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St. Martin's School Class of 2013

The following is the list of the high schools our graduates will be attending this fall. Congratulations to all on your choices:

Alina Amaya	<i>Clarksburg High School</i>	Ioanna Mantzouratos	<i>Our Lady of Good Counsel</i>
Nathalie Berge	<i>St. John's Catholic Prep</i>	Andrew McMichael	<i>Poolesville High School</i>
Mariela Cabanillas	<i>Our Lady of Good Counsel</i>	Lorraine McNamara	<i>Connelly School of the Holy Child</i>
Dominick Charbonneau	<i>Richard Montgomery High School</i>	Chosun Montebancho-Carter	<i>St. John's Catholic Prep</i>
Nathalie Chavez	<i>Our Lady of Good Counsel</i>	Denise Nerio	<i>Clarksburg High School</i>
Daniel Collazo	<i>Watkins Mill High School</i>	Sean O'Brien	<i>St. John's Catholic Prep</i>
Neil Coronado	<i>Our Lady of Good Counsel</i>	Alexa Orosco	<i>Magruder High School</i>
Katie Forman	<i>Our Lady of Good Counsel</i>	Ariel P. Ortiz	<i>Watkins Mill High School</i>
Ciara Griffith	<i>Watkins Mill High School</i>	Sofia Rincon	<i>Richard Montgomery High School</i>
Aura Gualteros	<i>Gaithersburg High School</i>	Michael Vallone	<i>Damascus High School</i>
Gabriela Jimenez	<i>Our Lady of Good Counsel</i>	Ricci Elijah B. Yator	<i>St. John's College High School</i>

As I Leave St. Martin's

By Lorraine McNamara

As I say goodbye to St. Martin's, I am only saying goodbye to being a student here. I will never say goodbye to the things I've learned here, the teachers that have taught me, or the amazing people that I have met. These wonderful experiences will not only follow me to the next chapter of my life in high school, but will stay with me forever.

St. Martin's has taught me so much of what I know now, and it all began on my first day of Kindergarten. These are qualities that will assist me as I follow my dreams.

Leaving St. Martin's is going to be hard for me. It has been my home since the day I was born. My family has been a part of this school for twenty-five years. All five of my siblings have graduated from St. Martin's, and now I finally have the chance to do the same. It will be different to not be hustling down the same hallway that I have been for the past nine years of my life. It will be challenging not to start and end every school day hearing Sister Sharon's message of her love for all of us. I am confident that the tools I have been given at St. Martin's have served me well. They have taught me the importance of friendship. They have taught me the importance of faith and courage. They have taught me the importance of self-confidence and perseverance. I am so thankful to know that wherever I go next in life, these things will be with me.

Friendship. The meaning to a five year old is that someone is your buddy. Friendship for a 10 year old may mean that if you don't have one, you're not cool. To a fourteen year old, though, it means that you and another person have a bond of trust, and if this trust is real, nothing will ever come between it.

As an eighth grader, I can look back and know that this is the case. The people that make you change who you are in order to be their "friends" are the people who you cannot call your real friends. Your real friends are the people who take you as your full package. They accept everything that is a part of you, whether it is good or bad. They help you make the choices that are the best for you and your safety. They tell you the truth, even if it is the hardest thing to hear. As a five year-old, no one can comprehend this, but St. Martin's makes sure that every one of its students learns this. It has also taught all of its students how they should treat their friends, not just how they should be treated. Something that sums this up bigger and better than anything else is the Golden Rule. The Golden Rule is as simple as "Treat others as you would treat yourself." It was something that I learned in Kindergarten, and it is one of the many things that are going to stay with me on my life journey. I will take my knowledge of what a friendship is into high school.

Faith and courage. When I was little and I heard the word faith, I thought it was along the lines of "I have the faith that the Capitols will win." When I heard the word courage, "I'm so courageous, that I will jump from a platform this high," popped into my mind. Now I know that their meanings are different. To have faith, is to have trust. Religiously, it means that you trust God, and His plan for you. My teachers have taught me how important it is to have faith. They have taught me that if I truly believe in something, I need to put my faith into it, instead of just waiting. Courage also has a totally different meaning too. It now means having the courage to do what it is right. It means that you will stand up for the right thing, even if it is

uncomfortable. St. Martin's has done so much to fill their students with courage. We are encouraged to make sure we speak up when something isn't right, and we stand behind our beliefs.

Self Confidence and Perseverance. When I was younger, having self-confidence was being brave while speaking in front of the class. To have perseverance was practicing and trying my very hardest until I took my first pedal on a bike by myself. St. Martin's has given me a different understanding of these qualities. The teachers have shown me that having self-confidence can push you to achieve the highest of challenges. It is something that I will need for the rest of my life, not just in the first few weeks of high school. Along with self-confidence, I will need to have perseverance, something that I can now understand as the ability to push forward, even when there seems to be an easier road. I have learned here at St. Martin's that persevering will help you to climb over life's highest mountains.

Friendship, faith and courage, self-confidence and perseverance – these are just a few of the numerous attributes that I have learned in my life at St. Martin's. There is no greater relief than knowing that I have been prepared for my future. I know that while I am no longer going to be a student here, I will always be welcome. It is my family, and just like any family, St. Martin's will stand beside and behind me forever. I will never forget the mix of touching emotions I felt at the soup kitchen this past year. My classmates and I, and people I have never met, came together to serve. To see how happy you can make another with such a simple deed was truly touching. It made me realize that at St. Martin's, we are taught to know that "Where Charity and Love are, there is God."

As I Say Good Bye

By Andrew McMichael

I just graduated from St. Martin's and although I've only been here for a few years, I will remember everything that has happened. My memories include our eighth grade jokes like discussions about porous sofas getting thrown off promontories, and the time Daniel forgot what a zipper was and thought that human genome was made of denim, genes, get it? Other memories include times when we poured cups of water on each other's heads at the 7th grade picnic, the times I couldn't shoot a basketball, and when the school picture people switched my photos with Lorraine's. Other things include the dodge ball games and other happy memories that surround my class. Jokes aside, I have learned a lot at St. Martin's, and above all of the things I have learned here are forgiveness, faith, and friendship.

At St. Martin's, I have been taught how to forgive those who have hurt me. In sixth grade, I was bullied a lot at my local middle school. I'd come to school every day in fear of getting bullied again and hating the bullies. When I got to St. Martin's, I was still mad at them for what they did. However, in these past two years, this community has helped me to forgive them and to pray for them. I learned this through the Religion classes, experiencing the kindness in my class, and other moments where I realize that the bullies were probably in pain too. This sense of forgiving everyone who has hurt me will continue with me, even after I have left.

Faith has been another of the things that this school has taught me, and that I will always remember. Although I am Lutheran, St. Martin's has helped to make me a better Christian and to strengthen my bond with God. I remember walking in here on my shadow day in sixth grade and

thinking about how close the people here are to God and thinking to myself, "I want to be as close to God as they are." My faith has also grown in my understanding of the Bible and other teachings. In my Church, we had one small Sunday school class every week, but coming here, I know much more about God, the Bible, and my religion, and the Catholic religion. These experiences will help me to continue in my faith journey.

The last, but not least, of the things that I will always keep, even after I leave, is friendship. In my life at my old middle school, I had barely any friends. I was rejected by mostly everyone, even the people whom I had stood up for. The day I came here to see the school and to shadow, I remember the kindness that I felt. Everyone accepted me,

and that was shocking because it was one of the first times that year. I remember Elijah waving to me, and Ariel bringing me over to meet the rest of the boys. At lunch, Lorraine gave me a cupcake even though I was just shadowing. The seventh graders back then showed me around and treated me very kindly. I felt kindness for the first time that year. I remember getting into the car with my mom and saying, "I'm going there." Throughout the past two years, I have felt the same kindness, and I hope to spread that kindness throughout high school.

In St. Martin's, I have learned many things. These three examples are only a few of many. This school is amazing and has helped me to grow in life. All I can say is thank you for making these two of the best years of my life.

Welcome to Our New Principal: Mr. Andrew Piotrowski

St. Martin's is delighted to welcome our new principal, Andrew Piotrowski, to our St. Martin's community. Mr. Piotrowski, his wife, Anna, and son, Maximilian Joseph, moved to Maryland from New Jersey over the summer.

Mr. Piotrowski has served as the Dean of Students of the largest single campus high school in the state of New Jersey and principal of a 1,500 student Middle School. He has nine years of administrative experience. He is currently working on his doctoral degree in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Higher Education at Rowan University in New Jersey. He holds a Masters of Arts in Urban Education with a specialization in Educational Administration and Supervision from New Jersey City University and a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education from William Paterson University.

Among his many credentials, Mr. Piotrowski raised test scores 10 percent as an administrator and also developed a targeted tutoring program to meet the differentiated needs of all learners.

Mr. Piotrowski is also sports minded and has served as a track and field coach as well as soccer coach. He is also bilingual in English and Polish.

We look forward to Mr. Piotrowski and his family joining the St. Martin's community this fall.



Alumni Spotlight: Focus on Dee Dee Gatton



Newscaster and 2004 alumna Dee Dee Gatton credits her years at St. Martin's for teaching her how to connect with people so she can tell their stories each night on KPIC-TV in Oregon.

"Humility kicks in when I get on television," said Dee Dee. "At the end of the day, I'm just a person and the other newscasters I look up to are just people too. St. Martin's taught me that I'm no better than anyone else and we all have a story to tell. I think being part of such a diverse community made me a more open-minded and loving person."

The daughter of Irene and John Walsh, and sister of alumnus Daniel and current students Emily and Elizabeth, Dee Dee attended the College of William and Mary, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a degree in English Literature before pursuing her dream of being an on-air newscaster at KPIC-TV last year. Dee Dee was the recipient of the Grimsley Fellowship for Journalism and interned at stations in Nashville, Norfolk, and Madrid, Spain.

"I am a work in progress! I haven't actually 'made it' yet. Each day is another adventure

and I make mistakes, learn from them, adapt," said Dee Dee. "St. Martin's taught me to love everyone like family. People at St. Martin's aren't blood related to me, but I feel like everyone in that church or school is my uncle, aunt, brother or sister."

"People at St. Martin's care and they've seen me evolve, change, mature. They've seen me through surgeries and transitions and their prayers have lifted me up and helped me reach my goals. St. Martin's isn't the fanciest or wealthiest place – it's freezing in the winter, scorching in the summer, but I'm seriously so proud to be part of the community. I love St. Martin's and all the people in it. I hope they will keep me in their prayers."

To see Dee Dee in action, visit www.kpic.com and view some of her current news stories. You can also follow her on Twitter at @KpicDeeDee. Former classmates are welcome to e-mail her at dgatton@kpic.com. She would love to hear from you!

Class of 2009 Alumni Update

Rachael Vallone graduated from Northwest HS with a 4.35 GPA. She received an academic scholarship to Salisbury University and will be attending in the fall. She is pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy/Exercise Science and will continue to play Lacrosse.

Sara Manfredi graduated with honors from Damascus High School. She will be attending Salisbury University in the fall pursuing a degree in nursing.

Kyla Molina, Stefano Belloni, Moira Redmond, Juan Carlos Urcia-Barea, Lisa Lopez all graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel. These students (pictured below) will be attending college in the fall.

If you are an alumni and have news to share or just want to reach out to old classmates, please send your information to Jo Youstra, DeTours Editor, at jofeen@aol.com



Best Wishes to St. Martin's Departing Principal and Teachers

Sr. Sharon Mihm, CSC

The St. Martin's community bids a fond farewell to our school principal, Sr. Sharon Mihm.

Sr. Sharon successfully led St. Martin's School for the past eight years. Under her tutelage, the school started its first Pre-K program, improved the already-strong academic curriculum, passed the Middle States accreditation process, increased our community service commitment, upgraded all technology functionality and much more.

"During my ministry at St. Martin's, more than any other ministry that I have experienced, I have been profoundly touched by the sincerity and genuineness of the St. Martin's children, parents and teachers," said Sr. Sharon. Coming from a professional educator who has served as a Catholic school principal for nearly 30 years and as a teacher for 15 in a variety of schools, this is indeed high praise.

Upon leaving St. Martin's, Sr. Sharon will participate in a month-long retreat and then embark on a well-earned sabbatical to discern what will be her next ministry.

Thank you for eight great years, Sr. Sharon – you will be missed.

Ray Youstra

Ray Youstra is retiring from full-time teaching after 17 years in local Catholic Schools. Before coming to St. Martin's, Mr. Youstra taught at St. Mary's for eight years and at Holy Redeemer for three. When St. Martin's needed a middle school science and math teacher six years ago, Mr. Youstra was delighted to join the staff, which



included his two daughters, Maria-Rose Cain and Helene Redmond, and to teach his grandchildren, Rachel '08 and Matthew Cain '14, and Moira Redmond '09. Mr. Youstra also brought to St. Martin's his years of experience as a drama club director and oversaw the production of five shows with St. Martin's 7th and 8th graders.

Before moving to Maryland, Mr. Youstra taught at DeLaSalle Academy in Chicago. He then spent 30 years at IBM where teaching was a significant part of his career. Next year, he plans to continue his enthusiasm for teaching by substituting at St. Martin's. His cartoon ties will still shine!

Elida Gomez

Elida Gomez has worked at St. Martin's for nearly 10 years (since her youngest child was in second grade). She started as a second grade aide and then switched to Pre-K three years ago.

Three of Mrs. Gomez's children attended St. Martin's. Mrs. Gomez has been a long-time parishioner at St. Martin's and a lector for at least 12 years for the Spanish Masses. Mrs. Gomez plans to take some time off to spend more time visiting family and volunteering.

We will still see her around the school as she plans to come back as a substitute.

Aimee Coogan

Aimee Coogan has worked at St. Martin's for four years as the Resource teacher, ESOL teacher, and 8th grade Language Arts teacher. Her big project is a set of story blocks that she has invented to allow non-readers and non-writers to tell story. She is hoping to get them on the market this summer. They are almost finished and she will be spending her time researching production and distribution processes.

St. Martin's Awards Won in 2012-2013

Math Competition at Good Counsel

Congratulations to the eighth grade students who participated in the Math Competition at Good Counsel High School: Katie Forman, Ciara Griffith, Ioanna Mantzouratos, Andrew McMichael, Sean O'Brien, and Elijah Yator. They each had to solve 30 very challenging math and logic problems, racing against the clock, with only pencil and paper—no calculator. Although they did not win the top prize, they represented St. Martin's well. Andrew McMichael won an individual prize, placing 5th out of the 85 students. Way to go 8th graders!

Academic Challenge Team

Congratulations to Kaley Bell, Matthew Cain, Nathalie Chavez, Neil Coronado, Andrew McMichael, Matthew McVeigh, Jessica Nguyen, Helton Rodriguez, Carolyn Wood, and Elijah Yator. These 7th and 8th grade students represented St. Martin's at the DeMatha Academic Challenge and won a trophy for Fourth Place. There were middle-school students from grade schools

throughout the Archdiocese of Washington competing in this event.

The format of the competition is similar to the high school quiz bowl show "It's Academic." The students compete against other teams to answer questions about math, science, geography, history, spelling, and pop culture.

Band Honors

Congratulations to our St. Martin's Advanced Band! The Band received a Superior rating (the highest possible rating) at the Archdiocese of Washington Band Festival held in March at St. John's College High School in Washington, DC. The band played excellently and was awarded a trophy for their performance. They received the highest score of the bands playing that afternoon.

Most of the ADW schools that are the same size as St. Martin's have had to combine with other schools in order to have a band. Some of the schools that are larger than ours also have had to combine or have a much smaller band. The St. Martin's band is one of the larger bands and one of the highest quality bands, which is amazing given the size of the school. This is clearly due to the encouragement and support of

the band program by the parents, students, and teachers.

Matthew Cain, Dominick Charbonneau, John Nora, and Laura Ventura, in seventh and eighth grade, were invited to be members of the Archdiocese of Washington Honors Band.

"If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest Winners



Fourth grader Bianca Sanchez-Delgado (first on left) is the District 5 winner of the state-wide "If I Were Mayor, I would . . ." essay contest. From Montgomery County, there were 571 entries and Bianca's essay was selected from all of those as the winner of the district. Bianca was honored at an award ceremony in Annapolis. Bianca received a Governor's Citation, an award plaque, and \$100 cash at the special recognition ceremony at the Maryland State House.

MathCounts Local Competition

Congratulations to this year's mathletes who represented St. Martin's at the annual MathCounts competition at the University of Maryland. There were 29 teams of students from public and private schools in the Washington area, and the St. Martin's team came in 6th and qualified to advance to the state competition (the only Catholic grade school to do so) at Johns Hopkins



on March 16. We would like to acknowledge and thank the students on our team: 8th grade students Neil Coronado, Andrew McMichael, and Sean O'Brien; and 7th grade students Kaley Bell, Matthew Cain, Matthew McVeigh, Jessica Nguyen, Helton Rodriguez.

Neil Coronado received a medal for the top score from the St. Martin's participants.

The MathCounts organization has named St. Martin's as one of only 538 schools nationwide to achieve Silver Level Status in the 2013 MathCounts Club Program. Achieving Silver Level Status is an impressive accomplishment requiring hard work and dedication; the students in the math club at St. Martin's successfully completed a total of five rigorous math challenges throughout the school year. The challenges contain creative problems designed to promote critical thinking. Way to go St. Martin's Mathletes!

Crusader Art Contest

Congratulations to 6th grader Julia Herrera who won the Crusaders Art Contest! The school had 23 entries in this contest to draw the school mascot. Julia's drawing will be used on St. Martin items and will be made into a flag so the students can wave it at basketball games, pep rallies, and other great St. Martin's events.



Celebrating Communion and Confirmation. The second and eighth grade students met at the church altar to celebrate their First Communion and Confirmation after the May Procession.

Geography Bee

"The Yaghan were a nomadic tribe indigenous to Tierra del Fuego, an island group that is divided between Argentina and what other country?" That was the final question in the championship round of the Geography Bee. The exciting competition began with 10 students, two each from grades 4 through 8 who won their classroom geography competitions. The initial rounds of the bee reduced the number of contestants to two for the championship round. Our champion this year is Rachel Collazo, and Patrick McMillin won second place. Congratulations!

An Easter Egg-Stravaganza

The Girls Scouts of St. Martin's School made the Easter season a little more festive (and filling) this year for those most in need in our community. Girl Scouts from the Daisy, Brownie and Cadette troops decorated and delivered more than 300 hard-boiled eggs to the guests of the Gaithersburg community soup kitchen known as The Lord's Table. The Lord's Table is an all-volunteer organization that collects food from area food banks, wholesalers, supermarkets, churches, and individuals. It serves between 60 and 100 people each day at St. Martin's Church in Gaithersburg. Hot meals are served Monday through Saturday at 3:30 p.m., September through June.



Aloha, Grandparents

125 St. Martin's Grandparents were honored at our annual Grandparents' Day celebration in May. The theme was a Hawaiian Luau and was hosted by the 5th grade class. Thanks to all grandparents who attended and support our school.

Knitting for a Cause

This past winter, thanks to a generous grant of \$900+ from the City of Gaithersburg, the students of St. Martin's provided hundreds of hats and scarves to those in need.

The brainchild of art teacher, Julie Stinger, the St. Martin School's "Knitting for a Cause" club took off with dozens of girls and boys participating in this twice-weekly after-school knitting club. The handmade hats and scarves were distributed during the school's annual coat drive in mid November and also the St. Martin's Food Pantry, which provides groceries to 200+ families in need each week, and the Lord's Table soup kitchen.



Some of the students who participated in the "Knitting for a Cause" club.

Going Once, Going Twice...

The Annual St. Martin's School Dinner Dance and Auction raised over \$17,000 this year with more than 150 guests attending. Some of the live auction items that were generously donated included: Principal for the Day, Dinner at the Rectory for Four Couples, Club Level Seats to a Redskin's Game, Five Nights of International Dinners, Romantic Getaway to Inn BoonsBoro and much more.

Helping the Hungry – One Can at a Time

The goal was 4,000 cans to donate to the Food Pantry during our Lenten food collection. St. Martin's students nearly tripled that number when they collected 11,138 items!

Third grade was in first place with 2,714 items; followed by a tie for second place with Kindergarten and Second Grade each bringing in 2,328 items; and Seventh Grade was in third place with 1,197. Around 200 families in need each week get their groceries from the Pantry.

7th and 8th Grade Drama Club Presented "Crumbled Classics"

The Drama Club of 7th and 8th grade students presented "Crumbled Classics." In the show a group of students take it upon themselves to pull together the school's annual "Classics on Parade," acting out famous stories that they studied in their literature class. The students, however, decide to make the stories relevant to today's audiences, with hilarious results!

Mary Alyce Sullivan Award Scholarship Winner

Dylan DeLeon is the rising 8th grader who was selected as the winner of the Mary Alyce Sullivan Scholarship for the 2012-13 school year. The scholarship was established in memory of the former St. Martin's School principal by her family and friends and has been given to a deserving student for the past 17 years. Congratulations, Dylan!

Rosary Club Starts at St. Martin's

The 6th graders studied and learned about saying and understanding the rosary. Part of their final project was to design a rosary (flat on a poster or 3 -D) and a teaching method to share with other students. Several sixth graders also joined Mrs. Stinger in learning how to make rosaries in the month of May. The group was able to complete over 50 rosaries which were blessed by Father Mark, then placed in the church for people to take.

Endowment Video

Check out what our students have to say about St. Martin's on our endowment video by going to www.smsmd.org and clicking on the Endowment Video link. A special thanks to school parents Nicole and Brad Garner who generously donated their services as professional video producers for developing this video.



All Aboard the Lady Maryland. The 8th grade class enjoyed a day on the Chesapeake as part of their science studies.



Some of the students who participated in the Rosary Club.



Members of Student Council hold some of the food collected in the food drive.

St. Martin's is a United Way and Combined Federal Campaign Participant

This fall, St. Martin's School will once again participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and the Annual United Way Campaign. We hope you will consider donating to St. Martin's through these campaigns. We are reaching out to all parishioners, school families, alumni and other friends to ask for your participation and support during this year's CFC/United Way Campaign. You can support St. Martin's School by using our designated numbers. Our CFC Number is 85449 and the United Way Number is 8362.

We plan to use these donated funds for two specific purposes. First, 75% of the funds we receive will be reinvested directly back into our school to purchase materials and services that impact our students. The remaining 25% will go into our Endowment Fund. This fund is critical to building our financial security as well as helping us offer aid to families who need financial assistance with annual tuition and fees. We are committed to keeping our school affordable and accessible for all families in our community and the Endowment Fund will help us accomplish this goal.

Please know that when you designate St. Martin's as your charity of choice for CFC or the United Way Campaign your money will be used only to support St. Martin's and no other participating non-profit or charity. However, it is important to use our designation number (CFC 85499 or United Way 8362) when you fill out your forms or send in your checks. This will ensure your donation will go directly to our school and will help us grow and prosper in years to come!

Please consider participating in this year's campaign and share our designation number with your family and friends who may wish to support St. Martin's through this year's CFC/United Way Campaign.

Thank You to Our Generous Donors

Thanks to all who contributed to the St. Martin's School Endowment Fund. The Fund was established in 2002 to provide a sustained, long-term funding source for the school by using interest from investments to offer tuition assistance to families with demonstrated financial need.

Through your generous donations this spring, we were able to get \$20,000 closer to our goal of \$500,000. Our current total is \$225,000.

A gift to the St. Martin's School Endowment Fund is a legacy. The principal of the Endowment will be preserved; only the interest will be used. In this way, your generosity will make a difference year after year. As with all donations to St. Martin's, your gift is tax deductible.

If we were unable to contribute in May, but would still like to make a donation, please send your contribution to the Development Committee at St. Martin's School.

Your support will help St. Martin's students continue to thrive in a school centered on Christian faith and Gospel values.

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A special thank you to those who contributed to the school in memory of Harry Dixon, who was a great supporter of the school and parish before he passed away this past year:
 Mark and Alexandra Chamberlain
 Joseph and Jennifer Dixon

We would also like to send out a big thank you to all who support St. Martin's school through the CFC and the United Way campaigns.

St. Martin's School Alumni Database

With nearly 90 graduating classes behind us, St. Martin's has a database of more than 1,500 alumni, parents, teachers and friends.

In the spirit of making sure our data is as accurate as possible, we are asking for your help. Simply return the survey below in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible.

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