

# SAVIO NOW

*A Review of 2017-2018  
Summer 2018*



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*Forming Servant Leaders in the Image of Christ*





# President's Welcome



## DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES,

It's always a great experience to see a year in review! As we look back to the 2017-2018 school year, we recognize the many gifts and talents of our students. Their enthusiasm, their engagement and their many interests are a joy to see. We're very proud of our students and the way that they have grown during these most important high school years. We're thankful for their desire to prepare well for college and to grow in their faith.

One of the highlights of a Savio education is the high degree of involvement in student activities. Enjoy the read as you see the many ways our students enrich their high school years. All of these activities, whether it is athletics or club membership, help to form leadership and communication skills. These are highly important as students prepare for college and beyond. We're blessed to see the budding examples in the daily life of Savio students.

commitment to the Savio mission in his work as a board member and Chair of the Development and Catholic Mission committees. Mike exemplifies the spirit of servant leadership and it was a delight to recognize him among our colleagues at the Celebrating Catholic Schools event. Mike's service stands as a model for all of us.

There are many parent and friend volunteers that selflessly serve the school. The efforts of the Savio Parent Association, the Booster Club, fine arts friends, robotics coaches, board members, committee members and many other volunteers truly help to make Savio what it is today. We're forever grateful to them for helping us provide an enriched Savio experience.

Blessings to all!

**JOAN WAGNER, Ph.D.**  
**PRESIDENT**

**ON THE COVER:** Seniors light the candles of the Juniors, to signify the passing of the torch of leadership from graduating seniors to rising seniors.

We were pleased to honor Mike Perkins for the Catholic Education Service Award. Mike demonstrated a love and

# Principal's Message

Our 9th year as a school has seen our students and faculty continue to expand in the ways we fulfill our Catholic vision of "Forming Servant Leaders in the Image of Christ." Our students have lived out their Catholic faith through participation in service, retreats, the Washington DC March for Life, and social programs. Our students have partnered with local and national organizations to donate blood, to assist those affected by Hurricane Harvey, to further cancer research, to serve the Austin homeless, and to tutor their fellow students. Through these endeavors, our students have learned about the needs of others and how to view everyone as God's children.

The 2017-2018 school year was a strong year for our students in academics, fine arts, athletics, leadership and other extracurricular activities. The school earned two state titles in Academics and Girls Swimming and finished as runners-up in the TAPPS robotic state meet. We hosted a spirited production of the "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" musical in May and our art students earned over 20 awards in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. We are



particularly proud of our 15 students who earned national merit recognition. Finally, our House System continued to build community amongst our students and provide leadership opportunities for dozens of students. As our school approaches ten years, the future looks bright as we prepare to welcome the class of 2022 and provide them with the opportunities to grow in their faith, scholarship, and leadership.

**MORGAN DANIELS**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School is a co-educational college preparatory school founded by the Diocese of Austin to prepare young men and women to become faith filled, visionary and inspirational leaders in service to the Church and the world.

## OUR CORE VALUES

We hold firm to our core values, which define our identity and serve as the fundamental beliefs that guide the daily life of the school; Faith, Scholarship, and Witness.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORY MEMBERS

We thank our Board of Directors and advisory members for their support of St. Dominic Savio. Their dedication, expertise, and commitment helps the school thrive according to its mission; *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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# *In the Life of Savio*

## 1. Homecoming

St. Dominic Savio's varsity football team played against Legacy Christian Academy from Frisco, Texas on Friday, October 6th in front of an enthusiastic Homecoming crowd. The Homecoming King was Skyler Robinson and the Homecoming Queen was Madison Todack.

## 2. International Week - Experiencing Cultures

International week was celebrated September 25-29th and the goal of the week was to learn about the various cultures around the world. During Mass, the *prayers of the faithful* were recited in multiple languages including English, Spanish, Russian, French, Chinese, and Portuguese, to name a few! Many students, faculty, and staff participated in a fashion show to highlight numerous countries. The school held an "International" themed potluck to enhance the learning experience.

## 3. Trunk or Treat

The rain prompted the Trunk-Or-Treat to be celebrated in the courtyard under the covered patio areas. Many neighbors, families, and friends visited our campus for the annual festivities coordinated by Student Council. This event provided a safe location for families to enjoy a fun, and festive environment. A variety of student club/teams participated by decorating their station with games and candy for those enjoying the festivities!

## 4. No Shave November

In November, students, faculty, and staff raised awareness and \$280 for St. John Paul II High School in Corpus Christi, who were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Students were permitted to grow facial hair and two senior students, JP Strubbe and Nick Fedele, were commended with the Best Overall Beard Award. Each beard finalist received a certificate for their participation.

## 5. Celebrating Grandparents

On November 16th, Savio honored the lives of grandparents. Grandparents were invited to the school Mass and reception at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. We thanked our grandparents for the wisdom and knowledge they bestow on our families.

## 6. 7th Annual Imago Christi Day

On February 1st, 390 students left campus to serve 15 locations around the Austin and Georgetown for an annual day of service. The Christian Outreach club arranged the various service sites and the schedule of the day. The goal is to encourage students to look beyond themselves, recognize the needs of the community, and to understand the Christian call to service. Among the sites visited were nursing homes, soup kitchens, as well as farming and donation centers. Each student worked 5 hours and 15 minutes of service, totaling **2048** hours worked to help surrounding communities. What an impact!

## 7. 5th Annual Cuts for Cancer

Students and community members donated their hair during the *Cuts for Cancer* pep rally on February 9th in the Savio Gym. A total of 230 ponytails were donated from students, three faculty members and partnering hair salons. All hair donations were sent to Pantene® Beautiful Lengths. Donations collected from t-shirt sales and sponsors totaled \$3,517, which was given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to help fund childhood cancer research.

## 8. Celebrating Pi Day

Pi Day was celebrated with a variety of fun learning activities on March 9th. Every family member was required to participate in at least one event. The students were divided in their house groups as they competed in a frisbee toss, pie eating contest, elimination game and more, all including number Pi.

## 9. Junior Ring and Pin Blessing

On April 18th, a special ceremony and tradition was celebrated to highlight the near end of Junior year. The class rings and pins are blessed during Mass to signify the leadership juniors will have when they are seniors the following year.

## 10. Celebrating St. Dominc Savio

The community celebrated the life of our Patron Saint on May 4th. The school took a break from studying and ended the day with games and activities to enjoy fellowship as a community. Students chose to watch a movie, problem solve in an escape room, make rosaries, color and more!

## 11. Prom - The Roaring 20's

The 2018 Prom theme was the Roaring 20's. The students walked back in time, as they entered the ballroom at the Renaissance Hotel. The students enjoyed a photo booth, delicious food, dancing and a beautiful patio.

## 12. Crowning of Mary

May is the month that the Church honors Mary, the mother of Jesus. On May 1st students, faculty and staff honored our Blessed Mother by holding a crowning of Mary in the Prayer Garden. The Student Council led the school in prayer and the Timothy Team led in song, to encourage students to offer prayer to Jesus through His mother Mary.

## 13. Senior Class Blessing

The Senior Class Blessing is a meaningful tradition for the senior class before they graduate. The ceremony is candle lit and is a time of prayerful reflection during the last Exposition of Blessed Sacrament of the year. To signify the leadership that the Juniors will assume, Seniors pass on their lit candles to juniors during the ceremony.









## Forming Servant Leaders in Scholarship

The 2018 Academic Award ceremony honors the dedication and academic success of Savio students. Families are invited to witness the presentation of each award in the Savio Gym. Every award is presented by the department chair of each subject and the awards include the name of the Patron Saint of each department.

### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT (ST. FRANCIS DE SALES)

Freshman: Avery Daigle  
Sophomore: Trinity Garcia  
Junior: Isabel Helal  
Senior: Morgan Berasley

### WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT (ST. FRANCIS XAVIER)

Chinese: Katie Miri  
Latin: Isabel Weir  
Spanish: Patrick Nicholson  
Senior Award: Phoebe Anderson

### VISUAL ARTS (ST. LUKE)

**Studio Arts:**  
Freshman: Erin Husband  
Sophomore: Marta Maia  
Junior: Josh Hampton  
Senior: Andrea Poblete

**Photography:**  
Freshman: Savannah Miller  
Sophomore: Grace Henry  
Junior: Marie Jimenez  
Senior: Sophia Kalamarides, Olivia Ramirez

### THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT (ST. AUGUSTINE)

Freshman: Olivia Lozano  
Sophomore: Reilly Gilbert  
Junior: Barry Fang  
Senior: Jose-Miguel Guevara-Hernandez

### SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT (ST. BEDE)

Freshman: D.J. Bolin  
Sophomore: Catherine Hermansen  
Junior: Kaden Stout  
Senior Award: Lodie Perez

### MUSICAL ARTS (ST. CECILIA)

**Orchestra:** Underclassman: Jennifer Pai  
Upperclassman: Bianca Aridjis Olivos

#### Wind Ensemble:

Underclassman: Hector Dorantes  
Upperclassman: Morgan Berasley

**Choir:** Underclassman: Mariette Buzad  
Upperclassman: Martha Myer

#### Theater:

Underclassman: Matthew Hogenmiller  
Upperclassman: Kate Allman, Elyse Garcia

### MATH DEPARTMENT (ST. HUBERT OF LIEGE)

Algebra I: Lauren Wiley  
Geometry: D. J. Bolin  
Algebra II: Daniel Hong  
Pre-Calculus: Luke Wagner  
Senior Award: Pedro Untalan

### TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Technology - St. Isadore of Seville:**  
Underclassman: Matthew Hogenmiller  
Upperclassman: Jonathan Shoemaker

#### Engineering - St. Patrick:

Underclassman: Mason Garcia  
Upperclassman: Lodie Perez

**Robotics - St. Isadore of Seville:** Rookie of the Year Award: Cyprien Baudon de Mony  
Engineering Award: William Callihan  
Fulcrum Award: Roberto Serrano  
Spirit of St. Louis Award: Mason Garcia

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES GLOBAL ADVOCATE AWARD

Peyton Kilburn

### GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANT

Dominic Blea

### SCIENCE DEPARTMENT (ST. ALBERT THE GREAT)

Biology: Michael Meeks  
Chemistry: Reilly Klein  
Physics: Matthew Rabaey  
Senior Award: Ben Frey

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA PRESENTATION

**Art:** 1st Place - Michelle Gallagher

**Essay:** 1st Place - Emily Blount  
2nd Place - Grace Maxwell  
3rd Place - Anna Bischof

**Poetry:** 1st Place - Teresa Lacayo  
2nd Place - Elodia Perez  
3rd Place - Isabel Helal

### RONALD REAGAN STUDENT LEADER AWARDS

Ronald Reagan Student Leaders are awarded to seniors who exemplify President Reagan's legacy of leadership and service, inside and outside the classroom.

Patrick Nicholson  
Bryn Stryk  
Dmitri Winkeler  
Isabella Young

### THE '200' CLUB

Lily Flack  
Kyle Gonsalvez  
Hannah Grice  
Alexis Lemieux  
Patrick Nicholson (332 hours!)  
Andrea Poblete  
Pedro Untalan  
Dmitri Winkeler  
Isabella Young

### ST. DOMINIC SAVIO AWARD

Jose-Miguel Guevara-Hernandez



## 2018 TAPPS Academic Champions for the *Second Time*

In April, Savio's Speech and Academic Teams competed in the 5A TAPPS State Meet. With strong performances by the Science, Math and Speech students, the Eagles claimed their second 5A Speech and Academic Championship. Junior, Jonathan Shoemaker, earned the distinction of the top Overall Academic Student, followed by Sophomore Beatrice Hoang. Additionally, the Savio Speech Team made Eagle History by scoring the first speech points at the State level. The Academic and Speech Team took home the 5A State Academic Championship and 5A State Overall Championship! Additional individual results are shown below:

### **Beatrice Hoang**

2nd Place Number Sense; 2nd place Calculator; 2nd place TAPPS Math

### **Ben Hoang**

3rd place TAPPS Math

### **Katie Miri**

3rd place Spelling

### **Michael Meeks**

6th place Ready Writing; 8th place Social Studies

### **Jonathan Shoemaker**

1st Place Number Sense; 1st place Calculator; 1st place Advanced Math; 2nd place Science; 7th place Current Event

### **Adrian Gonzales**

5th place Original Oratory

### **Catherine Hermansen**

6th place Prose Interpretation

### **Caitlin McCauslin**

4th place Duet Acting; 6th place Poetry

### **Rachel Nguyen**

4th place Prose Interpretation

### **Michael Snyder**

4th place Duet Acting

### **Additional Teammates:** Arianne

Poblette, Nate Mikosh, Morgan Berasley, Brendan Miles

## *AP Exam Results*

Students have scored above state and national averages on the PSAT, SAT, and ACT exams. Savio offers nearly 40 Pre-AP and AP level courses. In 2017-2018, **153** students completed **323** AP exams in **22** subjects with 85% scoring a 3 or higher. There were **19** AP Scholars, **18** AP Scholars with Honors, **17** AP Scholars with Distinction, **6** National AP Scholars from the Class of 2018.

## *Catholic Education Service Award | Mr. Mike Perkins*

We are pleased to recognize **Mr. Mike Perkins** as this years' honoree for the Catholic Education Service Award, that was presented at the annual Diocese of Austin, Celebrating Catholic Schools dinner in January. The "unsung" heroes at each of the 22 Catholic schools in the Diocese were honored. Mr. Perkins served Savio as a parent with his wife, Sharon, and daughter Susan, who was a student in the first graduating class in 2012. Mr. Perkins has served as an advisory member of the Board of Directors since before Savio opened its doors in 2009. Calling on his experiences as Chair and/or Director of the Boards at each of his children's Catholic schools, Mr. Perkins served Savio as the Chair of the Development Committee for seven years and the Catholic Mission Committee. He was instrumental in student participation of FOCUS SEEK conferences, since 2015. This assisted with the spiritual growth of Senior students as they grow in their personal faith, prior to attending college. He has served on the Selection Committee choosing our new principal and arranged for Fr. Mike Schmitz to celebrate the Eucharist and speak to the student body, which was a memorable experience for all. We are truly grateful for his impact over the years. *"Faith in Jesus Christ is deeply personal, formed through experiences of love and friendship between family and friends. We strive to educate our students in the content of our Faith, but we also strive, through retreats, liturgy, the Sacraments, the Timothy Team's work, service to others and our caring for them personally, to give them a human glimpse of the God who loves them."*



## *St. John Bosco Award | Mrs. Terri Allman & Principal, Morgan Daniels*

St. John Bosco was mentor to St. Dominic Savio, and often aided in the spiritual growth for young people. Two recipients were awarded, that exemplified the mentorship, sacrifice and servant leadership of St. John Bosco. **Mrs. Terri Allman** has been an indispensable servant leader of the Savio community since 2013. Allman worked behind the scenes for many events in the fine arts department, retreats, class breakfasts, teacher appreciation lunches, admissions events, and has been an integral part of making Grad Night special for graduating seniors. She contributed many hours and beautiful work to the annual Soirée. If there was a need, she would not hesitate to fill it, by making it seem effortless and joyful. **Principal, Morgan Daniels** started his service as a teacher in the social studies department, while also coaching the tennis team. When he was called to lead Savio, he answered this call with a "yes" that would echo through the years as he created a firm foundation of service, leadership and guidance. He is a wonderful example to set for the students, to form into servant leaders and send into the world. He genuinely connected with the students, and it was his desire to help students encounter kindness and acceptance. He was truly an advocate for those he pledged to guide and form, educationally, emotionally and spiritually. He made strides to ensure that students in other countries could receive the blessings and formation Savio offers. Mrs. Terri Allman and Mr. Morgan Daniels will be dearly missed.



## *Outstanding Servant Leader Award | Mrs. Brooke Sykes*

Every year, faculty and staff recognize one of their peers as an outstanding servant leader in the school community. They serve as a beacon for faculty and staff, and are often selected as an advisor, a mentor and leader in servant leadership efforts with students. The Math department chair, **Mrs. Brooke Sykes** was the 2017-2018 recipient. She was an advisor for House Council and was instrumental in assisting with the creation of the Family and House System at Savio. Mrs. Sykes also assisted with Feed My People on Thursday mornings, numerous class retreats, and spent extra time tutoring and inspiring students to find a joy in learning mathematics. She truly has a heart of servant leadership who made Savio better through her thoughtful example.







Class of 2018 pictured with Bishop Daniel E. Garcia

# *Congratulations* *Class of* *2018*



Congratulations to the Class of 2018! We look forward to hearing about their accomplishments in the years to come as Alumni of St. Dominic Savio. The class of 2018 had many accomplishments during their time at Savio.

- 81 Graduates: 4% matriculated to a Catholic University, 20% matriculated to a school out-of-state, 80% matriculated to a school in-state.
- Completed 7,166 hours of community service, with 9 students that completed over 245 hours of community service during their time at Savio.
- 15 National Merit Scholars: 8 Commended National Merit Scholars, 7 National Hispanic Scholars.
- The Class of 2018 will be attending 31 different universities and colleges.
- They earned over \$7,173,000 in scholarship awards.
- One student is entering religious life with the Congregation of Holy Cross.
- Two students are committing to a full year of missionary service work.



## *Valedictorian & Salutatorian*

The highest-ranking seniors from the Class of 2018 are Valedictorian, Dustin Boettcher and Salutatorian, Morgan Berasley. Boettcher is attending University of Texas at Austin and Berasley is attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.



# *Class of 2018 List of Students and Schools*

<b>Seohee (Jennifer) Ahn</b>   UC Santa Cruz	<b>Joseph Francis Mooney</b>   University of St. Thomas
<b>Carson James Aldridge</b>   Baylor University	<b>Clare Margaret Morales</b>   University of Texas at Dallas
<b>Catherine Marie Allman</b>   Colorado State University	<b>Tricia Natalie Nazareth</b>   University of Wisconsin Madison
<b>Phoebe Nicole Anderson</b>   University of Texas at Austin	<b>Patrick James Nicholson</b>   Colorado State University
<b>Jaime Avila</b>   St. Edward's University	<b>Riley Faith Nusbaum</b>   Temple College
<b>Emily Kay Basquez</b>   University of Texas at Austin	<b>James Clayton Orrison</b>   Texas A&M University
<b>Christine Joy Baticados</b>   University of Houston	<b>Daniel Said Ortiz</b>   Texas State Technical
<b>Morgan Ruth Berasley</b>   Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute	<b>Elodia Avelina Perez</b>   University of Texas at Dallas
<b>Dominic Michael Blea</b>   Southwestern University	<b>Andrea Chan Poblete</b>   Texas State University
<b>Dustin Matthew Boettcher</b>   University of Austin at Texas	<b>Alexander Joseph Pojman</b>   University of Texas at San Antonio
<b>Catherine Grace Bruns</b>   Texas A&M University	<b>Simon Matthew Pope</b>   Shoreline Community College
<b>Patrick Ross Carpenter</b>   Texas A&M University	<b>Mackenzie Hunt Purdy</b>   University of Texas at San Antonio
<b>Haoyuan (Mark) Chen</b>   Boston University	<b>Olivia Grace Ramirez</b>   Southern Methodist University
<b>Lin (Joe) Chen</b>   UC Santa Cruz	<b>Skyler Nathaniel Robinson</b>   University of Texas at Dallas
<b>Blaise Eliana De Oliveira</b>   United States Naval Academy	<b>Alejandra Eloisa Rodriguez</b>   Austin Community College
<b>Sophie Lourdes Demarest</b>   University of Texas at Austin	<b>Ryan Daniel Rodriguez</b>   St. Edward's University
<b>Nicholas Drew Fedele</b>   University of Texas at San Antonio	<b>Richard Patrick Rogers</b>   Texas A&M University
<b>Shelby Yvette Ferraris</b>   Texas Tech University	<b>Elias Miguel Sanchez</b>   Dallas Baptist University
<b>Lily Breann Flack</b>   Texas Tech University	<b>Maya Grace Saucedo</b>   Baylor University
<b>Pamela Nicole Franco</b>   Loyola Chicago University	<b>Michael Christopher Schmude</b>   University of Texas at Dallas
<b>Benjamin James Frey</b>   University of Texas Dallas	<b>Roberto Carlos Serrano</b>   University of Texas at Dallas
<b>Elyse Nicole Garcia</b>   University of Texas at Austin	<b>Trevor Grant Staebel</b>   Texas A&M University
<b>Emily Rose Gauna</b>   Austin Community College	<b>Zachary Shawn Stewart</b>   Texas A&M University
<b>Laura Melissa Giron</b>   Baylor University	<b>John Paul Strubbe</b>   Texas Tech University
<b>Kyle Duncan Gonsalvez</b>   Texas A&M University	<b>Bryn Pavlicek Stryk</b>   Colorado School of Mines
<b>Hannah Elizabeth Grice</b>   Blinn College	<b>Adam Joseph Sweeney</b>   Austin Community College
<b>José-Miguel Guevara-Hernández</b>   Holy Cross-Notre Dame	<b>Madison Marie Todak</b>   University of Texas at Dallas
<b>Alexander Richmond Hallum</b>   Louisiana State University	<b>Lauren Elyse Tull</b>   University of Texas at San Antonio
<b>Arriana Diann Islas</b>   East Texas Baptist University	<b>Pedro Tatsuo Warner Untalan</b>   University of California at Los Angeles
<b>Sophia Madeleine Kalamarides</b>   University of Texas at Austin	<b>Krystel Keahi Vélez-Martínez</b>   University of Houston
<b>Peyton Jane Kilburn</b>   World Race	<b>Timothy Michael Wagner</b>   Texas A&M University
<b>Ian Tate Kloc</b>   Blinn College	<b>Brennon Dallas Walsh</b>   Texas Tech University
<b>Mark Francis Lacayo</b>   Abilene Christian University	<b>Sizhe (David) Wen</b>   Purdue
<b>Tulan Sy Le</b>   University of Incarnate Word	<b>Brandon Richard White</b>   University of Alabama
<b>Michael Francis Leary</b>   St. Mary's University	<b>Stephanie Diana Wilhite</b>   University of Texas at Austin
<b>Alexis Anne Lemieux</b>   Texas A&M University Galveston	<b>Elaine Collette Williams</b>   Blinn College
<b>Matthew Van Etten Lemp</b>   University of Texas at San Antonio	<b>Dimitri Paul Winkeler</b>   University of Missouri
<b>Minh Nguyen Mather</b>   University of Texas at Dallas	<b>Connor Quinn Woods</b>   University of Texas at Dallas
<b>Madysen Bryce McHugh</b>   World Race	<b>Isabella Grace Young</b>   Texas A&M University
<b>Jonathan William McNaughton</b>   Texas A&M University	<b>Yuqi (Duke) Zhao</b>   University of Washington
<b>Cody Bryan Miller</b>   University of Houston	



# *The Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund*

*The St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund, managed by the Catholic Foundation – Diocese of Austin,*

helps to ensure the continuing availability of affordable Catholic secondary education at St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School. In 2012, the fund was created with a generous gift of \$30,000, and has continued to grow through additional gifts and sound investment management. The fund will be used for tuition assistance initiatives of the high school. The annual income distribution available from the endowment fund is currently at 4% of the endowment's average asset value. At this time, distributions are to assist in building the Endowment Fund.

Anyone interested in contributing to the school's Endowment Fund may donate on the school's website or at the Catholic Foundation website, and the funds will be transferred to the school's Endowment Fund held at the Catholic Foundation. Please contact Mrs. Alpa Brannam in the Development Office for assistance.







*On Saturday, April 21st the Savio community celebrated our annual Soirée at the brand-new St. William Parish Evangelization Center.*

It was a beautiful evening and community event thanks to all our wonderful volunteers, supporters and class basket coordinators. A special thank you to our chairs, Terri Allman, Debbie Fedele, Kim Veenis and their amazing committee and event day volunteers. A very special thank you to our event sponsors. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and is directly responsible for the success of the Soirée and St. Dominic Savio.



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Each year we are truly blessed by the amazing community support for the Build the Nest Campaign. Our community of parents, grandparents, Board members, faculty, staff, young alumni and friends surpassed this year's goal of \$190,000 with a **pledge total of nearly \$215,000!** This could not have been done without our dedicated grade level chairs for the 2017-2018 annual appeal, Mike & Bridgitte Owens, Stuart & Lisa McKenna, Greg & Pamela Rabaey and Pete & Terri Allman. Together with our parent social hosts and phone-a-thon volunteers, they led the campaign to success with a true understanding of stewardship. As our community grows in support for St. Dominic Savio we can continue to keep tuition low while providing a comprehensive, college preparatory education and a strong faith foundation for our students.



# Forming Servant Leaders in *Fine Arts*

## VISUAL ARTS

Savio students were recognized by the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for excellence in the visual arts. Savio received a total of 29 awards in the categories of Photography, Drawing and Illustration, Painting and Mixed Media. Four students, Sophia Kalamarides, Ryan Rodriguez, Lily Nash, and Trinity Garcia received the highest recognition and their art work will be adjudicated at the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Senior, Sophia Kalamarides, was recognized at this level for two of her pieces. Savio had a total of five entries at the national competition in New York this year.

## THEATRE: FALL & SPRING PLAY

Twice a year, students show what they have learned in their theatre classes through the fall and spring plays. In the fall, Savio students presented an impressive production of *13 Past Midnight* on November 16 - 17. The fall and spring plays encourage and help students practice the basics of acting, theatre history, technical responsibilities, and theatre appreciation. Students gain experience performing their work for the community.

## MUSICAL

This year, the Musical Theatre Company club produced *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, which is a musical comedy from 1967, with music and lyrics by Clark Gesner. The characters are based from cartoonist Charles M. Schulz in his comic strip *Peanuts*. The musical was performed and produced by 36 students that ranged from freshman to senior talent. The musical is a successful event that invites and attracts the public to attend the largest production in our school gym. We thank Mrs. Joyce Mink, and Mrs. Annemarie Weis for their continued legacy to grow the acting and performance program at the school.

## CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The 2017-2018 school year was an exciting and successful year for the Music department. This year the music program was led by Director of Music, Doug Schneider. The Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, and Choir all saw increased enrollment. In the TAPPS music competitions, all groups received either a Superior or Excellent rating. The Wind Ensemble did exceedingly well in competition, receiving a Sweepstakes award for their performances.

In the spring, Savio hosted the Catholic School Band and Orchestra Festival. In this event, more than 150 middle and high school students gathered to perform for each other and together as one giant ensemble. All of the schools joined together to play *The Tempest*, composed by Robert W. Smith. The sound of all the bands and orchestras filled the gym with a full and voluminous, instrumental sound!

The music department continues to build their repertoire of a variety of music pieces enjoyed by all including *Star Wars*, *Taste of the Classics* arranged by John R. Hearnese, *Engines of Resistance* by Larry Clark, and *Redlands Overture* by Lennie Niehaus. During the last concert of the year, the Savio Pops Choir added a few well-known songs to the live the atmosphere, such as, *New York State of Mind* by Billy Joel, and *Believer* by Imagine Dragons (arr. Mark Brymer).





# Forming Servant Leaders in Athletics



In May, the annual **Athletic Awards** Ceremony was held in the Savio gym. It is a tradition for the coaches in each sport to select an *Unsung Hero* that reflects an athlete who makes a substantive yet unrecognized contribution to a sport. This athlete works hard and keeps a positive attitude, while being helpful and is an integral part of the team.

**Baseball:** John Stafford  
**Boys Basketball:** Luke Wagner  
**Girls Basketball:** AnaLisa Rodriguez  
**Cheerleading:** Caitlin Neill  
**Cross Country:** Chiara Aridjis-Olivos  
**Football:** Gabriel Kingston Beitia  
**Golf:** Matthew Lemp  
**Boys Soccer:** Clancy Hughes  
**Girls Soccer:** Quinn Brooke  
**Swimming:** Elaine Williams  
**Softball:** Lauren Tull  
**Tennis:** Ethan Janecka  
**Track & Field:** Miles Webster  
**Volleyball:** Shelby Ferraris

## TAPPS FOOTBALL ALL STATE ACADEMIC TEAM:

Dmitri Winkeler, James (Clayton) Orrison, Johnny McNaughton, and Patrick Nicholson

**National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete:** In recognition for Academics, Athletic, School and Community Service Achievements – Dmitri Winkeler

## Student Athlete of the Year:

Cole Smylie

## Male Student Athlete of the Year:

Zachary Stewart

## Female Athlete of the Year:

Elle Bartholomew

## Coach of the Year:

Coach Rich Carr, Head Coach of Girls Basketball

## Golden Eagle Award:

Is presented to a parent who has recognized their child's gifts and talents, challenged their child to set goals, put winning and losing in perspective, offered positive feedback, encouraged discovery to problem solve, and applauded sportsmanship. We congratulate Mrs. Danielle White as this years' recipient of the Golden Eagle Award.

## STATE CHAMPIONS

Swimming State Competition: The Girls Swim Team won state and the Boys Swim Team won 3rd place in a nearly perfect performance. The 15 swims out of 18 swims for the girls were faster than their regional scores, and 16 swims out of 19 swims were faster swims for the boys! A total of 18 girls teams and 19 boys teams competed in state. The girls had 12 top 10 finishes that scored points for the team including 7 first place state champion finishes!

## ATHLETIC SIGNINGS

Congratulations to the students that have signed a letter of intent to continue with athletics in college. The students have worked hard the last four years at Savio, and it is an honor to have these students representing the school through the following athletics programs:

Arriana Islas signed to run Track & Field at East Texas Baptist University in Dallas.  
 Mark Lacayo signed to play football with Abilene Christian University.  
 Riley Nusbaum signed to play softball for Temple College.  
 Elias Sanchez signed to run Track & Field with Dallas Baptist University.





# Forming Servant Leaders in Witness

## SPIRIT OF COMPASSION AWARD

In the fall, students were recognized for serving at *Feed My People* during the 9th Annual Spirit of Compassion Awards dinner held by the Foundation of the Homeless. Each Thursday, a group of faculty, staff and students depart the school at 4:30 AM to help serve breakfast to the homeless in downtown Austin at the First United Methodist Family Center. Mrs. Katie Artzt is one of the teachers that attends *Feed My People* with the students on Thursdays, *"The students never set out to do this work in the hopes of recognition. Instead, they dedicate their Thursdays to showing up at Savio at 4:30 in the morning. They have learned that service is two parts: first, showing up and doing what is needed, not what they want to do. Secondly, being present is the most important part, to form bonds and friendships with people they would never encounter. The students now think about those they serve during the week and look forward to seeing them again, like they would their friends."*

## HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

Since the school year began, it was a desire for the Christian Outreach class to travel to the coast to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief. They were connected with the Tivoli and Austwell, Texas areas, both located an hour from Corpus Christi, TX and still in great need of assistance many months later. The first trip occurred at the beginning of April, with eight students assisting with home improvement projects to clean up after the devastation. Through this experience, the students found they could have an impact and make a difference, by joyfully serving those who are in a vulnerable situation. Student interest for another trip grew and another trip was scheduled at the end of June, this time with 22 students committed for the trip. With 22 students, they were able to accomplish many more projects and greatly transform two homes for the better. One belonged to 104-year-old, Francesca and the other, to Ms. Mary Canales, the Mayor of the City of Austwell. At the end of the trip, the students grew in their knowledge about home repairs, while serving those in need. They grew in fellowship and were grateful for the experience to serve others. *"This service opportunity taught us much patience and humility. It was so eye opening to see a city that has had barely any attention after the hurricane and how much destruction the town still had. People were living in tents because their houses were torn down, hundreds of fallen trees were all around the town, and so much more. Through the Holy Spirit, we found the joy and strength to do whatever these sweet people of Austwell needed in their town,"* said Savio senior, Peyton Kilburn.

## IRON EAGLES ROBOTICS

The Iron Eagles Robotics teams finished their season with a flourish on May 12, at the first annual TAPPS State Robotics Championship, held at the Waco Convention Center. After posting a 5-1 record during qualifying rounds, Team Prime finished the competition ranked in 2nd place, and then chose their sister team *Optimus* to compete with them in the final elimination rounds of the tournament. The *Optimus/Prime* alliance then narrowly won their semifinal matches 2-0 before losing in the finals to the World Championship finalist, Reicher Robotics from Waco. At the season-ending awards ceremony, *Prime* won "Strategic Thinking" Award, and both *Prime* and *Optimus* were nominated for two other awards. Congratulations to both teams for a great finish to another successful robotics season!

## ALUMNA & FOUNDER VISITS 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CUTS FOR CANCER EVENT

In February, Savio held its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Cuts for Cancer event. Students and community members were invited to donate their hair during the event, and founding Alumni were invited. Class of 2015 Alumna, Brooke Ellis, attended the event to observe how the event has grown in 5 years.

"Cuts for Cancer first came about when Coach Michelle asked me to think of a philanthropy event for our cheerleading team. Soon after, my mom and I began brainstorming ideas and we considered the idea of donating hair. I thought that it was crazy to cut eight inches of hair! At the time, I thought cutting that much of my hair would cause me to lose a part of myself. A few days later, I remembered my friend's mother, Thea Williams, who had breast cancer, and had lost all her hair. I remembered all the heartache she went through and how she truly lost a part of herself. Through this thought, Savio Cuts for Cancer came to be, and I immediately began discussing plans with Coach Michelle. We first announced the event to Amira, Thea's daughter and my friend, followed by announcing the idea to the Cheerleading team. My hope for the event, five years ago and now, was to inspire the community to give a part of themselves so that those who are suffering may regain confidence and truly embrace who they are. I had always hoped Savio Cuts for Cancer would continue to flourish and inspire others. Attending the event five years later, continues to be an incredible experience that I will never forget. It always amazes me to see students, faculty, and members of the community donate eight inches of their hair, for someone in need. I can tell that the Savio Cheerleaders put in a lot of hard work to help grow this event and am proud to see where they have taken it. I cannot wait to see what happens in the upcoming years!

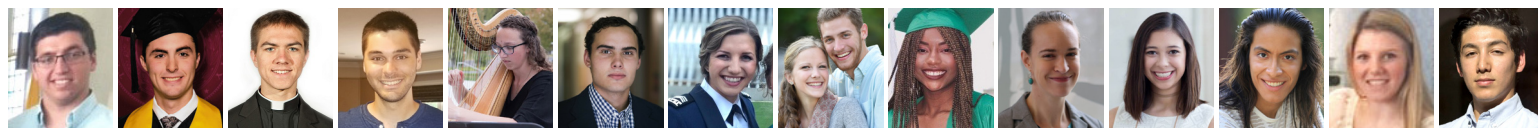
Currently, I am a senior majoring and doing research in Molecular and Cell Biology at Texas A&M University. I am involved in a couple of organizations at A&M. One being the Pre-Dental Society, which I am currently the Fundraising Coordinator. Being a part of this organization has shown me my passion for dentistry. I am applying to dental schools and hope to be a General Dentist in the upcoming years. The other organization I am involved in is Kappa Delta. I have the privilege of being the Vice-President of Community Service for this sorority. Through Kappa Delta, I have had the opportunity of raising over \$69,000 to donate to the organization's local and national philanthropies. In addition, this organization allows me to actively volunteer with the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and to be a part of the confidence coalition, which is an international movement enabling women and girls to embrace their uniqueness."





# A Legacy of Savio Eagles

This year, alumni gathered for a Mass blessing in August and in January, the Homecoming Tailgate in October, and for a Mass blessing, guest speaker and lunch in May. We invite alumni back every year to continue to build a legacy of Savio Eagles. Check the Savio alumni webpage to learn about the 2018-2019 event gatherings! [www.saviochs.org/alumni](http://www.saviochs.org/alumni)



**2012 DANIEL MIKSCH** graduated in 2016 from Texas State Technical College with an Associate in Drafting & Design. He is currently working for an engineering firm in Temple.

**2013 STEPHEN BIRSCHENK** graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in December 2016. During his Junior Year at Texas A&M, he was awarded the Jaan Laane Academic Achievement Award based on overall GPA and undergraduate research. In 2016, he was selected to participate in a program in Germany that allowed him to work in a Chemistry lab at University of Ulm. Presently, he is at the University of California, Berkeley pursuing a PhD in Chemistry.

**2013 JAKOB HURLIMANN** has finished his first year studying Theology in Rome, and is now at the halfway point in his seminary formation to become a Diocesan Priest. Last year, Hurlimann graduated from St. Joseph Seminary College in Louisiana and was asked to continue his formation in Rome. This summer he was in Tanzania helping with a mission parish, then he will return to Rome in August to begin his second year of classes. Hurlimann will be back in Texas in 2019.

**2014 MATTHEW FRENCH** graduated in May with a degree in Materials Science and Nanoengineering from Rice University. Matthew's research on Material Science testing has been published in Materials and Design, a publication that reports material research for engineers. Matthew's research has been featured in the Rice Engineering Magazine multiple times throughout his college career. Matthew entered Navy Officer Candidate School this summer and will graduate as a Nuclear Engineering Navy Officer in September.

**2014 GABRIELLE BERNHARD** graduated from Catholic University with her Bachelor of Science in Accounting, a minor in Spanish and a minor in harp performance. She began her studies for her Master's degree this summer and expects to finish in December 2018.

**2014 ANDREW MCKENNA** graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville in May, with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Business Marketing. This summer, he walked the Camino de Santiago, a 500-mile-long pilgrimage through France and Spain. Following his trip, he started working at The Pines Catholic Camp as the Director of Logistics and Formation.

**2014 ABIGAIL MIKSCH** completed her third year as a cadet at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. Miksch finished the season playing volleyball, and ranked in the top 10 in the Mountain West Conference for her number of kills and points per set. She led a squadron as a commander this summer.

**2014 ANELIA (LEA) SNYDER** graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2017 with a Bachelor's in Theology and a minor in Philosophy. As of August 2017, she has been working as Campus Minister at Marian High School in Mishawaka (near South Bend), IN and married the love of her life in June.

**2014 CHELSI WADE** graduated with a double major from the University of North Texas, with a Bachelor of Science in Fashion Merchandising and a Bachelor of Science in Digital Retailing.

**2014 LUCIA WINKELER** graduated from Texas A&M University in international studies. She received a Russian Language and Culture double major in May, with a focus on international politics and diplomacy. She graduated as a member of the research subcommittee for the MSC Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA) and as a member of the Russian Club. In 2017, she interned at the U.S. Department of Commerce through A&M's Public Policy Internship Program and increased her knowledge of U.S.-Russian relations in a business context. She plans to earn a Master's in International Relations with a focus on Eurasia, and enter a career on improving U.S.-Russian relations and affect interests in the Eurasian region overall.

**2015 BROOKE ELLIS** is a senior majoring and doing research in Molecular and Cell Biology at Texas A&M University. She is currently the Vice-President of Community Service for Kappa Delta and the Fundraising Coordinator for the Pre-Dental Society. Brooke is applying to dental schools to become a General Dentist in the upcoming years.

**2015 MICHELANGELO RODRIGUEZ** is studying Music Composition at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music (SFCM). He is a member of the Recording Academy's Grammy U Organization and has served as their Ambassador since 2016 for SFCM. He has shifted his focus to writing music for films, where he has already written several original scores for many short independent films, some of which will be featured and screened in upcoming film festivals. Michelangelo has worked closely with and studied under Tim Davies and Jeff Beal, orchestrators and composers of films/shows such as *Frozen*, *La La Land*, and *House of Cards*. In 2016, he signed with Models Inc. Talent Agency to pursue a part time modeling career.

**2017 SISTER MARIA PAULA (AMANDA FUENTES)**, has begun her Canonical Novice year as of July 25, 2018 with The Sisters of Mary Mother of The Eucharist. She will continue studies in Ann Arbor, Michigan as a Novice. She is thankful for prayers and requests continued prayers for her journey.

**2017 MADELEINE MIKSCH** is entering her sophomore year at St. Edward's University. She is studying business and continues to play volleyball.

**2017 JOHN DIGRAVIO** is an incoming Sophomore at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. John was recently highlighted in the New York Times for his efforts to start a club on campus, the Society for Conservative Thought that allows conservative ideas to be discussed. He assisted with bringing a guest speaker to campus encouraging dozens of students to attend.

## DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST ALUMNA

Pictured from left to right: Sr. Maria Reginald, OP (Robyn Aanstoos, Class of 2014), Sr. Monica Marie, OP (Ava Lynk, Class of 2014), Sr. Basil Marie, OP (Caroline Smith, Class of 2015), Sr. Maria Paula (Amanda Fuentes, Class of 2017)





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