



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Forming Servant Leaders in the Image of Christ



President's Welcome

Dear Friends and Families,

The school year 2019-2020 began like so many others. We enjoyed a great fall complete with the roar of the crowd at football games, hot dogs and Savio clubs at Trunk or Treat and No Shave November. We enjoyed a lovely Christmas with our family and friends and returned in January rested and ready. We were able to experience our infamous school-wide service day, Imago Christi, and witness the amazing 7th Annual Cuts for Cancer. Little did we know that the COVID 19 global pandemic was looming just around the corner, and it would change our Savio world like nothing else has done before. In the months and weeks before Spring Break, more and more conversations



were about preparedness. Then reality set in – we needed to adjust and prepare for the unthinkable – finishing the spring semester with distance learning. The week before spring break was spent preparing teachers and students for this incredible transition. The results were amazing. Aided by Savio's Bring Your Own Device program, Savio students were comfortable with their computers, family homes were ready with internet access and Savio teachers were ready to Zoom and continue teaching. Savio teachers spent 10 weeks teaching online before celebrating our 2020 Senior class in a graduation ceremony that was live streamed from our own football field – another first. We were relieved and proud that we had completed the school year, with as much fidelity to the true curriculum as humanly possible. You know the rest of the story – a restless summer with conflicting information from agencies and an ever-evolving plan for returning to school in the fall of 2020. Then August came, and we began to do it all over again – but maybe differently and maybe better this time.

For me, it brings to mind questions. Lots of them. Like ... What was that? And why? What are you wanting us to experience, Jesus? Thankfully, we had the summer to rest and reflect because we all needed it. About mid-June, the admin team settled on a singular focus for planning for the upcoming school year. We recognized the grave loss of community that we had all experienced. No matter what, it's still better to be together. We need each other – for structure, for emotional support, for affirmation, for communication, for effectiveness and for love. So this year, one day a week is dedicated to Faith, Family (Savio style), and Friends Fridays. We watch live streamed Masses together, as we feel gratitude for that visiting priest celebrating in our own Chapel. We worship together in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We break out into our Family groups to play and compete. We see the faces of our friends and enjoy time with them. We enjoy student activities again and what a difference that makes! Even with a mask on.

Be gentle on yourselves my friends and dig deep with Jesus. I'm convinced he has a message for you.

Blessings to all,

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Joan Wagner, Ph.D. | President

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

Throughout Savio's ten years, Isaiah 40:31 has been an apropos and inspiring verse, reminding Savio that we will always find strength in God. Never was this verse more appropriate than the 2019–20 school year.

2019–20 was really a tale of two semesters. In the fall semester we celebrated Savio's 10 year anniversary. We marveled at starting the year with 100 students in each class for the first time. We basked in the glory our first–ever 8-0 Eagle Football season, success of Eagle Swim at State, the return to playoffs for Eagle Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Girls Basketball, and Boys Basketball.

Savio also celebrated the inaugural seasons of our Cyber Security Team and Eagle Dance Team, as well as the unveiling of Savio's Vocations Wall, honoring the now ten Savio students and alumni who are in formation for the priesthood and religious life. The joy of the Fall Semester continued with events like Homecoming, Fall Concert, Fall Play, Friendsgiving, International Week, and the Savio Soirée. Yes, that Savio Spirit soared during the Fall Semester. And then came COVID, and the wind beneath our wings all but stopped and we felt as though Savio plummeted towards the ground.

However, even in the midst of the COVID pandemic, we found a way to soar once again. Before the pandemic hit in March, we honored eleven Savio Seniors who received National Merit Scholar recognition. In addition to online learning, the Principal's Coffee went online, setting new records for parent participation. We honored seniors with Savio Senior Strong yard signs and a Senior Spotlight Series. The Junior Class outdid themselves with the Senior Salute. We held Savio's first-ever virtual Academic Awards and Savio Athletic Celebration. To close out the year, Savio was very much blessed to have a beautiful Baccalaureate Mass and outdoor Graduation for the Class of 2020.

In all, as we look back on the year 2019–2020, we know that it was a challenging year for us, but we must recognize that the year was also filled with blessings. Everything we accomplished and all we experienced showed us that we will find new strength, that we will run and not grow weary, that we will walk and not feel faint, and that we will soar high on wings like Eagles if we but trust in the Lord.

Thank you for a great year, Savio! And remember, every day is a great day to be an Eagle!

Blessings,

Dr. Enrique Garcia | Principal

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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 faithfilled, 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.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School expresses the Church's educational mission through faith formation, social development and awareness, and a strong academic program. We seek to develop within the school a strong Theology program based on Catholic teachings, Scripture, liturgical experiences, and service so that each student will grow and develop in the Catholic Christian way of life; to facilitate the spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of each student; and to challenge students to become Christian leaders, living as young men and women of conscience, compassion, and action.

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ON THE COVER: Co-Salutatorians Luke Wagner and Isabel Weir and Valedictorian Cole Smylie at the outdoor Graduation.

IN THE LIFE

HOMECOMING

Homecoming was a fun-filled, week-long celebration that allowed students, faculty, and staff alike to show off their school spirit by participating in different theme days.

The week was capped off with the homecoming football game on Friday, October 11. The Eagles played the Hallettsville Brahmas in front of an excited Homecoming crowd. Seniors Cameron Wedge and Justice Mason were crowned Homecoming King and Queen that evening. On Saturday, students ended the week in an Enchanted Forest themed dance.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat, organized by the Student Council, was held in the courtyard on October 31. A variety of student organizations hosted booths for the community to play games, dance, visit and enjoy some Halloween candy. Pirates, princesses, and superheroes all had a safe place to enjoy themselves!

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

During November, students are permitted to grow facial hair to raise awareness for cancer research. This year, students collected \$458.25 to donate to Dell Children's Blood and Cancer Center. On December 3, the winners of the No Shave November contest were announced. The finalists are pictured from left to right:

The Best Beard: Matthew Hogenmiller The GOAT: Cameron Wedge Best Stache: Julio Carvallo-Roy Most Creative: Zach McKenna Patchiest: Garrett Veenis Best Chops: Jose Basualdo Neckbeard: DJ Bolin Invisibeard: Reilly Gilbert



OF SAVIO



GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day is a way to celebrate the connection between generations. Grandparents pass on strength, information, and guidance to our students in ways that are unique to each family. On November 20, they were invited to a reception in the school gym and shared in a service project of making bags for the homeless. Afterward, we honored our grandparents by inviting them to join us in our school Mass.

CUTS FOR CANCER

The 7th Annual Cuts for Cancer was held on Friday, February 21. In the past six years, a total of 590 ponytails have been donated from the Savio community. The school also raises funds to be donated each year and the grand total that the school has donated to St Jude's Research Hospital is well over \$10,000.

IMAGO CHRISTI DAY

On January 30, Savio students, parents, faculty, and staff continued its long-standing tradition of Imago Christi Day. Held as part of Catholic Schools Week, Imago Christi Day is a day when the Savio community travel to service sites around the Austin area and perform more than 1000 hours of service in a single day. Families from each of the four Houses visit nursing homes, parks, building projects, retreat centers, and other organizations to support and serve the various communities with whom they work.

Through service, Savio volunteers effectively learn how and why to serve the poor and the vulnerable. One of the most remarkable characteristics of Imago Christi Day is that it allows participants to serve through direct action, which is a necessary component of Christ's mission. In doing so, the Savio community actively forms servant leaders in the image of Christ by preparing young men and women to become faithfilled, visionary, and inspirational leaders in service to the Church and the world.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

In addition to the many faith, academic, and athletic distinctions these students have garnered over the last four years, Savio's Class of 2020 and their families also earned the distinction of showing dedication, perseverance, and faith in the face of the COVID-19 quarantine. For this commitment to servant leadership and scholarly excellence, we thank our graduates and their families. It is this commitment as members of Savio's community of faith and learning that has enabled these students to achieve this most-auspicious milestone, and this commitment assures us that the members of Savio's Class of 2020 will continue to achieve and persevere as faith-filled, visionary, and inspirational leaders in service to the Church and the world.

Valedictorian and Salutatorians

The Class of 2020 Valedictorian is Cole Smylie (pictured below) who is attending The University of Texas, Austin. The Co-Salutatorians are Luke Wagner who is attending MIT and Isabel Weir who is attending the University of Virginia.

Class of 2020: By the Numbers

98 graduates

9% matriculated to a Catholic University 71% matriculated to a school in-state 29% matriculated to a school out-of-state

13 Regional Awards in the 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Competition

National Merit accolades

colleges & universities attended

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\$12,135,155 in scholarship awards



Class of 2020 Senior Commitments

American University Mengmeng (Christine) Wang

Art Center College of Design Yi Zhou

Austin Community College

Noah Aziz Jack Gauna Janie Giron Justice Mason William McHugh Maddie Myrick Linh Nguyen Victoria Pojman Cameron Wedge

Baylor University Anna Carrano

Belmont Abbey Kelsy Kelemen

Natalie Jones

Benedictine College AnaLisa Rodriguez

Blinn Collin Brown

Boston College Nathan French

Cisco College Emily Larmeu

Creighton University Elizabeth Camarena

Eastern Iowa Community College Alysiah Urquiza

Emory University Harry Chen

Franciscan University Madi Chauvin

Gannon University Brenna Burns Howard University Ellee Bartholomew

Massachusetts Institute of Tech Luke Wagner

Sam Houston State University Chris Janak

Springhill College Sasha Falch

St. Edwards Nani Zapata

Stanford Alina Davison

Tarleton State University

Gage Nusbaum Isaac Salas Garrett Veenis Morgan Garcia

Texas A&M

Ainsley Cook Trinity Garcia Jade Hallum Grace Henry Angela Herridge Ethan Janecka Reilly Klein Brendan Mazzurana Zach McKenna Abby Miller

Texas Christian University Cecilia Hurtado

Texas State

Maya Chalil Julia Medina Kyra Sherman Miles Webster Matthew DiTeresa Annabel Flack Troy Foster Britney Frasier Seth Leasure Kyla Walsh



Trinity University Connor Buchanan Carson Callas

UC Davis Joe Zhang

UC San Diego Jack Grieshop

University of Chicago Adrian Gonzales

University of Dallas Emily Dietrich

University of Florida Adam Bowen

University of Incarnate Word Ali Gutierrez

University of Indiana James Zhou

University of Oklahoma Abigail Staebel

University of Southern California Frances Untalan

University of Virginia Isabel Weir

University of Warwick Yeji Hong

University of Washington Siyi (Lily) Pan

University of Wyoming Reilly Gilbert



UT Austin

Mariette Buzad Noah Demarest Cat Hermansen David Johns Brendan Miles Andrea Rodriguez Cole Smylie Joanne Uong Camila Vera-Tudela Vic Wang

UT Dallas

Julio Carvallo-Roy Mason Garcia Ryan McKinstry Isa Serrano-Ayala

UT Rio Grande Valley Tanya Brouse

UT San Antonio Frankie Alvarez Katherine Carabajal Joseph Gaona Marta Maia Quinton Marshall

UT Tyler Sarah Hughes

Julie Price

Walsh University Lenci Williams

Williams College Caitlin Murphy

Xavier University
JJ Grohs

Carpe Diem Gap Year Grace Carpenter

Job with March for our Lives Matthew Hogenmiller

Undecided Luke Breed Mikayla Grice

Forming Servant Leaders in Scholarship

The Academic Award ceremony honored the dedication and academic success of Savio students. Awards are presented by the department chair of each subject and bear the name of the Patron Saint of the department.

ENGLISH (St. Francis de Sales)

Freshman: Marissa Mathew Sophomore: Thomas Mazzurana Junior: Andrew Carpenter Senior: Reilly Klein

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

First Place: Noah Young Second Place: Elijah Ritch Third Place: Sabrina Deaver

MATH (St. Hubert of Liege)

Algebra I: Maeva Charvet, Geometry: Greta Klein Algebra II: Thomas Mazzurana Precalculus: Robby Teal Senior Award: Connor Buchanan

THEOLOGY (St. Augustine)

Freshman: Helene Chaumont Sophomore: Johnny Miri Junior: Reilly Van Zandt Senior: Reilly Gilbert

SCIENCE (St. Albert the Great)

Biology: Sam Carrillo Chemistry: Evan Kuo Physics: Alina Davison Senior Award: Isabel Weir

SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT (St. Bede)

Freshman: Mitch Archer Sophomore: Zachary Spanhak Junior: Michael Meeks Senior: Elleé Bartholomew

WORLD LANGUAGE (St. Francis Xavier)

Chinese: Arianne Poblete Latin: Amelia Johnson Spanish: Adam Bowen Senior: Sarah Hughes

TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

Technology: (St. Isidore of Seville) Underclassman: Robby Teal Upperclassman: Mason Garcia CyberPatriots: (St. Isidore of Seville) Underclassman: Johnny Miri Upperclassman: Katie Miri Engineering: (St. Patrick) Underclassman: Odessa Weir Upperclassman: Luke Wagner Robotics: (St. Isidore of Seville) Rookie of the Year: Evan Brunner Engineering Award: Sam Carrillo

Ray McCormick Award: Evan Brunner Spirit of St. Louis Award: Mason Garcia

VISUAL ARTS (St. Luke) Studio Art:

Freshman: Kieran Crowley Sophomore: Hali Murphy Junior: Arianne Poblete Senior: Matthew Hogenmiller

Photography:

Freshman: Taryn Cook Sophomore: Alex Gillette Junior: Caitlin Neill Senior: Abigail Staebel

MUSICAL ARTS (St. Cecilia) Orchestra:

Underclassman: Helene Chaumont Upperclassman: Elleé Bartholomew Wind Ensemble: Underclassman: Xuan (James) Zhou Upperclassman: Griffin Salinas

Choir:

Underclassman: Molly Blood Upperclassman: Cat Hermansen



Theater: Junior: Savannah Miller Senior: Matthew Hogenmiller

Quiz Bowl Qualified for Nationals

Michael Meeks Nathanial Mikosh Katie Miri Johnny Miri

Outstanding Academic Team Competitors

9th grade – Alfonzie Stepney 10th grade – Johnny Miri 11th grade – Michael Meeks

THE '200' CLUB

The Diakonia Program is an opportunity to explore the many service and ministry opportunities of the Church and the wider community outside of one's normal circle of friends, family and neighborhood. The program is comprised both of loving action and prayerful reflection. The following students achieved enough service hours to join the '200' Club.

Noah Aziz (546 hours) Grace Carpenter (406) Annabel Flack (276) Trinity Garcia(251) Reilly Gilbert (247) Angela Herridge (561) Matthew Hogenmiller (255) Sarah Hughes (632) Natalie Jones (267) Seth Leasure (353) Justice Mason (248) Caitlin Murphy (271) Camila Vera-Tudela (306) Isabel Weir (273)

Catholic Relief Services Global Advocate 2020 Sarah Hughes



Good & Faithful Servant Award Angela Herridge

The Good and Faithful Servant Award recognizes a senior who has shown exceptional service in an unassuming way, knowing that God sees all things. The character of a faithful servant is being extraordinary in doing the ordinary; an attitude of thankfulness, not entitlement; of recognizing and responding to the needs of others before oneself. It is a great honor to present this year's Good and

Faithful Servant Award to Angela Herridge.

Angela consistently seeks to meet the needs of those around her without fanfare or recognition. While her actions may not always be in the spotlight, her service has made a profound impact on this community. If you asked students, staff, and faculty about Angela, they would each give you a different answer about the ways that she has served and led in the halls of Savio. She has given of herself to others so deeply. Angela's contributions to the various clubs and organizations that she has led will have an impact on our community for years to come.

This remarkable young woman has a heart almost as large as her truck. Angela's laughter is contagious and is only outshone by her profound care for those around her and the tenacity of her relationship with God. Throughout her time at Savio, she has generously served those around her, consistently showing up and helping out. For Angela, this looked like early mornings in the gym to set up for Mass or Adoration, inspiring her peers to be true Women of God, and taking on leadership roles like National Honor Society president. She has truly been a good and faithful servant of the God she loves so fiercely. Angela will be attending Texas A&M University in the fall pursuing a degree in Elementary Education.



St. Dominic Savio Award Luke Wagner

The St. Dominic Savio Award recognizes a senior who has lived out, in an exemplary manner, the school's mission of being a servant leader in the Image of Christ here at Savio. It is an honor and privilege to present the St. Dominic Savio Award to Luke Wagner.

Being a servant leader means discerning with the Holy Spirit the needs of those around us and responding with loving action. It

means having the heart of our patron St. Dominic Savio, seeking to grow in holiness while stepping up to lead in consistent and loving ways. This award is presented to a student who consistently leads through both words and actions, serving their community and sharing Christ in all they do.

Luke was a natural choice for this award. During his time at Savio, Luke was seen as a servant leader by his peers, younger students, faculty, staff members, and coaches. Luke consistently stepped up to help others, to set an example of spirit and faithfulness, and to be a leader by serving – he truly has embodied the heart of our patron. When House Council was asked to name peers who exemplified our mission statement, Luke's name came up more than any other student. This remarkable young man led through House Council where he brought Angelus to victory in many House competitions by encouraging and hyping up his Family members. Luke led through his participation on the basketball court where he served as captain and led the Eagles to many victories on and off the court. Luke's epic three-point buzzer-beater against Central Catholic will long be remembered as one of the highlights of the 2019–2020 basketball season. He can often be heard giving the team prayer and is always uplifting others. Luke will be studying electrical engineering and computer science at MIT next year as well as playing basketball for the Engineers.



National Merit Scholars

St. Dominic Savio honored these 11 students for the extraordinary achievement of receiving National Merit Recognition. Congratulations!

Finalist

Luke Wagner Hispanic Recognition Scholar

Alina Davison Trinity Garcia Commended

Alina Davison David Johns Ryan McKinstry Joanne Uong

Connor Buchanan Brendan Mazzurana Cole Smylie Isabel Weir

TAPPS State Qualifiers

9th Grade: Evan Kuo (Number Sense, TAPPS Math), Luke Mikosh (TAPPS Math), Caitlin Poblete (TAPPS Math), Alfonzie Stepney (Spelling, Literary Criticism)

10th Grade: Luis Barajas (Spanish, Calculator), Alexander Lacayo (Spanish), Lucas Li (Number Sense, Calculator, Advanced Math), Johnny Miri (Spelling, Current Events, Social Studies, Number Sense, Science, Advanced Math, 5th place at State in Ready Writing)

11th Grade: Matthew Reysa (Current Events, Social Studies), Michael Meeks (Ready Writing, Spanish, Current Events, Literary Criticism, Social Studies, Science), Nate Mikosh (Calculator, Advanced Math, Katie Miri (Ready Writing, Spelling, Literary Criticism, Science)

AP Exam Results

Students have regularly scored above state and national averages on the PSAT, SAT and ACT exams. Savio offers over 40 Honors and AP level courses. In 2019–2020, 151 students completed 312 AP exams in 18 subjects. The Class of 2020 had 19 AP Scholars, 10 AP Scholars with Honors, 35 AP Scholars with Distinction, and 6 National AP Scholars.

Forming Servant Leaders in Athletics

All-State and All-District are post-season awards presented by TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools) in all divisions of every sport. The TAPPS Academic Awards honor those student athletes who excel not only in their chosen sport but also in their academic studies.

TAPPS Athletic Awards

Cheerleading

Academic All-State Annabel Flack All-State First Team Annabel Flack Honorable Mention Morgan Garcia

Football

All-State First Team (offense) Collin Brown – OL, Nick Lopez – OL, Troy Foster – RB, Garret Veenis – TE All-State First Team (defense) Collin Brown – DL, Garret Veenis – LB, Gage Nusbaum – DB All-State Second Team (offense) Chris Janak – QB, Chance Stevens – OL, Matt Carter – RB, James Mooney – WR All-State Second Team (defense) Nick Lopez – DL, Drew Leasure – DB All-State First Team Honorable Mention (offense) Anthony Valastro – OL, Evan Herrera – OL, Joe Chavez – RB All-State Second Team Honorable Mention (defense) Anthony Valastro – DL, Troy Foster – DB, Chris Janak – LB Special Teams Chris Janak – 1st Team All-State Punter, Sebastian Martinez-Anton – 2nd Team All-State FG Kicker

Volleyball

Academic All-State Britney Frasier, Ella Lange, Georgia Brown All-State Honorable Mention Sophia Miksch All-District First Team Emily Larmeu, Georgia Brown, Sophia Miksch All-District Second Team Britney Frasier, Ella Lange, Emily Mischke

Girls Basketball

Academic All-State Britney Frasier, Maya Johnson All-State Second Team Honorable Mention Maya Johnson All-District First Team Britney Frasier, Maya Johnson All-District Second Team Savannah De Los Santos, Avery Schiesser All-District Honorable Mention Maya Chalil

Boys Basketball

Academic All-State Luke Wagner, James Mooney, Stephen Owens, Zachary McKenna All-State Second Team Honorable Mention Luke Wagner All-District First Team Luke Wagner, James Mooney All-District Second Team Garrett Veenis, Stephen Owens, Zachary McKenna All-District Honorable Mention Liam Gall

Girls Soccer

Academic All-State Lenci Williams, Grace Carpenter, Tanya Brouse All-State Second Team Tanya Brouse – Offense All-District First Team Tanya Brouse – Offense, Grace Carpenter – Defense All-District Second Team Myah Kuenstler – Offense, Lenci Williams – Midfield, Claire Dewan – Defense All-District Honorable Mention Eva Zimmerman – Midfield, Gabriella Gutierrez – Keeper

Boys Soccer

Academic All-State Brendan Mazzurana, Nathan French, Noah Young All-State Second Team Nathan French – Offense, Brendan Mazzurana – Midfield All-District First Team Nathan French – Offense, Brendan Mazzurana – Midfield All-State Second Team Sebastian Martinez-Anton – Offense, Noah Young – Defense, Thomas Mazzurana – Defense, Andrew Scott Leasure – Keeper

Swimming

Academic All-State Anthony Nguyen, Reilly Gilbert, Jade Hallum, Caitlin Murphy, Nathan Lewis, Phillip Ring, Matthew Reysa All State First Team Reilly Gilbert (100 butterfly), Jade Hallum (50 freestyle, 100 butterfly) All State Second Team Reilly Gilbert (100 back), Caitlin Murphy (100 back) All State Honorable Mention Caitlin Murphy (100 Free), Anthony Nguyen (400 Free Relay), Nathan Lewis (400 Free Relay), Matthew Reysa (400 Free Relay), Reilly Gilbert (400 Free Relay)



Inaugural Season of Savio Dance

In 2019, Savio Athletics was pleased to launch its newest varsity sport with the founding of a Performance Dance Team! After a selective audition in September, the team launched with nine enthusiastic young ladies who enjoyed a busy year of classes, performances at basketball games, pep rallies and concerts, team socials, and service at school functions. In addition, the inaugural team served the greater community through the planning and completion of a "Lunches with Love" project at Ronald McDonald House.

The Dance Team has a broad mission to develop athletes in dance techniques, mentor capable leaders, and cultivate a purposeful focus on faith through dance discipline. Dancers are taught classes in ballet, jazz, and modern dance. The team uses a military-style officer system to structure leadership development, and officers are directly mentored and serve the team with real responsibility. Faith development is naturally integrated through prayer, practice, study, and team discussion.

In looking to the next season, the Savio Dance Team looks to grow in numbers and expanded its endeavors to include a week-long summer camp, additional classes, more diverse performances, and plans for a second formal service project.





Swim Places in State

On February 7, 2019, the St. Dominic Savio swim team competed in the TAPPS State Meet. Caitlin Murphy, Reilly Gilbert, Frank Alvarez, and Emily Dietrich lead the team for seventh place in Division 1 State Championships. Reilly Gilbert placed first in the 100-yard butterfly and second place in the 100-yard backstroke. Jade Hallum placed first in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly. Caitlin Murphy placed third in the 100-yard freestyle and second place in the 100-yard butterfly. Caitlin Murphy placed third in the 100-yard freestyle and second place in the 100-yard backstroke. The 400 freestyle relay team, which included Reilly Gilbert, Nathan Lewis, Anthony Nguyen, and Matthew Reysa, placed third and beat the school record by nine seconds with a time of 3:25.30! The swim team gave their all as one of the smallest teams in the competition. With a team of seven males and four females, that challenge was faced with courage head-on, and they swam their very best. "Each team member should be extremely proud of what they were able to accomplish," said Coach Daniel Parks.

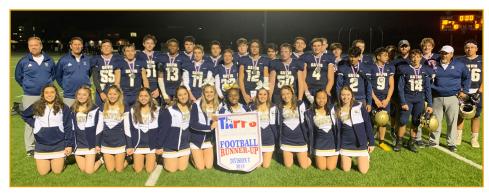
A Miracle Season

The fall of 2019 was a tremendous season for the St. Dominic Savio Football team. As the year 2018 came to an end, the team closed the door on a chapter of adversity and opened the door, filled with possibility, determination, and a strong work ethic. The rising senior leadership worked with the coaches to form a nucleus of dedicated players who began the year doing the heavy lifting in the weight room. *Forging A Team*

After going 0-10 in 2018 and facing the possibility that there would be no Eagle Football in 2019, Savio's football players, coaches, trainers, parents, and athletic directors, guided by the principle of loving like Christ, put together what several have called a "Miracle Season." From the time they started off-season strength-and-conditioning, summer 7-on-7, and into the start of the 2019 TAPPS Division V football season, our players knew that Savio football lived and died with them this season.

The spring and summer practices brought by Coach Prukop and his staff, provided organization, precision, and unification to the team with continued conditioning and strength training. New members joined and formed this cauldron of recruits out of which came a synergistic team who at their core were forged to "Love like Christ" in everything they did.

Coach Prukop commented, "It is amazing what a group of people who come together for a common goal can accomplish. In February of 2019, 12 young men attended the first off-season workout. They committed themselves to make sure that not only would Savio Football have a team that fall, but that it would play well and bring honor to the school.



Because of their efforts, others were inspired to join the team and now we have 24 young men and 2 lady managers who are participating in Varsity Football for the Eagles. And the results have been fabulous!"

The squad of 24 young men has taken their #1 rule, "Love like Christ," to perform beyond all expectations. Seven games into the season, the formula had been proven by the overall health and success of this team. As the team had bravely ridden into each game, they had always been outnumbered and usually outsized, but their unity, skill, precision, and determination, resulted in a season filled with accomplishments that are unique in the ten-year history of Savio Football.

Making School History

The Eagle football team continued to make school history and moved their record to 7-0 after an outstanding game against TMI Episcopal in San Antonio. With over 400 rushing yards, the Eagles dominated the game, winning 53-20. Troy Foster racked up four touchdowns, Mattvey Carter, and quarterback Chris Janak snuck in a touchdown as well. With this win, the boys clinched 1st place in the West Zone, and they played The Village (Houston) Vikings for the Division V Championship on Saturday, November 9th where they came up short 38-28.

Though it ended with a loss, that night's Division V Championship exemplified the incredible Savio Spirit that permeated throughout the season. The Eagle Pep Band played throughout the game, while Eagle Cheer was loud and proud, keeping the incredible Savio Student Section that traveled to Houston on their feet and cheering. Our students were equaled by the number of parents who made the trip and even put together a pregame tailgate. And of course, our Eagle football team hit the field and gave it their all against a very tough Village Viking Team. We trailed throughout the game, but even in the waning moments of the game, our Eagles refused to give up, showing their Savio Spirit with a kickoff return for a touchdown.

"Through the ups and downs of the football season, this group of young men and women have had a chance to learn how to "Love like Christ". In many countless ways, we have seen great examples from each of them, giving everything they have to benefit another without regard for themselves," said Coach Prukop.

Thank you to everyone who made the 2019 Eagle Football Season a magical, miracle experience!

Forming Servant Leaders in Fine Arts

Despite a shortened year, our Visual and Performing Arts programs had the opportunity to share their award-winning talents with the greater community in the following areas: Visual Arts, Theater, Choir, Band, Orchestra and a variety of musical ensembles in Percussion, Guitar, Wind Instruments, Strings and Jazz Band.



Savio Theater Presents a Comedy

In November 2019, Savio Theatre presented the comedy The Man Who Came to Dinner written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart. Thirty students made up the cast and crews. The comedy centers on a renowned 1930s radio personality who injures his hip at a dinner party and takes over the house of Ernest W. Stanley; hilarity ensues. Senior, Sasha Falch, played the title role with confidence, wit, and excellent comic timing. The two performances were well attended by the Savio community. Rehearsals for the Spring musical, Once Upon A Mattress, began in January, only to be shut down in March. The plan is to present this musical to the Savio community on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2021. Thank you for your past and continued support of Savio Theatre. We look forward to seeing you at a performance soon. – Joyce Mink, Theater Director



Students Earn Art & Writing Awards

The Savio Art Department was recognized with 33 awards from Scholastic Art and Writing. Scholastic is the longest-running and most wellrecognized student art competition in the country. The students won awards in drawing, painting, photography, mixed media, and digital art. Haoran (Joe) Zhang was also recognized with a National Silver Medal for one of his photographs. Mrs. Robbins was also recognized with a National Award for her contribution to Art Education. – Celeste Robbins, Fine Arts Department Chair



Chamber & Concert Choirs Perform Together

The Savio Chamber and Concert choirs performed together in October and December of 2019. In the fall concert, they closed out their portion of the concert with a student-choreographed version of "The Age of Aquarius" from the 1967 musical Hair. In the Christmas concert, the choirs tackled a new carol, "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" that was set with a canon and ended with the always popular "Carol of the Bells." We were working very hard to prepare for the TAPPS Solo and Ensemble Contest and the TAPPS Concert competition in the spring when everything was canceled. The students still were able to enjoy music, albeit in a different way, as we finished up the school year in the spring. – Michelle Pish, Choir/Theater Instructor





Forming Servant Leaders in Witness

A life of faith at St. Dominic Savio is central to our mission and our student experience. In order to form well-rounded, visionary leaders for the Church and the world, we foster growth within our students in the areas of leadership, intellectual, spiritual, and personal.



Christian Outreach Introduces Podcast

The idea for Christian Outreach to create a podcast was born out of a love of podcasts by both Christian Outreach teachers, Mrs. Katie Artzt and Mrs. Alanna Heyl. They began discussing the idea of a podcast for Christian Outreach to create on the topic of service. Since nothing like this had ever been done at Savio before, Christian Outreach used material from the NPR Student Podcast Challenge to learn about podcasts. Ryan McKinstry, a Class of 2020 senior, was amazing at the technical aspects like sound mixing. They identified Ethan Janeka early on as their "voice." The students then chose topics and interviewees by a desire to highlight the service that other students were doing. Led by the efforts of Jose Basualdo, the students put together an impressive proposal for the administration which was approved in February. The students were able to produce three episodes during the spring, even during the quarantine.

Christian Outreach is happy to share with the Savio community WITNESS, which highlights the service and leadership of our students, faculty, and staff and provides exciting service opportunities. Tune in every month to get inspired!

Eagle Scout Completes Prayer Garden

Savio Sophomore, Alexander Lacayo, recently completed his Eagle Scout Project, the St. Vincent de Paul Statue and Prayer Garden. The project was dedicated by the Pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Fr. Ed Koharchik, on November 1, 2019, All Saints Day. The garden features a statue of Saint Vincent de Paul, flowering plants, and benches where people may gather, rest, and pray. The statue and prayer garden can be seen from the parking lot on the way to school Masses every week, at the front of the SVdP Church. Alexander and his parents would like to thank the parishioners, Boy Scouts, troop leaders, teachers, friends, and family members who made this possible through financial contributions, manual labor, moral support, prayers, and love. Alexander is honored to give back to the SVdP Parish Community where he has spent so many of his formative years in school at Holy Family Catholic School, St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School, at Scout meetings, and attending weekly Mass.



Christian Outreach Mission Trip

The Christian Outreach class traveled to Rockport, Texas to work alongside a local non-profit, Hands of Hope. The small team of students spent the weekend fully immersed in demolition projects. In order to allow Habitat for Humanity to rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey, Hands of Hope sent out volunteers to tear down the interiors to prepare the space for builders. Isabel and Camila teamed up to strip bathroom tiles. Ainsley and Sara worked diligently to take down drywall alongside Mrs. Heyl. Ellee and Trinity gleefully knocked down cabinets and counters. José, and Mr. McCredie removed the kitchen sink and an entire bathtub. Each student embraced the opportunity to learn new things and listen to new people, ultimately finding that service is incredibly valuable, and that linoleum tiles are not.





Mrs. Katie Artzt Named 2020 Teacher of the Year

It is with great joy that we present to you this year's TCCB Texas High School Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Katie Artzt! Mrs. Artzt was selected from among Catholic school teachers throughout the state of Texas for her contributions and lasting impact on Catholic education at Savio. Mrs. Artzt has the unique distinction of being one of the founding teachers at St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School, as well as being the only math teacher in Savio's inaugural year. Additionally, in her time at Savio, she has served as Department Chair (2009–2016 and 2018–Present).

Mrs. Artzt's impact on math instruction at Savio is evident in her contributions as a teacher and Department Chair. In that capacity, she has:

- Implemented a discovery-based learning environment, not reliant on textbooks, that enables students to apply, strengthen, and master math skills
- Leveraged technology as a tool to enable students to determine the learning path best suited for them
- Contributed to the establishment and continuous development of an honors program designed to prepare students for success on AP college board exams including AB and BC Calculus and Statistics
- Collaborated with, developed, and teamed with her fellow math educators to ensure sharing of best practices (we have a highly talented math department)

- Created and orchestrated Pi Day which has become an important annual Savio tradition for the entire school celebrating how math is woven through our daily lives
- Continuously has seen Savio students achieving high scores on AP testing; but perhaps more important she hears from former students who tell her how Savio's math program made them incredibly wellprepared for success in college

Mrs. Artzt's contributions to Catholic education continue outside the classroom at Savio as well. Those contributions include:

- Playing an instrumental role in bringing the House/Family System to Savio
- Assisting in the origination, organization, and execution of Junior Retreat
- Planning and running the logistics for the Senior Retreat, which enables the Campus Minister and the Senior Retreat team to focus on the religious formation purpose of the retreat
- Organizing a Savio group to volunteer every Thursday at Feed My People
- Creating and acting as a faculty advisor for Savio's Student Christian Outreach leadership team

Thank you, Mrs. Artzt, for your dedication to and passion for Catholic Education at Savio. We are so proud of you for your selection as the TCCB Texas High School Teacher of the Year! Congratulations!



Dr. Kohutek Publishes a Book on Grit, Resilience for Students

In the fall of 2019, Savio's very own Director of Guidance, Dr. Kenneth Kohutek, published a book called *Chloe and Josh Learn Grit and Resilience with Grit Gal*. This fictional book is about a sister, a brother, and some friends who experience situations in today's world through which they learn the concepts and terms related to grit, passion, and perseverance. Their challenges occur in academic, athletic, fine arts, and social realms. They are led into the world of grit by an almost-superhero, Grit Gal.

A major goal in writing this book was for students, along with adults, to share the opportunity to discuss the skills essential for success in social and academic settings. This will increase the likelihood of success later in life. There is much discussion about adults, college, and high school students, not understanding the relevance of grit. Through these chapters, students can learn about children near their age, meeting challenges and overcoming them, most of the time, with passion, perseverance, and grit.

Engineer Your World Program Introduced at Savio

Engineer Your World classes were introduced at St. Dominic Savio in the fall of 2019, with the course Engineer Your World 1: Design and Analysis. Students who enroll in Engineer Your World courses develop engineering design skills, internalize engineering habits of mind, and



explore the breadth of engineering professions. Students discover how engineering makes a difference in the world while completing hands-on challenges that illustrate how engineers:

- Collaborate to solve complex challenges
- Employ a rigorous and creative design process
- Engage in computational thinking
- Make data-supported design decisions, and
- Develop solutions with customers in mind

Through the growth of this engaging, meaningful curriculum, Engineer Your World is committed to broadening participation in high school engineering and inspiring the next generation of problem solvers.

Engineer Your World 1 is offered for honors credit at Savio and allows students an opportunity to earn a college Engineering credit from The University of Texas at Austin. In the spring of 2020, all twenty-five Engineer Your World students who completed the Dual Enrollment option received three hours of Engineering credit.

Congratulations to these students for earning University of Texas Engineering credit for extra work completing the Dual Enrollment course:

Ethan Andrew, Samuel Carrillo Barajas, Jose Basualdo, Kaylee Bevins, Thomas Belomestnov, Donald Bolin, Evan Brunner, Adam Case, Amy Gallagher, Evan Kuo, Lucas Li, Sebastian Martinez-Anton, Jack McCarty, Alejandro Mitchell, Braeden Murdock, Raul Ramirez, Micah Santos, Caleb Simmons, John Tian, Luke Wagner, Odessa Weir, Fabian Yanez, Noah Young, Eva Zimmermann, and Luke Zimmermann.

About the Engineer Your World Program and Curriculum

In 2008, the National Science Foundation awarded The University of Texas at Austin \$12.5 million to develop innovative solutions for high school engineering education. The cornerstone of this work has been the creation of an exemplary, yearlong engineering curriculum and teacher support program, Engineer Your World.

Designed by faculty in the university's Cockrell School of Engineering and College of Education (both top 10 programs) and in collaboration with NASA engineers and secondary education specialists, Engineer Your World is transforming how the discipline is introduced and taught in high schools across the United States. As a top-ranked center of engineering education and research and a globally recognized leader of innovation, the Cockrell School is committed to expanding access to high-quality engineering education for all students.



Engineer Your World Students work as Project Managers in a school-wide Engineering and Service Project

One project that engineering students did in February of 2020 was to become the project manager for their Savio family, and to design, program in Tinkercad, and then collect cans to build a Canstruction design. A competition was held between the 12 Savio families for the designs, and then all cans were donated to Mobile Loaves and Fishes, the St. Louis Food Pantry, or to the Central Texas Food Bank. This engineering and service project was held during the time of the Souper Bowl of Caring.

"Since engineering is a team effort, meeting with my group allowed us to collaborate, make group decisions, and share ideas with one another. By brainstorming with each other, we were able to create a better idea of the project we could create. Additionally, it allowed us to check up on one another and help each other out."



Congratulations to the Academic Team!

In early November, the Savio Academic Team competed in a state-wide meet featuring several events such as Accounting, Calculator, Computer Science, Current Events, Literary Criticism, Mathematics, Number Sense, Science, Social Studies, and Spelling contests. This was a huge competition with over 6800 entries across the 10 events. Savio had at least one representative in each event, with eight students taking a total of 30 tests. Even with such a large field of competitors, Savio earned four team awards and 24 individual awards across six events. The Savio Team consisted of Alfonzie Stepney, Luke Mikosh, Nicholas Abadie, Johnny Miri, Dat Le, Katie Miri, Nate Mikosh, and Olivia Bannister.

Robotics Team Finds Success During Shortened Season

Savio's award-winning Iron Eagles Robotics Program had a very successful 2019–2020 season before COVID hit and the TAPPS competition was canceled. Iron Eagles return their veteran mentors, including Michael Butler, Mike Gregorio, Alex Thurlow, and Scott Barnes. Additionally, Savio teachers Ann Marie Girardot and Sylvia Wood helped with the team as faculty mentors.

The 2019–2020 FTC (First Technical Challenge) game, Skystone, consisted of a

30-second autonomous period, where the robot is pre-programmed to complete a series of steps, followed by 90 seconds of "tele-operation," where the robot is controlled by a pair of student drivers. In autonomous, the robot attempted to detect a special Skystone block, grab it, move it under a Skybridge, and deposit it on a platform, which looked like a waffle maker. The robot then needed to move the platform into a designated area and park back under the Skybridge, all in 30 seconds. Mason Garcia was our lead programmer to write the code for all the steps that the robot needed to execute, both in the autonomous and tele-op portions of the competition. In the two-minute tele-op mode, drivers Sam Carrillo and Evan Brunner controlled the robot to pick up and stack more stones on the platform. In the last 30 seconds, the platform had to be moved by the robot, without toppling over the stack of up to 5 or 6 stones.

Savio's Iron Eagles team finished in 4th Place in the very competitive Austin Metro League and was poised to defend their TAPPS State Championship when the season was abruptly canceled. As with many spring competitions, the FIRST Robotics organization was rocked by the COVID pandemic isolation rules, resulting in the cancellation of the Regional, TAPPS, and World Championships.

Iron Eagles Robotics is one of the most successful extracurricular organizations at Savio, having won more local, regional, state, and national competitions in the 11 years Savio has been open than any other organization. FTC Robotics is a sport where every student can go "pro," applying their knowledge of 3D modeling, JAVA programming, mechanism design, and teamwork to build a successful competition robot. Students on the Iron Eagles



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Robotics team may start with little or no skills or experience, but the four engineers who serve as mentors teach the students everything they need to know. Team members learn and take more leadership roles each year they participate in the team, learn about Gracious Professionalism, and have a lot of fun!

The Iron Eagles Robotics Team students and parents wish to thank mentors Michael Butler, Mike Gregorio, Alex Thurlow, and Scott Barnes, some of whom have been mentors for the team

since Savio opened. They started the program when they had children attending Savio, but they had so much fun that they are still mentoring to this day!

Finally, we wish to express thanks to the family of Ray McCormick, who succumbed to his long fight against cancer in December 2019. Mr. McCormick was an Iron Eagles Robotics mentor and volunteer for the last couple of years that daughter Jasmine was at Savio (2014–2016) and continued to mentor the Iron Eagles even after Jasmine's graduation in 2016. Although weakened, Ray continued mentoring throughout 2019; he loved coming to volunteer because it was a distraction from his illness. To honor his service, the team renamed one of the year-end student awards after Ray.

At the virtual Academic Awards ceremony in May, Evan Brunner received the first "Ray McCormick Fulcrum Award," as well as Rookie of the year, Samuel Carrillo received the Engineering Award and graduating senior Mason Garcia received the "Spirit of St. Louis" award, the team's equivalent of MVP.

Mentor Michael Butler looks forward to the team's work that is to come. "Over the next few weeks, the Iron Eagles students will dissect each part of the new 2020-2021 Ultimate Goal game as they debate the best way to design their robot to meet the new challenges. Using sketches and 3D models--and more than a few arguments--we will hone in on the best design and start prototyping. Although this will be more challenging remotely, we actually have a bit more time than we normally would, as COVID precautions have pushed the entire season back a few months, and our first competition is not until January 30, 2021."

Congratulations to these students who signed a letter of intent to continue with athletics in college! It is an honor to have them represent our school at the collegiate level.



It is an honor to have t Ellee Bartholomew Howard University, cross country, track Tanya Brouse (1) UT Rio Grande Valley, soccer Collin Brown Blinn College, football Connor Buchanan Trinity University, track Troy Foster Texas Tech, football

Reilly Gilbert (2) University of Wyoming, swimming Jack Grieshop (3) UC San Diego, swimming Jade Hallum (4) Texas A&M, swimming



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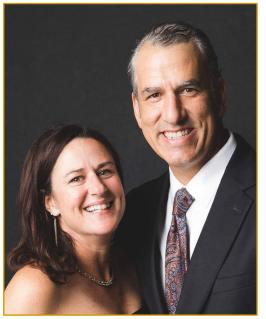
St. John Bosco Award: Mr. and Mrs. Matt and Megan DiTeresa

In 2011, the Savio Parent Association (SPA) began the annual presentation of the St. John Bosco Award to a friend of St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School. John Bosco, the mentor to Dominic Savio, was a man of vision and action who endeavored throughout his life to ensure that young people like Dominic Savio had the opportunity to grow in faith, knowledge, and virtue.

The St. John Bosco Award is given by the Savio Parent Association to any parent, staff, or teacher that exemplifies the self-sacrifice and selfless effort exerted to help make St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School a place of academic excellence, strong Catholic moral character, and excellent servant leadership.

This year, the SPA is pleased to honor Matt and Megan DiTeresa as the 2019–2020 recipients

of the St. John Bosco Award. Matt served as both Co-Chair and Treasurer of



the Savio Advisory Board, as well as the Chair of the Business and Finance Committee and the Advancement Committee. He is also one of the best hamburger flippers around for whatever occasion requires it, including last year's Savio 10th Anniversary Celebration. Matt and Megan served as the Build the Nest Chairs for the last two years, and Megan was the Volunteer Committee Chair in her first year on the SPA Board. She also served as the SPA Chair for the last three years. Matt and Megan are the proud parents of Class of 2020 graduate Matthew Joseph. Both Matt and Megan dearly love the Savio Community and are dedicated to its mission and advancement!

Congratulations Matt and Megan DiTeresa on receiving this year's St. John Bosco Award. We thank you for your continued service, love, and





Catholic Education Service Award Bodie Nash

In January 2020, it was a pleasure to recognize Bodie Nash as St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School's honoree for the Catholic Education Service Award during the Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner. Bodie is a long-time board member, having served on several administrative searches, the Nominations and Strategic Planning committees, and for several years as Secretary of the board. His background in human resources, with a deep understanding of institutional organization and planning, has made him an invaluable board member. It is a delight to honor him in this way.

Outstanding Servant Leader Award

Each year, faculty and staff typically recognize one of their peers as outstanding leaders in the school community. This year, the faculty and staff chose to recognize two of their peers for this honor.



Mr. Patrick Goertz

Mr. Goertz has always gone above and beyond to help keep the school running smoothly. This was especially evident in the face of the pandemic. Prior to the school having to shut down, he ensured that a plan was in place and that faculty and students were well versed in how to do distance learning. The transition was seamless. And, as with any responsibility he is given, he handled it all with grace, generosity, humility and professionalism. He continues to be a source of leadership and Savio is blessed to have him on staff.



Mrs. Celeste Robbins

Mrs. Robbins, one of Savio's founding faculty members, has an incredible gift for mentoring her students and encouraging them to not only be the best artist but also the best person that they can be. Her students consistently win national art awards, and this is no coincidence. Her dedication to her students and the Savio art community makes this possible. Her dedication to her students goes beyond the classroom as she leads National Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society, and works as part of the Sophomore Retreat Team.

Life After Savio

2013



Angela Kent went to Texas A&M and studied Renewable Natural Resources. She participated in A&M's policy internship in Washington D.C. upon graduation. She now lives in Belgium and attends

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven where she is working on getting her Master's degree in Sustainable Development. Due to its historic roots to the old University of Leuven, KU Leuven is considered the oldest extant Catholic university in the world.



Ryan Nichols is currently in his second year of law school at the University of Miami School of Law. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 2017 with a degree in Sport Management. During his undergraduate career, he was able to intern with the Texas A&M Football

Program and the National Basketball Players Association in New York, NY. After graduating from law school, he is looking to work in the area of entertainment and sports law.

2014



Chizitam Ibezim recently graduated from medical school from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine back in May. Chizi matched to Orthopedic Surgery for a job back here in Austin and is now completing his five-year residency training as an Orthopedic Surgeon at the Dell Seton Medical Center/Dell Medical School and

the whole Ascension Seton Hospital System. He got married in April of this year to his girlfriend of five years and settled in North Austin.

2015



Joaquín Batista went on to earn his Bachelor's degree in Applied Physics with a minor in Applied Mathematics from the University of Washington in Seattle. He also earned his Master's in Applied Biomedical Engineering from UW. After graduation, Joaquín joined a biotech startup that was spun out of

a lab at Yale University which focuses on tendon and ligament healing. He helps design, build, and validate surgical implants to assist the body in healing tendon tears.



In 2019, **Michelangelo Rodriguez** graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He is currently pursuing a Master of Music degree in screen scoring studying under Eric Hachikian (Netflix's Marco Polo) at

New York University. He was recently awarded the prestigious ASCAP Foundation Vic Mizzy Scholarship. He currently has several films premiering at virtual film festivals including the SF DocFest. He wrote the music to the film Morning Coffee, which is set to premiere on Amazon Prime in 2021.



After graduation, **Ana Sustaeta** attended Baylor University. She majored in nursing and went to the Louise Herrington School of Nursing for her junior and senior years of college. She graduated in May of 2019 and passed her NCLEX board exam to become a Registered Nurse in June of that year. Then in July, Ana started as a medical-surgical nurse at Dell Seton Medical Center at UT-

Austin. She now works exclusively with COVID-19 patients which has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and she says she would not trade it for the world!

Alumni Updates

2015



Jacob Kress attended Texas A&M University where he pursued Political Science as his major and Economics as his minor. After graduating, he took a CELTA course to be certified to teach English as a second language at the University of Texas at Austin. This allowed him to get a job teaching English to school children in Daegu, South Korea. He enjoyed spending a year learning about a new culture and

teaching his students, connecting with all of them, and learning to adapt to classroom teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2016



Michael Phillips graduated from St. Dominic Savio in 2016 and chose to attend Texas A&M University. Michael graduated from Texas A&M in August 2020 with a degree in construction leadership. Michael started working for a general contractor called IE2 Construction as a project manager. Michael interned with the company last summer and is currently working on a 32-unit condominium building downtown!



Gabby Saucedo is a May 2020 graduate of Baylor University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After graduation, she passed her licensure exam and officially became a registered nurse. In July, Gabby started her first nursing job at Dell Children's Medical Center in Austin, TX. She joined the care team

in the pediatric cardiovascular intensive care unit. This unit is under the direction of the Texas Center for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease. In her nursing role, Gabby provides care to infants and children that have undergone heart surgery. Gabby feels blessed for the opportunity to serve the patients and families in their critical time of need.

2017



Sean Grieshop moved to Berkeley to pursue a degree in Molecular and Cell Biology as a Golden Bear! Sean plans to attend medical school and study anesthesia after completing his undergraduate degree. Along with his academic endeavors, Sean is a member of the Men's Swim and Dive team, where

the Golden Bears have won three Pac-12 Conference Championships and an NCAA National Championship. Sean has also been a member of the USA Swimming National Team throughout his college career.



Kaitlin Zimmerman is a senior at Indiana University studying media advertising and public relations and criminology. She's a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. This past spring she studied in London and traveled extensively throughout Europe. She had

an internship over the summer doing digital strategy and social media marketing for a startup app. She is currently looking for jobs in Chicago and New York City and hopes to work in advertising strategy after graduation.

2019

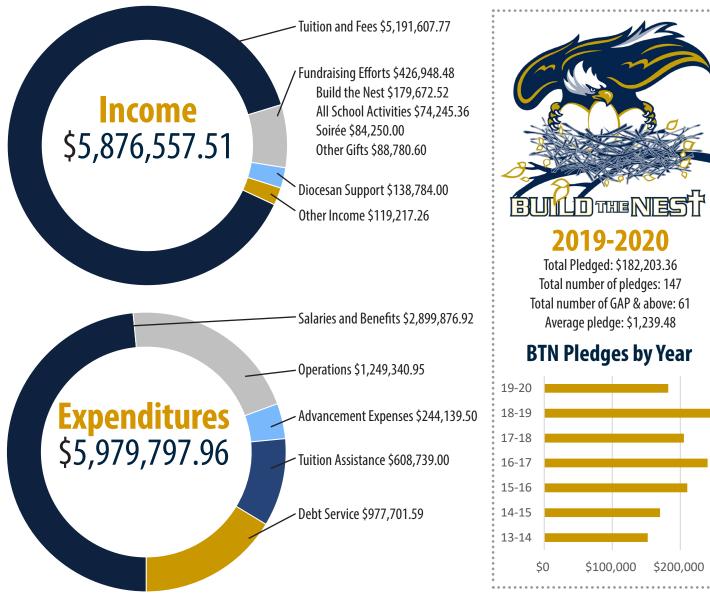
Michelle Gallagher chose to go to The Catholic University of America and while there, she's found new avenues of participating in a greater community of faith and culture. She is currently part of the Filipino Organization for Catholic University Students and recently did some advertising for their annual Freshman Retreat. She's still unsure of the future, but she is looking forward to where Christ wants to lead her.



Lily Nash is a sophomore at Texas State University studying Political Science and Criminal Justice. She is a member of the Alpha Xi Delta fraternity. Lily is Wrap-Around Events Chair on her philanthropy team for Autism Speaks. Lily plans to attend law school after she graduates

from Texas State University and pursue a career in law.

2019-2020 Financial Report



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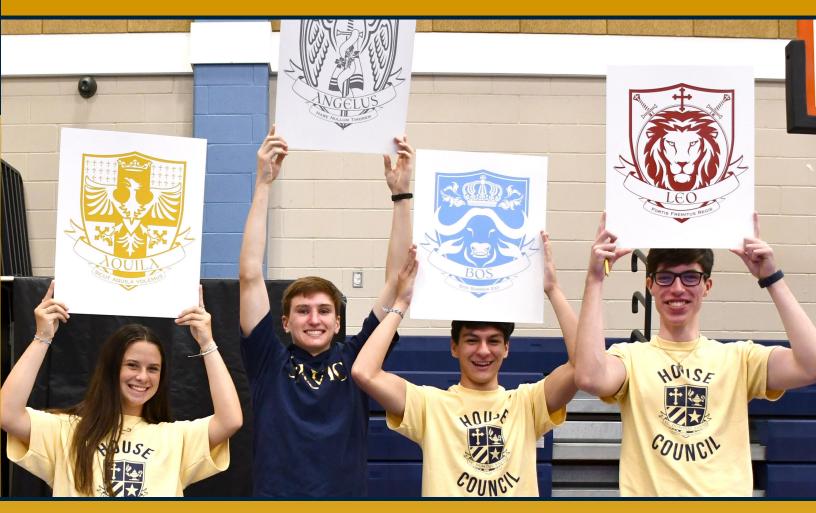
During the 2019-2020 school year, St. Dominic Savio received a total of \$57,500 in grants from the following granting organizations:

Advancing Our Mission In 2019, the Diocese of Austin awarded St. Dominic Savio two grants to assist with curriculum. The Science Department received \$1,000 for an electronic probe for more in-depth, hands on learning in physics. The Math Department was awarded \$1,000 for a flex arm document camera that allows students to share, edit and save their work in the classroom while presenting to their peers.

Kenedy Memorial Foundation Sarita Kenedy East established The John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation with a mission to support and fund Catholic, educational, charitable and religious activities primarily in South Texas. The foundation awarded Savio \$15,000 for tuition assistance.

New York Life Foundation With a mission to help kids reach their potential and inspired by New York Life's tradition of service and humanity, the New York Life foundation has provided \$300 million in charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations across the nation. The New York Life Foundation awarded St. Dominic Savio \$500 for counseling and guidance.

Scanlan Foundation The Scanlan Foundation was founded in 1947 and serves Catholic religious, charitable and educational institutions in Texas. They generously awarded St. Dominic Savio \$40,000 for tuition assistance purposes.



THE TUITION ASSISTANCE ENDOWMENT FUND

The St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund is managed by the Catholic Foundation – Diocese of Austin and 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 at 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, dividends are reinvested to assist in building the Endowment Fund.

If you are interested in contributing to the school's endowment fund, you may make a donation on the school's website or at the Catholic Foundation website. Please contact Mrs. Gina Kerley in the Development Office at 512–244–4861 or gkerley@saviochs.org for assistance.





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