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Kris Quinn and Zimmerman Automotive Receive Catholic Business Network Honors

Congratulations to two St. Martin's parishioners who were nominated as the Volunteer of the Year and Business Partner of the Year for the prestigious annual Catholic Business Network awards. Both have generously supported St. Martin's in innumerable ways throughout the years.



Kris Quinn was named St. Martin's Volunteer of the Year. She has been a familiar face at the parish and school for the past 40 years and has donated countless hours of support. Two of her children graduated from St. Martin's and one of her grandchildren is now attending. Kris is currently a School Advisory Board member and chairs the School Facilities Committee. Throughout the years she

has chaperoned field trips, painted classrooms, helped at our Open House, and worked at Friday night bingo. Kris also serves the parish as a Eucharistic Minister. When asked why she has done so much for St. Martin's, she said, "I want to give back to a community that has instilled in my children the spirit of generosity and concern for others." She truly has a heart to serve and our community is indelibly enriched by her generous spirit.

Dan Zimmerman was named St. Martin's Business Partner of the Year. Through his business, Zimmerman Automotive in Gaithersburg, Maryland, Dan has supported Catholic schools and St. Martin's in particular. Dan graduated from St. Martin's, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, and the Automotive Technology Program at Montgomery College. Once he opened his own business in 2009, he looked to see how he could express his gratitude for the St.



Martin's School community's continued support. For years now he has supported our school by sponsoring school folders, magnate calendars, yearbooks, and our yearly auction. Dan said "It is my privilege to give back to my grade school for the knowledge it has given me." His professionalism and quality of work mirrors that of our school, and our partnership with Zimmerman Automotive has been invaluable throughout these many years.

Congratulations to Kris Quinn and Dan Zimmerman on these prestigious awards and thank you from the St. Martin's community for your dedication to the church and school.

Congratulations to Our 8th Grade Scholarship Recipients

Benjamin Bell

Catholic Business Network Scholarship
Gonzaga Presidential Scholar
St. John's College High School Presidential Scholarship

Rachel Collazo

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Family STEM Night



Family STEM Night on April 19 showcased how science, technology, engineering, and math are shaping our future. Our future-ready students and their families created, explored, designed, improved, and

imagined using math and science. We designed rockets, bridges, and boats. We created pendulum art and paper cups. We explored the engineering of tall buildings, bridge arches, and roller coaster rides. Class displays exhibited what SMS students are exploring in science classes. Thanks to all our wonderful teachers for such an extraordinary evening and for preparing our students for the future. Financial support was provided by the City of Gaithersburg.

Saying Goodbye to Principal Piotrowski



At the end of this school year, we said goodbye to our principal, Mr. Andrew Piotrowski. Mr. Piotrowski has taken a position as principal of Raritan High School in Hazlet, New Jersey. The school community, to include faculty, staff, students, and parents, was sad to have to say farewell. Mr. Piotrowski has been

here for three years, and during his tenure as principal he has put in place programs that have elevated student academic achievement. In addition, he added staffing while holding off tuition increases. Many building improvements have been made along with purchasing new laptop computers and iPads. One of the hallmarks of Mr. Piotrowski's time at SMS has been the growth in clubs. We currently offer 35 clubs that use engaging, instructional strategies to educate today's young learners.

St. Martin's students have always demonstrated kindness but Mr. Piotrowski established the Kindness Referral and Crusader of the Month as a way of strengthening that virtue. The whole school community became more aware of reaching out and helping others in ways both simple and grand.

For the students, Mr. Piotrowski may be best remembered for roller blading in a cow costume down the hallway or spending the day in the Dunk Tank where they took delight in knocking him into the water. These were fun rewards for our record breaking Lenten Can Food Drives. Mr. Piotrowski believed Catholic schooling should be about building moral character, hard work, taking responsibility, caring for those less fortunate, and participating in the joy of fun.

Mr. Piotrowski has been a beloved figure at St. Martin's who accomplished much during his time here. We hope to continue the strides that we have made recently fueled by the momentum of these past few years. We wish Mr. Piotrowski and his family well as they return to New Jersey.

Mary Alyce Sullivan Award



Every year, seventh grade students submit their names for the possibility of being designated the Mary Alyce Sullivan Scholarship recipient. The faculty and staff examine the applications of all who apply and vote on the soon-to-be 8th grader who embodies the values of scholarship, service, and leadership by their

works, words, and persistent character. Congratulations to this year's winner, Ashley Kharbanda.

Branagan Most Improved Award

For Academic Achievement (Rising 7th Grader)

Judith Pilligua

Leilani Murphy Scholarship

For Outstanding Service,
Scholarship & Citizenship (Rising 6th Grader)
Anya Pilgrim

Welcoming Our New Principal!



Mr. Anthony Sahadi, Principal for the Day, Olisaneme Okonkwo, and Mr. Andrew Piotrowski

St. Martin's School community extends a warm welcome to our new principal, Mr. Anthony Sahadi. Mr. Sahadi comes to us from Warren, Michigan, where he has been principal of St. Anne Catholic Grade School since 2007. As principal, he has been committed to teaching and learning excellence with a focus on Catholic identity, enrollment/retention, and diversity. Monsignor Mark Brennan said "his Catholic identity

is in his blood, from his many years attending Catholic schools to his close connection to the Catholic community through his late father, a longtime high school football coach in the Detroit Catholic League. We look forward to these valuable Catholic school experiences that he will be bringing to St. Martin's."

Mr. Sahadi is a graduate (B.A., 1998, M.A., 2005) from the University of Detroit Mercy. He attended Catholic elementary and high school. Mr. Sahadi began his teaching career at Detroit Gesu Catholic Grade School in 1998. He then was appointed assistant principal of Detroit Christ the King Catholic Grade School in 2003.

A native of Michigan, Mr. Sahadi is married to Aliya Sahadi. They have three children. Their two sons, Anthony and Alex, will be attending St. Martin's in the fall.

Gaithersburg Mayor Visits St. Martin's for Arbor Day Celebration



City of Gaithersburg Mayor Jud Ashman joined St. Martin's School staff and students on Tuesday, May 17, to plant a tree in celebration of Arbor Day. At the celebration, the city received the Tree City USA award. This award is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation and recognizes the city's dedication

to the environment. An Urban and Community Forester from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources presented the Tree City USA award to the Mayor. Monsignor Mark Brennan and Principal Andrew Piotrowski, on behalf of St. Martin's School, congratulated the City of Gaithersburg for being the recipient of the Tree City Award for its commitment to the environment and to our urban forest. The school community is excited to have been a part of this year's award celebration and is thankful to the city for the beautiful tree donation, an American Dogwood. "It's a fitting symbolic act to plant a tree at a local school so we can watch it grow as we nurture the young people who will be responsible for its future," said Gaithersburg Mayor Jud Ashman. Our third and fourth grade students performed a musical tribute to trees. Our "Principal for the Day," 8th grader Olisaneme Okonkwo, welcomed and introduced our dignitaries. The celebration was followed by a Cookie Reception.

Mrs. Redmond Invited to Discussion with U.S. Secretary for Education



On March 14, St. Martin's middle school teacher Helene Redmond, along with thirteen teachers from across the United States, was invited to a teatime conversation with Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr. to discuss the need to create safe spaces for students in our country's schools. As part of Secretary King's priority to support educators, he

took the opportunity to listen to teacher's first-hand accounts about situations of student discrimination, needed supports to promote equity for all students, and strategies practiced to elevate student learning, accessibility, and college readiness.

Mrs. Redmond, as a middle school teacher from St. Martin's, represented Catholic Schools. She spoke about the cultural and economic diversity in Catholic Schools and programs in place to support the educational and social needs of this diverse community. Mrs. Redmond highlighted grants St. Martin's has in place to provide after-school academic support and art and STEM enrichment opportunities. These supports allow students to be successful in school and to discover new talents and experiences.



ADW Teacher of the Week Mrs. Zimmerman

Congratulations to Mrs. Annamaria Zimmerman on being selected Washington Archdiocese Teacher of the Week! Mrs. Zimmerman has touched the lives of over 800 children throughout her 28 years on staff at St. Martin's. During these years, she has welcomed and inspired our youngest students as first the kindergarten aide and then the first grade

aide. Her smile and patience encourage her students as she works with small groups in math and reading. Her Catholic faith and gentle spirit provide an example to the St. Martin's community.

Mrs. Zimmerman is one of the first educators to arrive at school each day and is soon busy preparing her room and the school. She is always quick to volunteer to help fill in for a teacher, to set up for special events, and to help with special projects. She helps lead a Word Wizards club that encourages reading for kindergarten students and diligently heads SMS's safety committee to ensure our school is prepared for any type of emergency. As St. Martin's celebrates its 90th year serving God's children, we are grateful for the love Mrs. Zimmerman has lavished on our students.

As I Say Goodbye

By Rachel Collazo



St. Martin's has been the only school I have ever gone to, and frankly, it is the only school I ever want to go to. Leaving St. Martin's is probably one of the hardest things I will ever have to do. St. Martin's has been like a home for me for the past nine years, and I wouldn't trade those nine years for anything else. St. Martin's is filled with all my best friends and many of my life memories. I can't imagine a life without the amazing teachers and students I have met throughout my time here. I am so grateful to have gone to this school for most of my life because I have learned so much. As I was going to St. Martin's, I started gaining amazing qualities and characteristics that I wouldn't have to this day if it weren't for this wonderful school. These qualities are compassion, respect, and friendship.

Compassion is taught by St. Martin's from a very young age. We learned to never treat people rudely or with hatred, but with love. On all St. Martin's sweatshirts and in songs we frequently sing at school Masses, there is the Latin phrase, *Ubi caritas et amor deus ibi est*, which is translated to "Where there is charity and love, God is there." This phrase really stayed with me these nine years, but I never really knew what it meant until about fifth grade; by then, I was mature enough to really think about these words. *Ubi caritas et amor deus ibi est*, reflected what religion teachers at St. Martin's had been

teaching me: when people show compassion, love, and kindness toward one another, God is working in their hearts. This made me really want God to work in my heart, so I did my best to become the most trustworthy, caring, and reliable student and friend. My teachers here at St. Martin's brought out a very compassionate part of me, which wouldn't have come to me to this extent without the help of all of my dedicated teachers.

Another quality given to me by St. Martin's is respect. Respect may seem like an obvious one that everyone should have, but it is very different for young kids and teenagers. I have friends who go to different schools who clearly haven't been taught respect very well. But we have been taught since kindergarten to respect friends from all walks of life and to love them. Respect isn't just a quality given to me, but my whole class and every single other class has learned respect. I cannot remember one single time that I have ever been bullied or made fun of by a student because everyone at St. Martin's is filled with such love and respect toward one another. Everyone knows that every person is valuable, no matter what they look like or what their interests are. A lot of people cannot say that they have never been made fun of, and that's why I am so lucky to have had the opportunity to go to this school, where people sometimes even fight in the hallways over who will help someone who dropped their books. Being taught respect at a very young age has helped me so much to become the person I am today.

Friendships. As I say goodbye to St. Martin's, friendships will be the hardest to say goodbye to. Through the years, I have made so many great friends. I consider my whole class all of my best friends. From the people who I have known for nine years to the people I have only known for two, I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to spend good times and bad times with. My friendships in the class mean so much to me, and I love everyone who has ever been in my class. All my friends have truly touched my life, and I will always remember them. I will even remember everyone's birthday, because those have always stuck with me, and I can't imagine myself forgetting them. Ever year at the end of school masses, we always sing a song that I will never forget: "Friends Are Like Flowers." I know all the words to this beautiful song, just as everyone else in my class does, no matter how long they have been going here. This song says that friends are like flowers in the garden of life. My friends that I have made here are the most beautiful, colorful things in my life.

As I say goodbye to St. Martin's, I would like to thank everyone who has made my journey through life as amazing as possible. I am so incredibly grateful for having gone to this school, and it still hasn't hit me yet that my time here is really over. St. Martin's is the best school I could have ever asked for. The whole environment and community of people here makes coming in to school exciting and actually fun. St. Martin's has taught me so much, academically and spiritually, that I really don't want to say goodbye. I will always hold on to and cherish St. Martin's, and I will never forget this beautiful school.

Saying Goodbye Twice

By Sherry Antonetti



Ursula Ehrhardt (Uschi) managed the Aftercare Program of St. Martin's School for twenty-eight years. Helping to manage roughly fifty children ranging in age from Pre-Kindergarten to eighth grade, five days a week, shepherding them through homework, snack time, playground disputes, inclement weather, holidays, and the ordinary scrapes and bruises of everyday play for two decades, one might think she'd grow weary. However Uschi maintained a joyful heart. She managed through shifting enrollment, increased demand on the facilities, and always made sure the children's needs came first.

Isaac Cooksey remembered, "I enjoyed aftercare with Mrs. Ehrhardt. We would have an Easter egg hunt outside with Mrs. Ehrhardt every year. She would be very nice to all of us. One of the best times at aftercare was the water day at the end of the year. We would all get water balloons and run around outside until we were completely soaked. Mrs. Ehrhardt would also have pizza for us to eat on half days. She would always call on the older boys to help bring in snacks and supplies from her car or put papers into the St. Martin's bulletins. She would love to reward us with pizza or other treats for helping her." His story echoed other recollections of Mrs. Ehrhardt's affection for her charges.

Ms. Julie Stinger (6th grade, Art and Religion Teacher) said, "I remember her kind heart for everyone. She used to come in to my room and talk about things with me. It was during these chats I came to know her and her love for every child in our school." She also talked about how Mrs. Ehrhardt shortly after correcting a child for behavior, would seek them out to make sure they were alright and tell them to run along and play. She treated each of her charges as if they were her only ones. This isn't to mean that Mrs. Ehrhardt didn't run a tight ship. She kept the kids on schedule. She kept the chaos manageable, and she didn't allow bullying or rough house. She wanted the children in her aftercare program to feel safe, loved, and like the after school program was a family. My own kids remember her getting after them when they'd not have done their homework during the allotted time, and then, offering them snack once they tackled it.

Mrs. Annamaria Zimmerman (First Grade Teaching Assistant) also called her a life-long friend and a coworker. "I worked with Uschi in the Aftercare Program for about 18 years. I also knew her children that attended St. Martin's School." She was respected by everyone, she was loving, fun and dedicated to her job of managing the program and staff. She treated the children fairly and in a loving manner. She was loved by all.

When she retired from working at St. Martin's school at the end of the 2015 school year, she spoke fondly about spending more time with her grandchildren. "You have to spend today" she said to me once as I was picking up the kids and she mused over the loss of her husband, "Spend today with the people you love." We talked about the fleeting nature of time and how obvious this seems when spoken, but how difficult to remember in the midst of living life with schedules and homework and errands and all the hassles of every day. She gave the little ones a hug and a snack for the car.

The McMillians remembered her thusly, "We have many fond memories of Mrs. Ehrhardt. All three of our children were privileged to be in her care growing up. She truly loved children especially her own children and grandchildren. The aftercare children she cared for like her own. She was firm, but fair. Gave praise to the good things and scolding for the bad. Even the bad came with many second chances even third and fourth chances. She was truly a treasure and as a family we miss her still. Yet we smile for having known her and were blessed to have been with her. We love our Mrs. Ehrhardt."

Mrs. Ursula Ehrhardt died August 28, 2015.

Gott hat einen neuen Engel, und sie werden immer wachen über uns (translated "God has a new angel and she will always watch over us")

Forever In Our Hearts

St. Martin's School Mass and Reception

In Remembrance of Ursula Ehrhardt

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All are Welcome

Our Aftercare Program Will Be Dedicated

In the Memory of Ursula Ehrhardt.

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St. Martin's Bell Wins Gold in CYO Championship

Congratulations to Kenneth Adams (K), Olivier Payen (4th grade), John Teter (4th grade), Benjamin Bell (8th grade), Christopher Teter (8th grade) and Paul Teter (8th grade) for being finalists in this spring's CYO Championship Meet. Your Crusaders performed valiantly as Benjamin Bell captured a gold medal in two events and is the 2016, 13-14 year old, CYO Champion in the 100 and 200 meter run. Christopher Teter took home the silver medal in the 1600 meters and Benjamin Bell also won a bronze medal in the 400 meters. Cheers to all the CYO track and field runners for a job well done this season.

Alumni Class Notes

Class of 2015 Grace Schuler Public Speaking Club Founder



Grace Schuler, a freshman at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, returned this spring, bringing her forensic knowledge and experience as the moderator of a new public speaking club. Grace is part of the Speech and Debate Club at Good Counsel, and she wanted to share what she had learned. She

had received an incoming freshman, Speech and Debate Scholarship from Good Counsel, and hoped that the new club could help St. Martin's students wishing to apply for similar scholarships in the future. Twenty-five 7th and 8th graders signed up for the free club, called Speak Out! There were five meetings and the final one was a speech competition. Good Counsel Speech Club moderator Chuck Ehrman and club members Sara Robb and Kennedy Buck served as judges. The students' final presentation before the judges came after many weeks of fine tuning their speeches. Trophies were awarded to first, second, and third place, but all students received valuable experience. Grace said, "Good Counsel Speech Club has taught me the importance of practice and keeping my cool, which is valuable in everything I do at school." Next year Grace plans to offer the club at two other Catholic elementary schools. Grace recently received her school's Freshman Service Award for the hours she invested in this club. Grace also runs track, sings in the chorus, and has made Honor Roll her first two semesters. "I love being back at St. Martin's," Grace said, "I miss being in a small school and knowing everyone so well."

Class of 2013 Mariela Cabanillas Recipient of Senior Academic Scholarship

Mariela Cabanillas is a rising senior at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Olney and recently received the Margaret Simpson Aragon '92 Memorial Scholarship. Mariela was recommended for the scholarship by her Junior English teacher for excellence in English and for "putting others before herself." Mariela is in the International Baccalaureate Program at school. She has also participated in the school choir for three years and is in her tenth year of studying the piano. Mariela's younger sister attends St. Martin's.

Class of 2014 Lorraine McNamara World Junior Ice Dance Champion



Lorraine McNamara, a sophomore honor student at Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, and her partner, Quinn Carpenter, began competing in National and International Ice Dancing in 2005. In 2016, they repeated as U.S. junior champions and claimed the gold medal at the World Junior Championships. Their training includes two to six hours per day on the ice as well as additional ballet, ballroom dancing, and other off-ice classes. Since forming their partnership, they have collected national medals at both the juvenile and intermediate levels as well as bronze medals at the 2012 and 2013 U.S. National Championships at the junior level. During the 2013-14 season, Lorraine and Quinn won the bronze at the Junior Grand Prix Final and silver at the 2014 U.S. National Championships. Lorraine and Quinn captured the gold medal (junior level) at the 2015 U.S. National Championships and the silver medal at the 2015 World Junior Championships. Lorraine's dedication to the sport reflects discipline and courage, while her ongoing success in academics reveals a cultivated love of learning and desire for excellence. She reflects well the values of her family and of Saint Martin's.

Class of 2014 Matthew Cain Recipient of the Academic Achievement Award

Matthew Cain just completed his sophomore year at Our Lady of Good Counsel and received the Academic Achievement Award for having the highest grade point average (GPA) in his class. Matthew was recently accepted into the International Baccalaureate Program. He also participates in the school's Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, and Wind Ensemble. Matthew, along with all the other St. Martin's students from his graduating class at Good Counsel, participate in the St. Mary's Scholars Program.



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