertainment was provided. The crowd cheered to have their favorite teacher dunked in the “Soak-n-Wet” booth. The St. Dominic Savio Music Department hosted its annual Spring Concert in May and featured music by Coldplay, Journey, The Beatles, Queen, Toto and more!



ART: This year’s Art for Water was a great success, raising more than \$7,000! Holy Family Catholic School students and Savio students filled the hallways with original artwork days before the event. Parents, friends and members of the community supported the event by purchasing handmade pieces at the art show. All proceeds were donated to the Gazelle Foundation which helps build water wells in Burundi, Africa.



Alumni Activities *and* Events

This year, our alumni enjoyed many occasions to come together. Our Homecoming tailgate was a lot of fun as many gathered for a traditional tailgate meal in the stadium parking lot before the game. Throughout the year, alumni celebrated several Masses at St. Vincent de Paul with current students, faculty and staff. This year's

Christmas in the Commons was an enjoyable time as many of our alumni were in town after the fall semester in college. Pizza, s'mores and friends were this year's theme as the collegiate tree was decorated and Christmas break plans were made. It is an honor to see our former students gather together to continue to grow friendships with one another and our school. We look forward to hearing from our alumni and are proud of their continued successes.



Alumni Spotlight

MICHAEL RYAN M'ATEE | 2015 GRADUATE



Ryan is attending Gonzaga University, majoring in Business. He is a member of the Concert Choir and recently performed in front of nearly 500 choral conductors from the six-state Northwest Division as well as the national ACDA board and president. Ryan is treasurer of the Gonzaga Young Democrats and is a contributing writer for the *Gonzaga Bulletin*.

In addition to his core subjects, he is taking Hebrew studies and Political Science. He is interning in Austin this summer.

LUCIA WINKELER | 2014 GRADUATE



Lucia received a Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad award to study this summer at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow. The school is an intensive 10-week Russian language program run by the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies in cooperation with the Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies at UT and is sponsored by the

USDE. She has completed her second year at Texas A&M, where she is double-majoring in International Studies and Russian.

JAKOB HURLIMANN | 2013 GRADUATE



Jakob is studying at St. Joseph Seminary College. After completing his studies at St. Joseph, he will study theology for four years, with a year-long pastoral assignment during that time. He is on track to be ordained a priest in 2022.

BIANCA SICICH | 2012 GRADUATE



Bianca volunteers at the UT Entomology Collection photographing specimens for "Insects Unlocked" where volunteers release their images to be used by others. She photographed a tick, found on her ear using a technique called focus stacking. Her photograph was chosen as the cover photo for the May 2016 issue of the *Journal for Medical Entomology*! She is currently pursuing her Biology degree in Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior. She is working on a Certificate of Computing.

JENNA SOMMER | 2012 GRADUATE



Jenna graduated from the University of Dallas with a B.A. in Theology and a concentration in Education. She is now part of the Echo program at the University of Notre Dame where she serves in a variety of catechetical ministries in a parish, learns from an experienced catechetical leader and lives in an intentional faith community. She is pursuing an M.A. in Theology.

Savio Student Spotlight



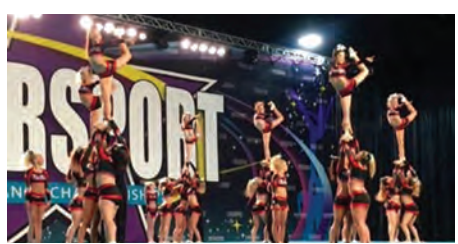
WILL WHITAKER, a freshman, placed in three state 4-H competitions, held at State 4-H Roundup in College Station in June—third in the food show (grains division), sixth in Leaders for Life (parliamentary procedure and service learning) and fourth in the consumer decision making contest. He is currently president of the North Austin 4-H Club, which meets monthly at Holy Family Catholic School.



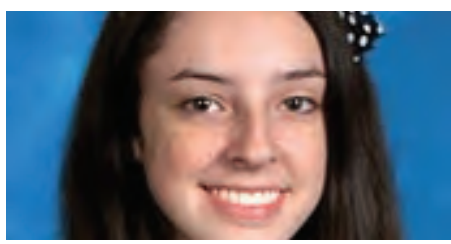
AARON MINK, a junior, auditioned for the 2016 TPSMEA All-State Orchestra and was accepted as one of six double bass players and was selected to be first chair of the double bass section.



STEPHANIE KAMAU, a senior, received her Girl Scout Award in June 2015. Her project included creating a business curriculum, which she taught to campers at the Austin Parks and Recreation Department for 9 weeks.



LILY FLACK, a sophomore, competes on a competitive cheer team, Lady Arrows Cheer Team. Despite breaking her ankle and having reconstructive surgery in October 2015, Lily was able to recover in time to compete this spring at the American Cheer Power Southern Nationals in San Antonio, Cheer Sport National Championship in Atlanta and NCA All Star National Championship in Dallas.



EMILY SHOEMAKER, a junior, was awarded a \$2,000 summer grant from National Mathematics Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, to attend the Yale Astrophysics Summer Program (YSPA). YSPA is hosted at the Leitner Family Observatory and Planetarium at Yale for 28 rising high school seniors who have shown an aptitude for science and math and who are considering going into careers in science or technology.



BENJAMIN SHRADER, a junior, was invited to be a counselor with the ECyD mission corps this summer. He trained as a missionary to serve as a team leader for other young men at three different camps across Texas. Ben worked closely with priests and brothers from the Legionaries of Christ and led his teams of young men and youth to grow in their Catholic faith and their friendship with Christ. ECyD is an international Catholic association of youth who participate in programs or activities that spark specific experiences, convictions, and decisions that mark their Christian way of life.



BRYN STRYK, a junior, participated at the Fort Worth Stock Show in Dairy Judging where her team placed second and qualified for nationals. She placed second in Equine IQ and received a \$10,000 scholarship as well as third place in Horse Judging and she also qualified for nationals.

Savio Student Spotlight



SEAN GRIESHOP, a junior, is an American medley swimmer for Nitro Swimming. At 16, he took bronze at U.S. Nationals in the 400 meters medley at 4:17.02. The noticeable time placed him on the 2015-2016 U.S. Junior National Team. The invitation to join the team, booked his spot on Team USA for the World Junior Championships. This led Grieshop to bring home a gold medal in the 400 meter medley. This summer, Sean secured fourth place for the U.S. Olympic Team trials for men's 17-18 age group. He clocked in at 4:14.00 in the 400 m Individual Medley (IM) to set a new Junior World Record. This places his record just behind Michael Phelps, Tim Dolan and Chase Kalisz. He now ranks fourth in U.S. history in his 17-18 age group. Sean finished strong in the finals in fifth place.



THOMAS SNYDER, a junior, was selected to attend the On-site Summer Experience of the Texas High School Aerospace Scholars at NASA Johnson Space Center. To be selected for this highly competitive summer program, Thomas competed with other Texas students and successfully completed preliminary interactive online activities during the fall/winter quarters. He is interested in studying aerospace engineering.



ISABEL PRADO, a senior, received her Girl Scout Gold Award in June 2015. Her project was to create an environmental curriculum, which she taught to campers at the Austin Parks and Recreation Department for 9 weeks. Isabel will attend St. Edward's University this fall.



MARTY SEDLACEK, a senior, received the National Football Foundation-Austin Chapter and College Football Hall of Fame award. This award is given to promote and develop the power of amateur football in developing the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, competitive zeal and the drive for academic excellence in America's young people. Marty was the Savio honoree. Coach Mack Brown was keynote speaker with Marty prayerfully delivering the invocation at the event. His name and school will appear with all the other nationally recognized recipients of this award in the College Hall of Fame in Atlanta, Georgia.



GEORGE MIKSCH, a senior, received the Brandon Burlsworth Character Award, presented to high school senior football players throughout the country that best exemplify the character, faith, perseverance and sportsmanship of Brandon Burlsworth. Brandon was considered the greatest walk-on football player in college football history. George exhibits these characteristics on and off the field.



LOGAN BLOW, a senior, was selected the Savio Basketball Player of the Year. He scored 2,006 points during his Savio career and is a three-year starter, who played in 99 games. His 2015-2016 season accomplishments include: All Tournament Teams (San Antonio St. Anthony's, Savio "Eagle Classic," Fredericksburg), TAPPS First Team All-District 3 4A, TAPPS First Team All-State, Austin Spurs Central Texas All Star, TABC First Team All-State, TABC Large Private School Free Throw Champion, Max Preps National Free Throw Champion and McDonald's All-American Nominee.

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