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Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the 2019 Annual Report. We apologize if any omissions or errors have occurred. If you discover an error or omission, please notify the Vice President of Advancement, Aaron Miller at amiller001@sjprep.net or 320-363-2098.

### FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

It is an extraordinary privilege to be an educator and leader at Saint John's Prep. We are, after all, in the futures business. Our work lives at the intersection of aspiration, inspiration, and opportunity, a place that daily brings a sense of wonder and awe at all that can be.

It takes a village to educate each of our students – family, faculty and staff, and our many friends and supporters who commit to futures we cannot yet see but only imagine. Prep is defined by the people who nurture, support and sustain it.

I begin with a word of heartfelt thanks. The many ways you support Prep allow us to provide our students not only an exceptional educational experience, but also a profoundly transformative experience. We are deeply grateful for all you do for Saint John's Prep to build bright futures for our students.

In my six short months as Head of School, I have learned much about the value and values of this remarkable school. As we look to our future, we are working to leverage the best of what are to become the best we can be. It surely is an exciting time to be at Prep, and many exciting things are happening at the school which will propel us forward. Three stand out:



- We are well into the \$5.45 million renovation of our Saint Michael Hall residence. The renovation represents the completion of the contemporary physical transformation of Prep. It provides us an opportunity to not only physically transform an aging building into a stunning new space, but also to create ONE school community, a place where the whole school day and resident students, faculty and staff, alumni and friends can gather as community. We have not had that experience here since the early 1970s. We have \$5 million committed for the project thus far and are on the homestretch for the last \$450,000.
- We enrolled 280 students in grades 5 to 12 this fall, nearly 10% more than last year and our best year-over-year change since fall 2011. We added a 5th grade this fall and now enroll more than 100 students in grades 5 through 8. Total enrollment in the Middle School has risen by 68% since fall 2014. That growth represents our future.
- This fall, we appointed a team of Prep and Saint John's University faculty and staff to create an integrated environmental education experience across all grades that will set us apart locally, nationally, and even internationally. We begin that work with three extraordinary advantages: a historic Benedictine commitment to stewardship of the land, a 2,900-acre water and woodland classroom, and access to the tremendous curricular resources of Saint John's University. Our aim is to create unmatchable environmental science experiences.

Those activities represent just a slice of the exciting work underway at Prep. We need to celebrate our success and leverage it toward our future. This year, we were cited by NICHE (a national organization that evaluates and ranks more than 4,000 private high schools across the country) as the best Catholic high school in Minnesota, the best high school for science and math in Central Minnesota, and among the top 5% of all private college preparatory schools in the country. We intend to grow that reputation.

For sixteen decades and nine generations, Saint John's Prep has prepared students for lives of purpose, service, and achievement in the Catholic Benedictine tradition. Our future is bright. This is our time. As Saint Benedict calls us in the Prologue to the Rule, we intend to run toward that future. Our commitment going forward is straightforward and clear: we will provide a premier college preparatory experience, preparing our students to excel academically, grow spiritually, develop socially, and serve graciously.

Thank you for all you do for Saint John's Prep. We thrive because of your faithful support and commitment. It is an extraordinary blessing to serve and lead here.

With gratitude,

Jon McGee Head of School

Saint John's Preparatory School

# OUR MISSION

SAINT JOHN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL EDUCATES OUR STUDENTS FOR A LIFETIME OF LEARNING, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY, CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC BENEDICTINE TRADITION.



### ARMOR OF LIGHT AWARD

#### JOE TWIDWELL'68

Established in 1977, the Armor of Light Award honors individuals who have demonstrated dedication to their faith, community, and Saint John's Prep.

A retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, Joe Twidwell '68 has been deeply devoted to Saint John's Prep, his community and his faith for many years. Joe has volunteered his time and expertise with Prep students on many occasions, regularly making the trip from his home in Sioux City, IA to speak with students on Career Day.

Joe has served on the Saint John's Prep Board of Regents, faithfully attending meetings while working tirelessly to ensure the long-term health and viability of Prep. Joe has also been a faithful benefactor of the Prep School, most recently serving on the leadership committee of his Class of '68 50th Reunion Gift Campaign, which successfully raised \$100,000 to assist in the resurfacing of the Saint Michael Hall gym floors. A humble servant leader, Joe offers, "I believe we are the



Headmaster Fr. Jonathan Licari, OSB, Diana and Joe '68 Twidwell, and Abbot John Klassen '67, OSB

sum of the things that influenced our lives. My time at Saint John's Prep came when I needed direction, and it set the foundation for me being receptive to all that would be offered to me in the future. I am blessed to be able to give back to SJP."

For the last twelve years, Joe has faithfully served as a deacon for three parishes in his local area, providing valuable ministry opportunities that would not otherwise be made available. He is an incredible longtime volunteer who has served on many boards, mission trips, and most recently, serves as the director of the Warming Shelter, a center that cares for people suffering from homelessness.

In December of 2012, Joe and several friends opened The Warming Shelter, an overnight place to stay for people that other shelters can't house. It's Joe's mission, and the mission of the Warming Shelter, to make sure that nobody goes without housing during the cold winter months in Sioux City. Since its inception, 62,000 nights of shelter have been provided for those in need. More importantly, no one has died from exposure in Sioux City since The Warming Shelter has been in operation.

"Up until we opened, it was normal, sadly normal in Siouxland, that two, three or four people would die every winter due to exposure. They just wouldn't have a place to go, and they'd be found in an alley or under a bridge somewhere," says Twidwell.

Besides his work with the Warming Shelter, Joe is also a dedicated volunteer who has served on 21 medical mission trips to Haiti.

Upon receiving the award at the Headmaster's Reception prior to graduation in May of 2019, Joe offered the following advice to the Class of 2019: "Be open to change. Have you asked God what he wants for you and how you can be the best version of yourself? God will guide you to the opportunity to be the best version of yourself if you just listen to him."

When he is not working as Senior Vice President and Trust Attorney at Security National Wealth Management in Sioux City, Joe loves spending time with his wife Diana, their three adult children and their spouses as well as their nine grandchildren.

### COMPASS AWARD

LOUIE GOTTWALT '49

Given in recognition of individuals, business partners, or charitable foundations for their leadership, engagement, and support, which has provided direction and guidance for Saint John's Prep.

The Compass Award is given to honor someone for their leadership, engagement and support of Saint John's Prep. Louie Gottwalt '49 is a leader amongst Saint John's Preparatory School's alumni- he realizes the importance of maintaining the friendships formed in Collegeville and his dedication is an example all alumni organizers can follow.

Louie is recognized for his work with his Class of 1949, but also his commitment to the mission of Saint John's Prep. For more than 15 years, Louie has been the glue that bonds the Class of 1949. Fifty-two young men graduated from the Prep School in 1949. Today, 70 years after their graduation, there are just 15 members left. Louie has been in touch will all of them either by letter, email or phone. As the Class of '49 prepared to celebrate their 70th class reunion last summer, Louie worked to get 100% participation in a class gift effort to support the renovation of Saint Michael Hall. After many phone calls, emails and letters, Louie was successful in his endeavor. Not only did he get 100% participation in the class gift offering, but 11 of the 15 classmates celebrated their 70th class reunion together in July! None of this would have been possible without Louie's passion and love for his classmates.



Louis Gottwalt '49 and Jon McGee

"The biggest thing the Prep School did for me and all of us was the way it shaped our lives. The Prep School provided us direction and instilled a sense of purpose in us. It helped us develop a set of values based on the Gospel and the teachings of Saint Benedict. It taught us what it meant to be a family. We had great unity. We prayed together, ate together, celebrated mass together, and played together. We had great camaraderie. I always looked forward to the start of school each fall as I wanted to get back to see my friends. The Prep School was foundational to the man I am today."

Louie has provided a clear direction for other classes as they follow in his footsteps to stay connected and engaged with each other.

### CORNERSTONE AWARD

BRIAN '68 AND DEB THURINGER

The Cornerstone Award is given in recognition of an individual(s), business partner, or charitable foundation who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to Saint John's Prep.

For nearly 20 years, Brian and Deb, recently retired proprietors of Madden's on Gull Lake, hosted the Prep Classic golf tournament at their stunning Classic course. For anyone who played in the tournament, it was evident that Brian, Deb, their children Abbey and Ben, who now own and operate Madden's on Gull Lake, and the entire Madden's staff have embraced the Benedictine value of hospitality and the invitation to welcome all guests as Christ.



Head of School Jon McGee with Deb and Brian '68 Thuringer

Saint John's Prep provided a place for Brian to grow academically and mature as a teen, yet
his appreciation for Prep did not come until much later in life. "I was probably 40 years old before I realized how much Prep made a difference in my life.
It provided me a great foundation to build upon. You were part of a community whether you wanted to be or not."

Brian and Deb have long considered themselves blessed to have been part of growing a family-owned business and the opportunities it afforded them. For Brian and Deb, supporting organizations and causes that have impacted their family and community directs their philanthropic priorities. During the tournament's successful run, Brian and Deb donated everything from the green fees to the gourmet dinner buffet and the staff's time. Their generous gift resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars being directed to student scholarships and programs. Their generosity has had a lasting impact on the lives of countless students.

Saint John's Prep is proud to recognize Brian '68 and Deb Thuringer for their generosity with the Cornerstone Award, presented annually to individuals, businesses, or foundations who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to Saint John's Prep.

### BENEDICTINE SPIRIT AWARD

### YVONNE SCHILPLIN

Given to an individual who has demonstrated long-term dedication to the mission of Saint John's Prep and whose commitment continues to further our tradition of providing an exceptional Benedictine education.

From the moment Yvonne Schilplin's children entered school, she found a way to be involved wherever and however she was needed. Finally, someone told her she needed to run for the school board. After serving two terms on the Annandale school board, her last term as chair, Yvonne found herself with a newfound passion for education. So much so, that Yvonne served as Citizens Chair at the MN Department of Education for eleven years as they worked toward the implementation of new graduation standards. When it was time to make a decision as to where their kids would attend high school, Yvonne and her late husband Fred, wanted the very best for their children. After doing their research, they determined that the best high school in the area was Saint John's Prep. So, as a family, they committed to making the daily drive from Annandale to Saint John's Prep.

Yvonne will tell anyone who is willing to listen that Saint John's Prep changes lives. She witnessed it in her own children, Fred '96 and Chad '00. Yvonne shared, "Prep changed their lives. Prep gave them direction. It gave them an opportunity to be individuals. Prep taught them to be proud leaders and not followers. The education they received provided them the tools they needed to make great decisions and judgments in their careers and lives."



Yvonne Schilplin and Head of School Jon McGee

When Fred graduated in 1996 and Chad in 2000, Yvonne wasn't ready to leave Prep. Her heart was firmly planted at Prep and a passion burned in her to find a way to bring the very best education to students and families in Central Minnesota. You can almost guess what happened next. Yvonne found her way on to the Prep School Board of Regents. Yvonne dutifully served on the Board for nine years, completing three consecutive three-year terms in May of 2019. For Yvonne, serving on the Board was an opportunity to give back to a place that had given her family so much.

While on the Board, Yvonne served on numerous committees and chaired the Education and Student Life Committee. During her tenure on the Board, she participated in the development of two strategic plans with the most recent plan being very fulfilling for her. In her words, "The current strategic plan has lofty goals, but it demonstrates the school's commitment to progress and growth." While her contributions have been invaluable, she is also grateful for what the Board experience did for her. First and foremost, it helped her grow in her understanding of patience. Jokingly, she shared, "Fr. Jonathan always reminded me, you must remember, we're on Benedictine time. Things tend to move a bit more slowly than most are accustomed."

Speaking of Saint John's Prep's proud Benedictine heritage, Yvonne truly believes the Benedictine values make our school both unique and invaluable stating, "The Benedictine values become a part of you. You come to understand and appreciate the importance of community. Students develop a respect for one another that you don't find in other schools. Students are surrounded by classmates who come from around the world, providing them an opportunity to develop a global perspective and appreciation for others, which is so critical in today's world. Students get to study, play, pray, and be kids on a campus that helps one see God in all things. If you were to ask my boys what made their experience so great, I think they would tell you it was the lifelong friendships they developed, the nurturing learning environment, but perhaps most importantly, they got to know themselves. They became comfortable in their own skin. They found themselves."

Yvonne is a worthy recipient of this year's Benedictine Spirit Award - Given to an individual who has demonstrated long-term dedication to the mission of Saint John's Prep and whose commitment continues to further our tradition of providing an exceptional Benedictine education.

### GIVING BACK

# LARRY '60 AND RENEE JORDAN HOW SAINT JOHN'S PREP IMPACTED THE TRAJECTORY OF THEIR LIVES

The oldest of eleven children growing up in rural Hamel, MN, Larry Jordan '60, had a challenging childhood. With a father who battled chemical dependency, Larry's family was dependent on welfare to survive. If Larry had not lived across a farm field from his grandfather, this story may have had a very different ending. It was his grandfather, a brilliant, hardworking farmer who desired a better education and life for Larry. He offered to pay a third of Larry's tuition if Larry would attend Saint John's Prep. But his generosity alone would not cover all the expenses.

Larry's mother shopped at a local grocery store; one of the few that accepted food stamps. When the owner learned Larry wanted to go to the Prep School, he volunteered to cover a third of the tuition. With two-thirds accounted for, Larry's local parish funded the remainder of the tuition as Larry was discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

Larry arrived at the Prep School a short, scrappy kid, with a chip on his shoulder. While he was a dominant force on the wrestling mat, academics did not come easy, nor were they a priority. Larry recalled, "One day I was spouting off in Fr. Warren's history class and he said to me, 'You think you're so tough? Why don't we meet in the gymnasium tonight after wrestling practice?" I thought it would be an easy match! But, he won, and in doing so, knocked some sense into me! I needed that. He got my attention. My attitude changed and my grades turned around. It was a turning point in my life."

At the end of his junior year, Larry knew seminary wasn't likely in his future.

With that realization, he no longer had the financial support he needed to remain at the Prep School. Begrudgingly, he returned to Hamel and attended his local high school before enlisting in the military at seventeen years old. When Larry returned from his military service, he enrolled in engineering classes at the University of Minnesota, but again, he ran out of money. Needing to make ends meet, Larry turned to the trades and worked as a well-driller, attended trade-school, and met his wife of fifty-one years, Renee.

With a young family of his own, Larry knew he wanted to provide a better life for his family than he had. The hard work and discipline he learned on the farm and at the Prep School helped him build and lead a successful mechanical contracting business, which he has passed on to his family. Larry and Renee are passionate about supporting Saint John's Prep because of the impact it made on their lives. Larry proudly states, "The Prep School saved my life."



Larry and Renee are passionate about making a difference in the lives of our students at the Prep School today. For that we are grateful. Larry and Renee Larry are hosting a Prep School gathering at their Florida home in February. Please consider joining them and other friends of Prep.

# THE CLASS OF 2019 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



Bucknell University

College of Saint Benedict

Concordia College - Moorhead

Lewis & Clark College

Marquette University

Minnesota State University, Moorhead

New York University

Northwestern University

Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences

Occidental College

Saint John's University

St. Catherine University - St. Paul

Syracuse University

The Ohio State University
Universidad de Navarra
University of California, Irvine
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Puget Sound
University of Rochester
University of Utah
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
Washington University in St. Louis
Xavier University

### FROM THE VP OF ADVANCEMENT

Dear Friends,

William Arthur Ward, one of America's most quoted writers of inspirational maxims, is credited with the following quote. "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." So, while this annual report can easily be viewed as a financial report, I hope you view this report as an expression of our gratitude. Your support continues to astound. In total, more than \$1.8 million was committed in gifts and pledges to support Prep School students.

On behalf of the entire Prep School community, faculty, staff, administration, and most importantly students, please allow me to say - Thank You. The Prep School community is deeply grateful for your support. Without your generosity, we would be unable to provide a Catholic Benedictine college preparatory experience. Your commitments of time, talent and treasure are changing lives. You are shaping the lives of young men and women who I am convinced will make a significant impact in our world. Your support makes a difference.



As the father of current Prep School students, a 9th grade daughter and a 6th grade son, I witness daily the impact Prep makes in the lives of students. Prep School students receive an education that is unmatched. They are encouraged by their teachers to be curious. They are invited to be critical thinkers. They are stretched to be their best, not necessarily the best. They are developing an understanding of what it means to be part of a community. For my wife and I, the social emotional development of our children is as important as their intellectual growth. While Prep School students are challenged and provided opportunities to succeed academically, they are also encouraged to develop holistically. That is what makes the Prep School so special.

Parents play a significant role in the development of their children. However, we should never underestimate the role teachers, coaches, advisors, peers, and others play in a child's development. Personally, I attribute much of my children's growth to their immersion in a Catholic Benedictine school that prides itself on the holistic development of each student.

Since its inception, Saint John's Prep has prepared students for lives of purpose, service, and achievement. Saint John's Prep remains committed to that mission today. This experience for the students we serve would not be possible without each and every person who has made Saint John's Prep a philanthropic priority. Thank you. That is our present to you.

With sincere gratitude,

Aaron Miller

Aaron Miller

Vice President of Advancement

# 2019 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

Saint John's Preparatory School is audited annually by an outside CPA firm. Complete copies of the audited financial statements, audit reports and financial reports are available upon request. For more information please contact the Vice President of Advancement, Aaron Miller amiller001@sjprep.net or 320-363-2098.

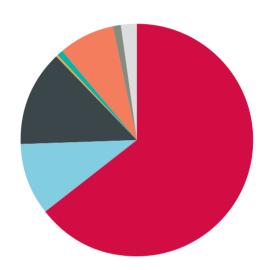
#### FY2019 OPERATING REVENUE

Total	\$6,887,619
Other	\$67,307
Summer Programs	\$16,815
Endowment Draw	\$1,030,590
Fundraising, Gifts and Grants	\$782,962
Tuition & Fees	\$4,989,946

#### FY 2019 NON-OPERATING REVENUE

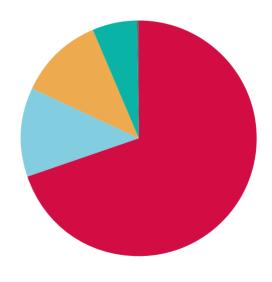
#### **FUNDRAISING**

Total	\$846.845
Temporary Restricted	\$163,203
Endowment Gifts	\$77,173
Capital gifts	\$606,469



#### FY2019 OPERATING EXPENSES

Total	\$6.950.712
Summer Programs	\$12,023
Advancement	\$423,348
Financial Aid	\$805,899
Management and General	\$856,021
Instruction, Programs and Residential Life	\$4,853,416



<sup>\*</sup>Advancement costs include Admissions, Development, Marketing, and Events

### THANK YOU FR. JONATHAN!

# WE APPRECIATE YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO SAINT JOHN'S PREP

In June of 2019, Saint John's Prep bid a heartfelt farewell to Headmaster Fr. Jonathan Licari, OSB who faithfully led Saint John's Prep since the summer of 2013. We are grateful for his leadership in helping move Saint John's Prep forward. Under Fr. Jonathan's leadership, the school developed and has begun implementing a strategic plan to position Saint John's Prep for growth and long-term sustainability. His vision and collaboration with the Board of Regents and Saint John's Abbey laid the groundwork for the approval of the renovation of Saint Michael Hall.

In June, Fr. Jonathan joined Abbot John Klassen and current Head of School Jon McGee for a blessing ceremony that marked the beginning of the Saint Michael Hall renovations. It was a fitting way to honor his work to launch the project and mark the beginning of construction.

Fr. Jonathan's belief that you must constantly seek to improve has helped establish a culture of continuous improvement and reflection. Father Jonathan enjoyed traveling domestically and internationally, providing him the opportunity to meet with Saint John's Prep alumni, families and friends. Not only did he get to share with them the



Current Head of School Jon McGee with Headmaster Fr. Jonathan Licari, OSB

many great things happening at the Prep School, but it also reminded him of why the work of the Prep School is so important. After meeting with alumni and friends of Prep, Fr. Jonathan would often remark, "The world needs more Preps!"

We look forward to seeing Fr. Jonathan on campus as he continues to serve Saint John's Abbey.





Assistant to the Headmaster Cindy Haagenson and Headmaster Fr. Jonathan Licari, OSB

### 2018-2019

### **BOARD OF REGENTS**

The Board of Regents provides guidance and governance to Saint John's Prep and ensures that faculty and staff follow the mission of the school. We are grateful for their leadership and commitment to our students and community.

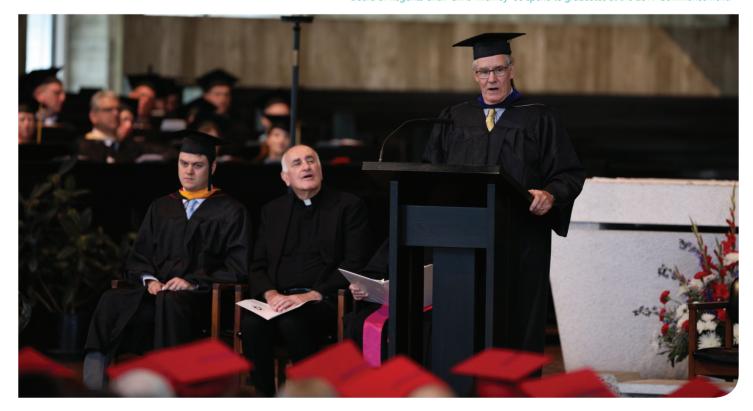
Br. Richard Crawford, OSB \* Collegeville, MN
Todd Flanders \* Plymouth, MN
Fr. Lew Grobe, OSB Collegeville, MN
Abbot John Klassen '67 OSB \* Collegeville, MN
Br. Benedict Leuthner OSB \* Collegeville, MN
Kevin O'Malley '69 \* Woodbury, MN
Br. Robin Pierzina, OSB\* Collegeville, MN
Joe Rogers Avon, MN
Yvonne Schilplin\* Fargo, ND
Lynn Schnettler Saint Cloud, MN
Brian Smith Avon, MN

Tom Stock\* Cold Spring, MN
Alan Stone '79 New York, NY
Chris Twomey '66 \* Orono, MN
Sr. Stefanie Weisgram, OSB St. Joseph, MN
Rachel Wenner Ruzanic '95 Cold Spring, MN
Peter Wolters '70 Whitefish Bay, WI

\*Denotes Executive Committee Member

Fr. Jonathan Licari, OSB Ex Officio, non-voting member

Board of Regents Chair Chris Twomey '66 spoke to graduates at the 2019 Commencement.



# TOP 10 CLASSES

Each year we are blessed with the financial and prayer support of our alumni. Together these gifts enable us to give scholarships and tuition assistance to our current students. Below you will find a list of the top ten classes who contributed to Saint John's Prep in the 2019 fiscal year. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity!

RANK	CLASS	TOTAL GIFT
1	1966	\$342,812.00
2	1969*	\$205,001.69
3	1968	\$92,539.21
4	1956	\$53,325.00
5	1962	\$50,500.00
6	1980	\$26,150.00
7	1960	\$13,730.00
8	1963	\$13,485.00
9	1961	\$11,995.00
10	1964	\$10,100.00

The Class of 1949 had 100% participation in 2019!

### ANNUAL FUND TOP ANNUAL FUND TOP TEN TEN CLASSES: GIFTS CLASSES: PARTICIPATION

DANIIZ	CLACC	TOTAL
RANK	CLASS	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
1	'69*	42
2	'66	27
3	'68	25
4	'65	19
5	'49*	15
5	'59*	15
6	'61	13
7	'74	12
8	'70	10
9	'56	9
9	'58	9
9	'73	9
9	'89*	9
10	64	8
10	'67	8
10	'71	8
10	'90	8

<sup>\*</sup>Milestone Reunion Class

# THE CLASS OF 1969 PAYS TRIBUTE TO PREP WITH A GENEROUS GIFT

As members of the Class of 1969 gathered in June to celebrate their 50th reunion, many also choose to make a gift in honor of on the ways Saint John's Prep impacted their lives and helped them grow into their adult selves. During Reunion Weekend June 14-16, the Class of 1969 celebrated their induction into the Twin Towers Society- the special club for all Saint John's Prep alumni who have celebrated their 50th class reunion. In honor of this momentous occasion, the Class of 1969 came together to launch a campaign to share a class gift and contribute to Saint John's Prep. To date, more than \$160,000 has been raised for the class gift.

Master of Ceremonies Henry Padgett '69 spoke to his classmates during the ceremony and asked them to join their efforts. "We truly are a unique group of people. To be a Prep is something we should cherish, I know I do, and I hope you do as well. Our time here at Prep shaped who we are and the paths of our lives. We're optimistic about the future at Prep. Thank you to those who have already contributed. If you haven't yet, I'm asking you to join our effort."

To learn more about organizing a class gift with your classmates or to make a gift of your own, contact Vice-President for Advancement, Aaron Miller, at 1-800-525-7737. You can also go online to www.sjprep.net/give.



### ALUMNI SUPPORT

Gifts from our alumni help to bridge the gap for our students to be able to afford to attend Saint John's Prep. They give because they want others to experience the community, academic rigor and spiritual growth they benefited from. Every gift makes a difference in the lives of our students. We are very grateful for the generosity of thought and treasure that went into each of these gifts. This listing is organized by class year & participation is based on the number of alumni for whom we have current information. Participation includes gifts to the Annual Fund, special designations and/or the endowment from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

#### Thank you for your generosity!

#### 1942

†Victor Lauer

#### 1947

Thomas and Mary McKeown

#### 1949

William and Patricia Ahern Norb Berg Bob and Anna Cebulla Dick and Inez Doyle Louie and Eileen Gottwalt Roger and Heidi Linnemann Bernard Meuwissen Emmett and Dianne Mulcare James Reichert OSB Richard Schaefer James Sifferle Elmer Trousdale Richard and Mary Ann Volz Fr. Mark Willenbring Bob Wind

#### 1950

Jim and Bridget Burkart Glenn and Shirley Kirsch Casey and Mary Ann Vilandre Wally Wenner

#### 1951

James and Barbara Douvier Robert and Angeline Dunbar †A. H. and Betty Ludwig Flip Spanier Bob and Mary Ann Stenger

#### 1952

Paul and Margie Enck †Greg and Pat McGraw Hilary and Clare Mohs Gerry and Lorraine Sande Joe and Betty Spano W. Jerry and Kathi Streeter Lawrence Whalen

#### 1953

Chick and Carol Hayden Tom and Sharon Jaeb Francis and Joan Ruf Clarence and Kathryn Weber

#### 1954

Dick and Jan Dold Joe Machtemes Thomas and Eleanor Thelen

#### 195

Thomas Berger Francis and Judith Brown Fr. Dennis Evenson Hank and Kathleen Fischer Don and Marion Hall W.F. (Fred) and Eileen Kiesner Fr. Ray Monsour

#### 1956

Anonymous Geno Beniek Gerard and Betty de la Cruz Kenneth Gutzwiller David and Mary Ann Haberman Tom Lux and Carolyn Britton Chuck and Bobbi Stoetzel Ron and Marty Tavis Donn and Patty Thurk

#### 1957

Job and Ghislaine Dittberner Augie Fischer Brian and Aleta Millette Dave and Beverly Norris Greg and Lourdes O'Leary Roger and Bobbie Schmisek

#### 1958

John and Terrie Brandt
Jim and Sandy Conway
John and Julie Ditzler
Rich and Louise Eltgroth
John and Carol Hoffman
John and Patricia Kemper
Guy and Nancy McMichael
Honorable Jim Randall
Chuck and Lucy Rieland

#### 1959

Paul and Johanna Bisek
John and Elisabeth Callahan
John Cruden
Drake and Madeline Dierkhising
William and Barbara Fischer
Richard and Patricia Jessen
Eugene Knaff
Jon Krapfl
Bob and Margaret Lutz
Dennis Mishuk
Bruce and Patricia Perrizo
Joseph and Margaret Peters
John and Susan Ryan
Bill and Kathy Tembrock
Fr. David F. Wright, OP

#### 1960

Robert Hollenhorst Denis Hynes Larry and Renee Jordan John and Olivia McCormick Thomas and Lynn McKasy Rob Wicker

#### 196

Tom and Kris Bauer
Harold and Judie Buerman
Carl and Diana Chalupsky
Gene and Dottie Eisenschenk
Herbert and Carol Hageman
Bill and Peggy Marrin
Henry and Susan Nonnemacher
Glenn and Charlene Rother
David and Eileen Rutten
Ken and Jerri Sande
Bob Schmelzer
John and Judy Scott
John Sipe

#### 1962

Anonymous Larry Herges William and Judy McAlpin Joseph McCormick

#### 1963

John and Ginny Ford John Halloran and Dianne Wright Bob and Kris O'Connell Sherman and Gisela Otto Jack Schoenecker Chuck Siebenand and Anna Marie Franco Joe and Mary Wenner

#### 1964

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For details about creating a Named Endowment Fund for Saint John's Prep, please contact Vice President of Development, Aaron Miller at (320) 363-2098 or AMILLER001@SJPREP.NET.

# SOME OF MANY STORIES BEHIND THE STEFANIE ANN LENWAY AND THOMAS P. MURTHA'69 ENDOWED MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

#### by Tom Murtha '69

More than 50 years ago, when almost all Preps lived on campus, I often disappeared from our mandated routines to sit in the back of the Abbey Church, in the shadow of the balcony, where I imagined I would not be seen. I loved to hear the monastic community sing the ancient chants of holy office or listen to a monk or student musician commune with the magnificent Holtkamp pipe organ in late-night or early morning solitude. I have often wondered why I was never, not even once "caught," nor called to account for my disregard of curfew and our rules.

I wonder if our profs and prefects overlooked my infractions because they knew, from experience, something that has been documented in many scientific studies over the past two decades: that the study of music leads to better outcomes in other critical areas of academic and life accomplishment. Those include mental focus, abilities to collaborate, creativity, math skills, self-esteem, overall problem-solving abilities . . . too many areas to mention in this brief article. Search the Internet using terms such as "benefits of music education," and see what comes up. Perhaps the most important benefit of all: to appreciate music itself, to experience beauty in the brief time



Stefanie Ann Lenway and Thomas Murtha '69

we are given as conscious beings. And as Bach wrote, "Where there is devotional music, God with his grace is always present." Bach also believed that quality of composition and performance makes this presence all the more immediate, to musicians and listeners alike.

The Stefanie Ann Lenway and Thomas P. Murtha music scholarship exists to help SJP educate the teachers, performers, composers, liturgists and yes, perhaps pop music critics and classical music DJs of the future. Excellence in music requires a lifetime commitment that for most musicians begins early and expensively with the acquisition of instruments, lessons, participation in ensembles as well as long hours of practice which students must relentlessly pursue, without compromising other studies. At the college or conservatory level, student applicants for music major status need to demonstrate mastery of the tools of the trade, plus a complex symbolic language -- musical notation -- just to be admitted. Our scholarship exists to encourage future preps to take the risks necessary to gain a chance at these accomplishments and apply to university as music majors, knowing as well that wherever their career paths may take them, the commitment to music has increased their chances of success and assured them of a lifelong appreciation of the art.

Stefanie Lenway and I both studied and worked in music during and after high school and college. Ultimately, our careers took us in other directions, which also brought us success. We want to leverage our success to support SJP students in a way that lets them have that same choice, and never be discouraged because success in the arts seems like a dream that only others can achieve.

Stefanie Ann Lenway is a bassist as well as the Opus Chair Professor and Dean of the Opus College of Business at the University of St. Thomas. Tom Murtha '69 is a writer and consultant to non-profit arts and educational organizations. Their book, Managing New Industry Creation, was published by Stanford University Press in 2001.



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