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Business Network Honors Javelosas and Herron Printing

St. Martin's School congratulates our Catholic Business Network nominations for Volunteers of the Year, Eric and Wilma Javelosa, and Business Partner of the Year, Randy Herron of Herron Printing and Graphics. These three individuals have generously supported St. Martin's in innumerable ways throughout the years.

Eric and Wilma Javelosa have been remarkably generous with their time and talent in countless ways since 2010 when they joined the parish. Rarely an event goes on without them involved in either the planning or execution. At our International Dinner, Breakfast with Santa, and School Auction, Eric and Wilma are often making and serving delicious food for hundreds in our community. Wilma has been a Girl Scout leader since 2012. Eric is currently on our School Advisory Board and has provided that leadership since 2014. He



is always willing to lend a hand for things such as tearing out old cabinets and painting classrooms. Additionally, their two children have followed their parents' example in leadership and service, as they both serve on our school's student council. When asked about the value of their volunteerism, Eric responds, "We feel strongly that our presence and involvement will instill to our children and other kids our commitment to support them in their academic and spiritual growth. We do this in support of the school's mission, beliefs, and vision." At St. Martin's, the Javelosas' efforts have made a world of difference in what we have accomplished. We are thankful to Eric and Wilma for their many years of service and dedication.

Randy Herron has been a parishioner for over twenty years. He volunteered as a catechist in our religious education program for many years. Along with his company, he has supported St. Martin's by awarding grants that have allowed us to further our development and marketing efforts. Herron Printing designs and prints our biannual school newsletter, allowing us to stay connected with our alumni and supporters. Additionally, Randy has sponsored our yearly auction by being a major advertiser in our program. When asked about the impact of his contributions, he replies, "I support Catholic education because it offers a nurturing, faith-filled environment where children can develop their God-given talents. It also encourages students to become contributing and respectable citizens through their commitment to service." We



gratefully recognize Randy Herron of Herron Printing and Graphics for his generous and enduring commitment to St. Martin's School.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our honorees and to all our St. Martin's supporters and friends who so generously donate their time, talent, and treasure every day. You are the lifeblood of our wonderful school community.

Congratulations to Our 8th Grade Scholarship Recipients

These students were offered \$243,000 in scholarships for the next four years for academic achievement, leadership, service, and speech.

Nicole Fernandez

St. Francis Xavier Scholarship, Our Lady of Good Counsel Xaverian Scholarship, Our Lady of Good Counsel Speech Scholarship, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Leadership Scholarship, St. John's Catholic Prep Fr. John McElroy Founder's Scholarship, St. John's Catholic Prep

Jack Garner

Dean's Scholarship, St. John's Catholic Prep

Aaron Milton

Catholic Business Network Scholarship Xaverian Scholarship, Our Lady of Good Counsel Speech Scholarship, Our Lady of Good Counsel President's Scholarship, St. John's Catholic Prep Sr. Marie Carmel Scholarship, St. John's Catholic Prep Principal Scholarship, St. John's College High School

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Principal Scholarship, St. John's Catholic Prep Linwood and Helen Offutt Memorial Scholarship, Friends of Catholic Education

Juan David Silva-Guerra

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Spring Music & Art Show

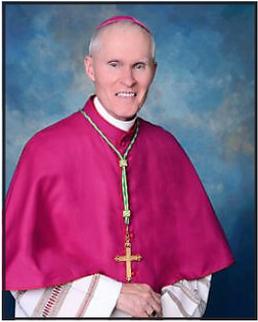
The Spring Music & Art Show was a fantastic success. The students presented a mini-musical, where they sang about the funny experiences we have all had in class, in School Daze. Parents, grandparents, and friends relived those days in



school with songs such as "Walk, Don't Run," "I Love My Locker," and "Cafeteria Confusion." Our eighth graders played the role of Principal Sahadi and teachers Mrs. Redmond and Ms. Stinger, among others. Ordinary hallways

were transformed into an art gallery filled with beautiful creations from our students. It was a delightful evening thanks to Music teacher Ms. Pereira, Art teacher Ms. Stinger, and our very talented and creative students.

Msgr. Mark Brennan Named Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore



Pope Francis named our pastor, Monsignor Mark E. Brennan, as a new Auxiliary Bishop for Baltimore. Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, made the announcement on December 5. Monsignor said he was “completely surprised,” when he received the call. When asked if he would accept the appointment, Monsignor said, “I have always tried to do what the church asked me, so I accepted.” Our schoolchildren

congratulated Msgr. Brennan on his appointment with a surprise song, speech, banner, and gifts. Our parishioners, representing our diverse community, held a farewell reception with food, songs, and good wishes. These were beautiful and heartfelt expressions of appreciation for his many years of priestly service and support to our community. The City of Gaithersburg Mayor, Jud Ashman, recently presented Msgr. Brennan with a Certificate of Recognition and thanked him for “serving so passionately for the past 13 years.” The episcopal ordination for Baltimore’s new auxiliary bishop was held on January 19 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

Scholarship Recipients Honored



Mary Alyce Sullivan Scholarship Award

This rising eighth grader embodies the values of scholarship, service, and leadership by her works, words, and persistent character. Congratulations to this year’s winner, Teeya Sahni.

Branagan Most Improved Scholarship Award

This rising seventh grader demonstrated growth and academic achievement. Congratulations to this year’s recipient, Jefferson Duarte Martinez.

Carl Matthew Waclawik Memorial Scholarship Award

This year the parents of Carl Waclawik established a scholarship in memory of their son. Carl graduated with the class of 2006. He was a bright and curious student, who was filled with the joy of life. This scholarship will be awarded annually to help further the education of a St. Martin’s middle school student. The recipient is an academically strong student of good character. Congratulations Kayla Bello.

The Murphy Family Scholarship Award

This rising sixth grader demonstrated outstanding service, scholarship, and citizenship. Congratulations to this year’s recipient, Hank Lynch.

SMS Welcomes Pastor Rick Gancayco



Father Richard Gancayco, or Father Rick as he prefers to be called, has been a welcome addition to our school community. In his short time as our pastor, his friendly nature and optimistic outlook have quickly endeared himself to our faculty, staff, and students. He is supportive of our efforts and eager to provide leadership for the betterment of St. Martin’s. Father has become a familiar face

at school performances, special events, and even pick-up basketball games during recess. During school Masses, Fr. Rick’s homilies are inspiring and reflective, but the children especially appreciate that they often rhyme.

Over the years, he has served as a missionary priest in the Amazon region of Bolivia and the mountains of Honduras along with serving as pastor and parish priest throughout the Washington, D.C. area. His parents are from the Philippines, but he was born in Bethesda, Maryland. He grew up attending the Church of the Little Flower parish school, the Heights School, and Georgetown Preparatory.

After earning his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University, Fr. Rick joined the Navy and served as chaplain at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He continued his studies at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg. Since then he has also served as Navy chaplain assisting at Arlington National Cemetery and the Washington Navy Yard.

Fr. Rick looks forward to helping prioritize activities that directly contribute to furthering the school’s direction, goals, and vision. He envisions much success in the future as we continue to strive to offer academic excellence, faith, and strong community ties.

Ways to Support St. Martin’s

If your workplace participates in the United Way or the Combined Federal Campaign and you would like your tax-deductible contribution to be directed to SMS, **please designate us by entering our number on your donor form. United Way (Member #8362) and Combined Federal Campaign (Member 85449)**



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St. Martin's STEM Priority Makes Progress



Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum at St. Martin's has made considerable advancements this past year. We just finished a complete renovation of our science lab. Our Science and Math teacher, Mrs. Maria-Rose Cain, was named a national finalist in a competition that awarded our school prize money for lab equipment and resources. Mrs. Cain was also accepted into the National Institute of Standards and Technology Summer Institute for Science Teachers, a program that instructs teachers in the latest technology. Lastly, St. Martin's has recently acquired a 3-D printer, enabling our students to create solutions with state-of-the-art technology.

The renovation of our science lab includes new workstations, equipment, and resources, which help create quality lab experiences for our students. Mrs. Cain believes that students who have access to a safe lab environment to ask questions, explore, construct, test and interpret observations are more likely to cultivate skills that could motivate them to pursue science disciplines.

Maria-Rose Cain was also named as a national finalist for the Shell Oil Science Lab Challenge. Shell Oil Company and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) announced the grand prizewinner and four national finalists on March 20. Thanks to Mrs. Cain's creative efforts in engaging and motivating our students using limited lab resources, St. Martin's was awarded a science lab makeover support package valued at \$8,500. In addition, Mrs. Cain attended an all-expense paid trip to Los Angeles, CA to the NSTA's Science Education Conference, where she was honored at a black-tie dinner gala. The Archdiocese of Washington recognized this achievement along with Mrs. Cain's innovative and tireless efforts in the classroom by naming her Teacher of the Week.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Summer Institute for Middle School Science Teachers is a two-week workshop for middle school science teachers featuring hands-on activities, lectures, tours, and visits with NIST scientists and engineers in their laboratories. Our school applied for this highly competitive grant, and we are fortunate that Mrs. Cain was accepted into the program. Teachers finish the NIST Summer Institute with a wealth of new knowledge about core topics such as Forensics and Materials Science, and with materials to integrate these topics into their classroom while meeting curriculum standards. We look forward to the impact these advancements will make in our STEM curriculum.

Lastly, through a generous donation from the Bunag family, we acquired a 3-D printer. This new technology has helped build engagement and create excitement for learning. This new tool encourages students to do some hard thinking, to problem solve, and to design. We are fortunate to offer our students exposure to processes of modern industry here in the classroom.

The continued commitment of our faculty and staff to advancements in teaching and learning are evident in the progress we have made in our STEM curriculum. We are confident that our efforts in all areas of our curricula, including Language Arts, Social Studies, and the Arts, better prepare our students for success in high school and beyond.

As I Say Goodbye

By Aaron Milton



For nine years, I have attended St. Martin's, and in a seemingly instantaneous moment of time I've grown from being a little tyke, learning shapes in kindergarten, to being an 8th grade student learning the shapes' angle measurements. This school, which I now think of as my family, has fostered and sprouted me into an exceptional young man. St. Martin's has helped me unlock my full potential as a student, taught me acceptance on all levels, and provided me with the greatest friendships I may ever come by.

Although the younger grades are a bit hazy and have been lost in the adventure that is my early childhood at St. Martin's, my most captivating memories, good and bad, of the intermediate and elementary grades have stuck with me through the years. One memory of these memories comes from 2nd grade. We were packing up at the end of the day on a Friday, and I was ready to go home. My teacher pulled me aside with a paper in hand, and I was oblivious to the impending shock I was about to receive. She showed me the paper and at that moment, my heart sank into my stomach. The paper was a recent quiz we had taken, and it did not take a genius to realize I had failed it. Instead of saying she was disappointed in me, she told me she knew I could do better. Hearing this at a young, impressionable age, made me realize how much my teachers cared about me and how much they wanted me to do better. Now that I am older, and I look back on related memories, I see all my teachers did for all of us. I see how much they sincerely wanted us to get better and unlock our best selves. And as we stand on the brink of our next chapter, we, although still growing, have been gingerly and lovingly provided a foundation for the future that lies ahead.

Up until the 7th grade, I was not a Catholic; but this school and faith community accepted me, and this act of acceptance taught me the importance of acceptance. Granted my beliefs were fairly similar to that of a Catholic's, but in today's world where religious differences are taking many people's lives, to be treated like everyone else and not a stranger really inspired me to pay that forward. Another act of acceptance shown to me at St. Martin's has to do with a major world problem, my heritage. I am of mixed African and German descent. A lot of people look down on this because they feel the two races should not mix. In this school, however, students have extremely diverse heritage, hailing from thirty-one different countries. This rich racial diversity has taught me to look beyond my fellow school mates' complexions, but rather appreciate and respect them for their differences, opinions, and unique personalities.

For the nine years I've been at St. Martin's, my classmates have become my own family. Granted some have come and gone, and I sincerely miss them, but I am profoundly grateful for the ones I am with now. With my present class, I have formed strong, long-lasting friendships. We have laughed, cried, played, hurt, and trusted each other for the time we have been together. And being together for all this time has finally given me the strength to say that I love them. And although I appear to be the exact opposite only to hide my pain, parting from them will truthfully be the most heart-breaking thing I have ever done. Each one of them has become my brother and sister, and I thank them for all they have done for me.

So as I say goodbye to St. Martin's, I look back on years of hard work, a treasure trove of memories, a family of friends, teachers, and parents, and a school that I can proudly call my own. St. Martin's is my peace; St. Martin's is my joy; St. Martin's is my family; St. Martin's is my home.



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Class of 1986 Marc Crisafulli

After returning to the Gaithersburg area, Marc Crisafulli has been teaching drawing, animation, photography, art history, and design to elementary and middle school students. He attended Rhode Island School of Design.

Showcasing Families with Two Generations of St. Martin's Students



Gretchen McMillin (Vesper), Class of 1988, with daughter Elizabeth, Class of 2017. All three of her children graduated from SMS.



Vivian Abudayeh (Mukhar), Class of 1992, with daughters Layla, Class of 2016 and Dina, Class of 2022.



Russell Young, Class of 1996, with son Glenn, Class of 2023.

Class of 2003 Josh Cain



Welcome Haley! Josh and his wife Katie, our Math teacher at St. Martin's, are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl and future Crusader. Congratulations and we wish their new family all the very best!

We love pictures of weddings, children, & achievements! Email agemunder@smsmd.org.



Class of 2013 Daniel Collazo



Daniel Collazo earned the Eagle Scout rank from the Boys Scouts of America. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. Only five percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process. To earn the Eagle

Scout rank, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills.

One of the requirements in the process is to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to a religious institution, school, or community. Daniel's project was the construction and installation of four wooden park benches in Seneca Creek State Park in Gaithersburg. He had a big turnout of helpers from his troop and their parents on an excruciatingly hot day last summer. The benches were installed around the disc golf course area of the park.

Congratulation to the Class of 2013!

Mariela Cabanillas

Graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
Will attend George Washington University in the fall

Nathalie Chavez

Graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
Will attend Salisbury University in the fall
Received Salisbury University Presidential Scholarship

Daniel Collazo

Graduated from Watkins Mill High School
Will attend Montgomery College in the fall majoring in business/
finance

Neil Coronado

Graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
OLGC Valedictorian and Recipient of Excellence in the Study of Math
National Merit Scholarship Finalist and Top Maryland Merit Scholar
Will attend University of Maryland in the fall majoring in computer
science
Received UMD President's Scholarship and accepted into Honors
College Program

Katie Forman

Graduated in Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
Will attend Dartmouth College playing for the girl's lacrosse team

Ciara Griffith

Graduated from Watkins Mill High School
Will attend Towson University in the fall majoring in biology

Gabriela Jimenez

Graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
Will attend Elon University in the fall

Ioanna Mantzouratos

Graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
Will attend George Washington University in the fall

Andrew McMichael

Graduated from Poolesville High School
Will attend American University in the fall majoring in biology/
pre-medicine

Lorraine McNamara

Graduated from Connelly School of the Holy Child High School
Will train fulltime for International and National Ice Dancing
competition

Chosun Monteblando

Graduated from Richard Montgomery High School
Will attend Montgomery College in the fall

Ariel Ortiz

Graduated from Watkins Mill High School
Will attend McDaniel College in the fall
Received McDaniel Academic Scholarship

Elijah Yator

Graduated from St. John's College High School
Will attend University of Maryland Baltimore County in their
Honors Engineering Program in the fall

Class of 2015 Grace Schuler Earns Girl Scout Gold Award



Grace Schuler earned her Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of America – Nation's Capital Chapter (includes chapters in DC, Maryland and Virginia). The Gold Award is Girl Scouting's highest honor. This prestigious award is earned by a select group of young women who have demonstrated commitment to improving their communities and advocating for lasting change through dedicating a minimum of 80 hours to a specific community service project.

Grace's project was called Speak Out! and is a free public speaking program she has developed and implemented in three Catholic middle schools in Maryland including St. Martin's. Eighth grade teacher Helene Redmond was key in establishing and implementing the program at St. Martin's over the past two years and also served as Grace's mentor through the Gold Award process. To date, Grace has devoted nearly 300 hours to the program, and three of her St. Martin's students over the past two years have gone on to win speech scholarships from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School.



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 Competition**

**Fourth Place Team in
 Good Counsel Math
 Competition**

**NIST Science Teacher
 Summer Institute Grant
 Winner**

**CYO Champions-Boys
 14U Tournament Team
 Region 5**

**AAA National School
 Safety Patrol Lifesaver
 Award**

**Winner Gaithersburg
 Recognizes Educational
 Achievement Today**

**Fourth & Sixth Place
 Good Counsel Speech
 Competition**

**Third Place SMS/MoN
 Boys in Columbus
 League Track & Field**