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* From the Head of School's desk . . .

A school is only as good as its faculty — and at Saint Stephen's, our faculty is really good!

Every day, the teachers in each of our four divisions approach their subject(s) with a contagious enthusiasm and a continued interest to ensure their students grow and learn with each lesson. They come to school early, stay late, and many give of their time beyond the classroom, tutoring, coaching, or overseeing an after-school activity. It's this dedication that greatly impacts how the teaching and learning happens at Saint Stephen's.

All of our teachers get to know their students and they take seriously the Saint Stephen's promise that every child is known and every child is valued. In this edition of Saint Stephen's Magazine, you'll read about our new visibility campaign featuring some of these outstanding educators, and learn why our teachers consider their work at the school to be such a unique and exhilarating experience. Please check out our new videos on the school's website, Facebook, and Instagram pages to find out even more about these remarkable professionals.

There are many other articles to enjoy that share information about our people, programs, and progress at the school. With everyone's effort, from our Board of Trustees, active Parents' Association and Booster volunteers,



administrators, faculty, staff, coaches, and students, fall 2021 has felt almost normal! We have been proud to continue adding back more and more experiences that we had to temporarily suspend due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This fall, students have done more experiential activities in their classrooms, have returned to chapel in person and had guest speakers at assemblies. In addition, Blessing of the Animals, Grandparents' Day and our Christmas celebrations were much more meaningful and exciting because they were live! Our sports programs were back in high gear with large numbers of students participating, and the successes within our teams were many. Special congratulations to our boys golf team as they are No. 1 in the state! And let's not forget our developmental crew program — I'll bet you didn't even know we had one. You'll read about it in this magazine and be amazed at how many students are involved rowing right on our very own McLewis Bayou!

Please check out the sections about our outstanding alumni. Just wait until you see what they are up to since they graduated from Saint Stephen's. It is truly impressive!

Progress has been happening, and not only with our students, alumni, and within our curriculum and activities. This fall has brought us progress with:

- a significant increase of admissions (welcome to our 160 new students in PK3-12)
- a new Master Site Plan from the Board's Facilities Committee that lays out 13 new projects to enhance our outstanding academic programs
- the start of a new Strategic Plan process (look for information coming your way so you can share your ideas!)
- the new launch of the Saint Stephen's Capital Campaign Securing Our Future
 — where the S.T.E.A.M. Center will not only provide students and faculty with a
 new auditorium, but also unique areas that will showcase our engineering, science,
 technology, and mathematics programs
- a national search to find the right person to be the next head of school, starting July 2023

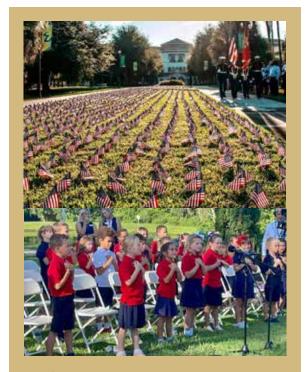
Yes, the first semester has been full and busy, and we like it that way. It means memories are being made!

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On Campus

SEPTEMBER

Senior Michael Thomas was named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and became the school's 16th finalist since 2016. Saint Stephen's also has five NMS Commended Scholars for 2021: Madeline Cashen, Caroline Gans, Connor Grindal, Tyler Kadivar, and Luke Phommachanh.



Our first grade students once again had the honor of performing at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. They sang a medley of armed forces theme songs with pride and confidence at one of the area's largest annual ceremonies.

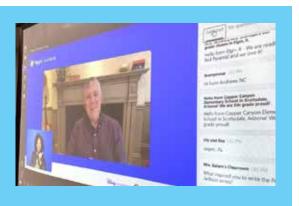
- Junior Jackson Nealis placed ninth in the world history competition and tied for 12th in the U.S. history competition at the National History Bee and Bowl in Arlington, Va. over Labor Day weekend.
- Our newest Cum Laude Society members were inducted on Sept. 14: seniors Angel Dai, Tyler Kadivar, Caroline Gans, Sophia Berry, and Maddie Cashen. Founded in 1906, the Cum Laude Society honors scholastic achievement and is considered the high school equivalent of collegiate Phi Beta Kappa honors. SSES is one of just 382 schools worldwide that have qualified to host a chapter.
- Our first Falcon Friends event of the school year pairing our oldest students with our youngest - was held on Sept. 16. The entire campus participated by filling bins with non-perishable food donations for victims of Hurricane Ida and creating cards to be sent to those assisting the communities impacted by the

storm. Our Falcons even made a giant unity chain filled with uplifting messages, words of hope and encouragement for all in need

■ We welcomed Kelsey Tainsh to campus on Sept. 22. Tainsh successfully overcame a brain tumor at age five and went on to become a world champion wakeboarder. Ten years later, at 15, the tumor returned followed by a crippling stroke. Despite her significant physical challenges, Kelsey worked hard to pull herself up and charged back into life, graduating magna cum laude from the University of Florida and going on to work for The Coca-Cola Company. She spoke to our students about the power of persistence and perspective.

OCTOBER

- We welcomed class of 1998 alumna and marine biologist Sarah Burnsed Walters back to campus on Oct. 7. She spoke with and instructed Honors Marine Science students about tagging fish and her passion for her job at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute.
- Blessing of the Animals returned to campus on Oct. 14 after a year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On Oct. 20, the Intermediate School learned about the space program from Bonnie Acoveno, the former Director of Training and Organizational Development at NASA. Bonnie worked as part of the shuttle program from 1981 through 2005 and has a granddaughter who attends Saint Stephen's.
- The SSES Academic Team continued its stellar season with an impressive showing at the Central Florida regional History Bowl at Largo High School on Oct. 30. This all-day tournament



Fifth graders participated online in a livestream conversation on Oct. 6 with best-selling young readers author

Rick Riordan, Riordan is probably most well known for penning the Percy Jackson & the Olympians series.



qualified individuals and their teams for national competition in Washington, D.C. in April 2022. The varsity team of Jackson Nealis, Sophia Berry, Tyler Kadivar, and Maxine Mandt placed second overall, and the JV team of Patrick Van Eyck and Theo Frano reached the playoff round – qualifying both teams for nationals. The competition featured questions spanning all categories of history, from ancient to current global politics. In the individual Bee competition, Nealis was the top varsity scorer, and Berry and Van Eyck earned third-place medals in the varsity and JV divisions, respectively. During a break in competition, the students were given the option to take individual subjectarea qualifying tests, and Saint Stephen's students were the top scorers in all categories: geography, science, U.S. history, and political science.

NOVEMBER

- A beautiful brick pathway donated by the Class of 2021 was installed around the fountain in the Palm Courtyard during the Thanksgiving break.
- Grandparents' Day was held on Nov. 19, and it was a pleasure having them back on campus for the first time since 2019. More than 400 were in attendance for fun presentations and music with their grandchildren. The 2020 version of this beloved annual event was held virtually.
- Another awesome Saint Stephen's tradition was held on Nov. 17 the annual Senior Breakfast at Dr. Pullen's home. Every year, our wonderful Head of School opens her home to the members of the senior class for an incredible morning of food, fun and reflection.
- Susan Levine, author of the children's book, Jenny's First Catch, visited campus on Nov. 9, to talk with our young students about how her colorful and educational books are researched, written, illustrated, and published.

DECEMBER

■ The campus was filled with holiday music throughout the month, including: Middle School "Sounds of the Season" on Dec. 6, Upper School Band "Tidings & Tinsel" on Dec. 7, Lower School "Lessons & Carols" on Dec. 10, and the Intermediate School "Jingle Bell Jam" on Dec. 16.



SSES students and faculty received a fun visit from the Southeastern Guide Dogs on Dec. 7 – a nice stress reliever just before mid-term exams in the Upper School.

Head of School Search Update

On Sept. 14, Dr. Jan Pullen announced her intention to retire at the close of the 2022-23 school year after 35 years at Saint Stephen's, including 20 as Head of School.

Considerable progress has been made in identifying the next Head of School for Saint Stephen's. Based on key constituent survey input and a series of meetings with consultants in early October, the committee finalized the search prospectus and published it in several high-visibility locations to attract candidates. These locations include all state and national educational organizations as well as the "Blue Sheet," which is the only comprehensive, worldwide listing of head of school positions for independent schools. You can read the complete prospectus on the Saint Stephen's website and SSESOnline.

Consultants from Educational Directions are currently in the recruiting phase of the search process and are pleased with the tremendous interest in Saint Stephen's and the high-caliber candidates who have come forward. The search committee remains on schedule and is committed to working the process. Key upcoming milestones are listed below, and they include opportunities for the school community to meet with and give feedback on the three finalists during their anticipated campus visits in April. More information on these visits will be provided as soon as the candidates and schedules are finalized.

Upcoming milestones include:

- On-campus interviews for seven semi-finalists (March)
- Two-day, on-campus visits with the school community for three finalists (April)
- Search committee recommends the top candidate to Board of Trustees (April)
- Board of Trustees votes on appointment of the next Head of School (April)
- New Head of School is announced to the school community (May)

The new Head of School will spend the 2022-23 school year visiting Saint Stephen's and working with Dr. Pullen to ensure a smooth transition when he/she begins work in July 2023.



For the latest on the search scan this QR Code or visit SaintStephens.org



The original goal was extremely modest. "Two kids and a boat" was the theme uttered over and over as Saint Stephen's contemplated starting its rowing program in 2015. Six years later, the dock on the McLewis Bayou is awash with activity that includes seven crew boats and more than 20 rowers.

While the steps in building the program are, admittedly, still relatively small, each October through December the SSES Learn to Row program is open to students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. There is no experience required and three afternoons a week, rowers learn the basics from Coach Amber Davis.

Now in her fourth year as coach at Saint Stephen's, Davis looks almost as youthful as her pupils, but she is an experienced and talented rower. During her own high school years, Davis was the four-year captain of the Manatee County Youth Rowing Association (MCYRA).

Her training program starts with two weeks of conditioning on land. The novice rowers need to be strong enough to carry the crew boats over their heads and they begin their training on stationary rowing machines. Next is some time immersed in the bayou, including a mandatory swim test. All of the rowers must be able to

swim 50 yards, tread water for three minutes, and then swim 50 yards back to the dock.

When the boats are finally introduced, one of the first lessons again puts the rowers right back in the water. Under Davis' supervision, the rowers must flip their boats and then successfully maneuver and get back in them. It's a key part of the safety protocols of the sport.

Single, double, and guad sculls are all available and utilized to give the young rowers a taste of how the boats react and how they must work as a team in order to be successful on the water. Nearly half of the 21 current student rowers are now in their third year with the program. Although it is designed as a fun learning

> experience and not competitive, some of the SSES rowers have advanced to racing programs – two with the Sarasota Crew at Benderson Park and one with the MCYRA at Fort Hamer Park.

"Obviously, there is great visibility in this area for rowing because of the facility at Benderson, but it's a growing sport in many places around the country," SSES Athletic Director Lenny Paoletti said. "It was a natural for us to get involved because we're the only location north of Cortez with our own dock on the water. And because we're a college prep school, rowing can be a pathway to a university. We already have had two alumni who have rowed collegiately (Tatiana Esparza at Miami and Caitlin Lynch at Dartmouth)."

The next step in the program's steady growth will be to one day become part of local competition regattas at the high school level. Because Saint Stephen's lacks a trailer to properly transport the crew boats, the rowers are now confined to just the small slip of water in the McLewis Bayou. Funding for a trailer is on the to-do list for the program.

Until then, the young Falcon rowers will take the beginning steps through practice on the fundamentals, honing their skills on campus with an eye toward the future.



Class of 2017 Update

Although they certainly weren't the only group impacted, the Saint Stephen's graduating class of 2017 became the first cohort of students whose collegiate experience was significantly altered by COVID-19. The bulk of the class was slated to graduate from college in 2021, but no one could foresee when this group headed off in fall 2017 that a pandemic would impact their campus life and upend usual timelines for graduation for many.

In keeping with a Florida Council of Independent Schools mandate that member schools take stock of the success of their alumni during their college years, the Saint Stephen's Alumni Office distributed a survey last summer to the SSES class of 2017. The survey was designed to ascertain how many members completed their higher education within four years, and to elicit alumni opinion on the effectiveness of our college preparatory curriculum.

The class included 78 graduates and 72 responded to our survey. To date, 42 class members graduated from college in or before 2021. Three alumni graduated in just three years. Thirteen members of the class transferred from their original college destination. This higher-than-usual number of transfers undoubtedly reflects the impact of COVID-19.



Many of the graduates distinguished themselves during their college years. Some highlights include:

- Jerry Zhang graduated from Penn State with a 3.99 GPA and is now pursuing a master's degree in Enterprise Risk Management at Columbia.
- MaryAnn Placheril graduated from Princeton and now works in Washington, D.C. as a financial analyst at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
- Vanessa Yan graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees from Yale and works at the software company OctoML.

- Alex Siegal will attend Harvard Law School next fall after graduating from Columbia with a B.A. in Economics and Political Science.
- University of Tampa finance graduate Andrew Csubak, Boston University accounting/finance graduate Juliana Rodriguez, and Wake Forest accounting graduate Grace Barnes now work for PricewaterhouseCoopers.
- MacKenZie Rumage graduated from the University of St.
 Andrews (Scotland) with a degree in art history and Middle
 Eastern studies and is seeking a master's degree in journalism at Columbia.

More graduates: Jonathan Boyd (Georgetown/Economics & Computer Science), Beatrice Brunschwiler (Florida/Advertising), Miranda Carrassi (Wisconsin/Communication & Art History), Bernie Chajkowski (FGCU/Engineering), Carrie Chen (Boston/Accounting & Economics), Shane Dempsey (Tampa/Sports Management), Trevor Donnelly (FSU/B.S. Public Health-USF/M.S. Medical Sciences), Daniel Eisenman (Boston/Accounting), Khash Eshaghi (Neumann/Biology), David Gao (Rollins/International Business), Emily Hiebner (Embry-Riddle/Civil Engineering), Alexandra Howe (Michigan), Emma Jones (UCF/Health Sciences), Letherio Jones (Sewanee/Political Science), Kelsey Leskinen (Colorado/Environmental Studies), Lauren McLean (Bryn Mawr), Jordon Murrell (Webber/Sports Business Management), Carson Neeves (Tulane/Political Science), Matthew Nota (UConn), Nicholas Pabon (NYU/English & Creative Writing), Thomas Pierce (Boston College/Marketing Entrepreneurship), Arwien Qiu (Waterloo/Philosophy), Savannah Sandstrum (UCF/Business Management), Ian Sharff (Georgetown/Chemistry), Alana Shukovsky (UPenn/Neuroscience), Logan Tallman (Virginia Tech/Packing Systems and Design), Williem Vacek (Edinburgh/Bachelor of Laws), Adam Vilimovsky (UNY Prague), Tanner Wade (Ringling/Computer Animation), Kristyn Weaver (Furman/Information Technology & Communications), Jessica Williams (Nova/Psychology), Julia Woodson (Michigan/Biology), Indre Zalepuga (Miami/Health Science), Andrew Zandomenego (Bucknell/Management).



The Momentum is Building

Saint Stephen's is laying the groundwork right now for a future groundbreaking!

While the S.T.E.A.M. Center is not a new project, it does represent a major re-imagining and broader vision for the school. Stay tuned for much more this spring on The Campaign for Saint Stephen's Securing our Future! SSES parent and Board of Trustees member Todd McClure is chairing the fund-raising committee and leadership team that is hard at work planning the S.T.E.A.M. Center. The project will be designed by Hall-Darling Design Studio and built by Willis Smith Construction. Special thanks to our consulting partners – Bob Carter and Rick Munroe at CARTER.



Bernie YanelliUpper School History and Economics

... a place where there's something for everyone — academics, art, athletics. There's some activity, some class that is set to inspire a student to reach greater heights.

Jennifer Berquist Kindergarten

... about instilling
a love of learning.
Kindergarten is such
a time of growth,
change, and wonder
and I love the class
sizes here. I'm able
to give individual
attention where
needed and build real
relationships with my
students.

Mollie GradyUpper School Art and Photography

... a chance to bring art and creativity into the lives of students. I love to be able to come into the classroom every day and give something different to the students that's colorful, exciting, and unique.

Chris ValcarcelIntermediate School Social Studies

... a family. It feels like I'm coming home every day when I go to work. It's a very nurturing environment. Everyone works together to make this a rich experience for the students.

Allison Misiewicz Upper School Marine and Environmental Science

... an opportunity to be part of an inspiring community of really passionate teachers and administrators, dedicated and hardworking students, and supportive and caring families.

Jennifer Hambrick Intermediate School Spanish

... just a really special place to be. There's no other place like it. It's a huge family. You are known and you are valued here — whether you're a teacher, a student, a parent. It's just very unique.

Teaching @ SSES is...

What is it that makes Saint
Stephen's such a special
educational environment? There
really are so many things you can
point to, but none of them are as
key to inspiring the excellence the
school is known for as the amazing
teachers who bring learning alive
every day in their classrooms.



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Jeannine Elisha

Theater

... my passion. Getting to see the students find a part of themselves is what brings me to school every day. Sometimes just being silly and creative helps them discover a new person.

Dr. Rachel Ward **Upper School Science**

... fun and invigorating. When I see the lightbulb go on in the eyes of my students, it inspires me to continue my own lifelong learning. I feel so fortunate to teach at a place that has such synergy from all of us who come together in the community.

Lorelei Leibert Mandarin

... being part of a loving, local community, but also a bigger global community. We reach out to be part of the global discussion in so many of the things we do. The students get to connect with topics everywhere.

Tanva Creneti Intermediate School Enalish

... a place where students come eager and ready to learn. That keeps me coming back. If they want to be here and want to learn. I'm here for it!

Marc Jones Middle School Mathematics

...a privilege. I've been teaching here for close to 30 years and it's an exceptional environment. I get to be a small part of shaping the future of our students. I don't take that for granted and I love every second of it.

Julianne Hambrick Music

... exciting. Our students go above and beyond. They challenge themselves and ask me for ways I can challenge them. I have had students thank me at the end of my lesson. It's a little thing - thank you for your time, your expertise, for being with us today. That's something I'd never experienced before coming here.

While our faculty members are celebrated and certainly shouldnt be considered unsung heroes, Saint Stephens has placed an extra spotlight on the work they do by featuring many of them in a brand new visibility campaign that was launched in late November.

The campaign began with advertising spots on Spectrum cable and a variety of streaming services. The first four featured teachers are Allison Misiewicz, Chris Valcarcel, Bernie Yanelli, and Dr. Rachel Ward. Their 30-second commercials are now appearing on CNN, E!, Hallmark, Lifetime, Nickelodeon, Fox, The Weather Channel, WETV and others. You'll also find them on streaming networks including ESPN, Paramount and more.

All of the teachers talk about their experiences and why they feel the work at SSES is so special.

Teaching at Saint Stephens is creative freedom, says Jennifer Hambrick, who teaches Spanish in the Intermediate School and directs the SSES Global Program. "Every year, the students have different interests and we get to teach the ones who are in our seats. I don t have to follow some preset curriculum. It s fun to make each day come alive for the students that I have.

Videos with many other teachers will be rolled out periodically throughout the run of the campaign into May 2022. They will also appear on digital advertising platforms and in several local print publications.

The new campaign is now the focal point of our website homepage, and you can view all of the video highlights and interviews there, including many that do not appear as part of the broadcast and streaming advertising package. The web page will continue to be built out with new additions throughout the remainder of the school year.

Alumni Event Recap Fall/Winter 2021



Zachary "Zack" Sobel '09, Esq. was our Brown Bag Luncheon speaker on campus on Nov. 12. Zack graduated from Princeton University magna cum laude and joined the U.S. Army, where he remains a proven leader who has led large teams as an officer. He continues to lead in the U.S. Army Reserves as Battalion S3 Chief Planning Officer, overseeing all planning for a battalion of 500 service men and women. Zack earned his J.D. degree at UCLA Law School this year and is currently a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Judge David L. Russell (U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma). He will serve as judicial clerk for the Hon. Judge Edith B. Clement (U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals) in the 2022-23 term.

Brenda Peynado '02, Ph.D. visited Blake Hoonhout's creative writing class on Nov. 18 via zoom and spoke about the craft of writing fiction. The students listened intently and asked great questions of Brenda. A Dominican American writer of fiction, nonfiction, and screenplays, her writing style includes lyric essays, magical realism, science fiction, fantasy and surrealism. Her short story collection. The Rock Eaters, was published in May '21 by Penguin Books. Brenda holds a B.A. in computer science from Wellesley College, an M.F.A. in fiction from Florida State University, and she received a Fulbright Fellowship to the Dominican Republic to write a novel. She earned her Ph.D. in fiction from the University of Cincinnati, where she taught screenwriting, fiction, and science fiction & fantasy writing.





Sarah (Walters) Burnsed '97 visited the Marine Science Center as a guest speaker in Mrs. Allison Misiewicz s Honors Marine Science 3 course in October. She discussed her amazing research experience in the world of fisheries biology and works at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission studying the dynamics of different local fish populations. She collects data that influences how to manage varied species. Sarah is currently participating in aerial surveys of redfish spawning aggregation and has contributed to 27 published scientific papers. Sarah is a Washington and Lee University alumna.



Homecoming on Oct. 1 was a spirited Friday evening event featuring revered traditions including the Homecoming Court procession during halftime of the football game and our always fun Alumni Tent Reception. This year, SSES Community Partners were invited to drop by, in thanks for their support of both the school and Falcon Athletics. Among our tent visitors were former Athletic Director *Carlos Boothby '83* and his wife/faculty member Jean Boothby (parents of faculty member/alumna *Dr. Stephanie Boothby Juengling '06* and grandparents of Fledging Everett Juengling '36). *Dylan Davis '20* and *Alex Miller '19* came by, as did *Joseph Schneider '15* and new Alumni Council President *Jeremy Jackman '14*. The number of alumni with children at SSES continues to grow. Checking in were two sets of married alumni/current parents: *Beth Bowie Horn '98* and *Steve Horn '95*, and *Grace Williams Hamlin '05* and *Curtis Hamlin '02*. *JB Tucker '00* was also on hand with sons Wesley '33 and John '32, as was *Amanda Buskirk Morris '92*, parent of Ansley '22 and Matthew '26.

Jill Tuckerman Leverett '06 was a virtual guest speaker in Mr. Patrick Whelan's AP U.S. History class on Aug. 27. A Social Studies Book Award recipient as a Saint Stephen's student, Jill is now a National Park Ranger serving at the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument in St. Augustine. She enthusiastically spoke with the students about the interactions among the Spanish, Native Americans, and Africans along the colonial Florida frontier. Mr. Whelan was thrilled to have Jill back in his classroom once again to enlighten his current history students.



The Alumni Office surprised the Class of 2021, our newest alumni, with Halloween Goody Bags in their college mailboxes (or their homes, if still residing there). This fun tradition lets the class know they are thought of often on campus by fellow students and former teachers, who all wish them well on this next leg of their journeys beyond the SSES gates.

Samantha Burgess '16 spoke with marine science students in December about her job as a Fisheries Observer at Alaskan Observers, Inc. She was previously a commercial diver after graduating from and studying marine science at Nova Southeastern University. She is enjoying the spectacular sights in Alaska and her visual presentation gave students an excellent account of a day in the life at sea and the responsibilities and tasks involved in being a fishing boat observer.

Class of '20 Falcon alumni Anika Kennedy (Oberlin College) and Alex Sket (Denison University football) enjoyed a quick visit when the colleges faced off at Oberlin on September 18. Denison prevailed 59-12!





Getting to Know the Alumni Council

The Alumni Office checked in with the 2021-22 Alumni Council recently and asked members a few questions so all in the Saint Stephen's community might know this stellar group better. The Council is committed to keeping fellow alumni connected to their alma mater while promoting alumni visibility on campus. This visibility creates awareness among current students, letting them know that they'll soon be part of a much larger community – a tapestry of sorts made up of all the graduates who are part of the school's rich history.

New Alumni Council President *Jeremy Jackman '14*, spent 12 years at Saint Stephen's. He holds a B.A. in Management from Stetson University and earned a master's degree at Southern Methodist University in Higher Education, with a specialization in Educational Leadership. Jeremy is currently enrolled at the University of South Florida, pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership.

"Saint Stephen's helped me develop strong foundational skills and I was prepared from day one in college," Jeremy said. "I had so many teachers at Saint Stephen's that played a role in both my academic journey and my career journey, and I am truly grateful for all of them."

When asked to recount his favorite SSES memory, Jeremy remembered, "it was in senior year, when we won Headmaster's Cup during the first-ever football game played at the Moore Athletic Complex (October 2013). We were victorious against rival Out-of-Door Academy, 20-0!"

Today, along with being a doctoral student, Jeremy is founder and president of Gulf Coast Institute for Success Inc., an educational consulting company in Bradenton offering academic coaching, tutoring services, and college advising. In addition to being Alumni Council President, Jeremy is an assistant coach for the SSES varsity boys' soccer team. He also finds time to regularly read The Gauntlet (the school's online newspaper).

Sam Lynch '13 spent five years at SSES and then graduated from the University of Florida with a finance degree. He says Saint Stephen's prepared him extremely well for college and that lessons learned in Mr. Bernie Yanelli's classes in economics and U.S. history, and Mr. Rob Moran's 8th grade history class resonate with him to this day.

"History classes played a fun role in my recent career, where I appraised historical buildings across America. One of the more recent sites I appraised was The Justin Morrill Homestead in Vermont, where I was able to spew a couple fun facts for the site staff. The Calvin Coolidge Homestead in Vermont was another nearby location I was tasked to appraise. I'm happy I paid attention in my history classes," he said.

Sam's favorite memory from Saint Stephen's is, "the day I presented my senior speech in front of the chapel audience. Overcoming a fear of public speaking, only to have everyone stand up and applaud, has remained an impactful moment in my life."

Sam returns to play in the annual Alumni Soccer Game during winter break whenever his schedule permits and, after being a bit disconnected from his alma mater for some years, he is extremely happy to re-engage as a member of the Alumni Council. He hopes to settle in Bradenton more permanently after his November 2022 wedding to Ashley Byczek.

Kaleen Nora '04 qualifies as a SSES Forever Falcon after attending the school for 13 years. The Nora family has deep ties to the school. Kaleen's four siblings are also graduates: Jaclyn (Jaci) '06, Jeannie '08, Ian '10 and Spencer '12.

Kaleen was a history major at Flagler College in St. Augustine, which she says was an amazing experience due to the rich history of the city. She also became enamored with the study of sociology at Flagler. Kaleen went on to earn a master's degree in Development at Saint Mary's University in Minnesota.

Her love of history was fostered by Saint Stephen's faculty members Patrick Whelan and Jamie Moore. The duo undoubtedly played a big role in Kaleen's teaching in South Korea and Turkey immediately after college, and fueled a wanderlust that inspired her travel throughout Asia, Europe and Africa. She is currently a middle school history teacher.

"They taught me that there are experiences to be gained from all over the world," she said.

Cari Wurzbacher Watkins '07 spent five years at SSES and credits the experience with preparing her for the rigors of college. She graduated from Wake Forest with a degree in Business Enterprise Management.

Cari has worked for United Airlines for seven years and has held multiple positions. Her current role is Principal – Agency Strategy & Analytics. A "perk" in working for a major airline is the ability to see the world and fly for free. She has been on more than 250 flights, traveled over 300,000 miles, and visited 15 different countries.

Cari's favorite SSES memory was her Class of 2007 winning the "Most Spirited Award" three years in a row. She and her husband recently moved back to the Bradenton area from Chicago and she is excited to be on Alumni Council.

"I wouldn't have the career I love without SSES. A fellow alumna of both Saint Stephen's and Wake Forest connected me with a friend at United and, without that connection, I might not be where I am today," she said. "I'm amazed how much has changed over the years – Saint Stephen's truly is best-in-class! It provided me with the tools and skills needed to be successful."

Joseph Schneider '15 is a third-year Doctor of Physical Therapy student at the University of South Florida, where he is president of the Class of 2022. He did his undergraduate studies at the University of Florida as an Applied Physiology & Kinesiology major specializing in Exercise Physiology with a Health Sciences minor. Joe was a first-year Florida Peer Leader and a Wellness Educator for GatorWell Health Promotion Services.

He credits Mrs. Chi Klein's Honors Biology and AP Biology classes for setting him on the path toward becoming a healthcare professional and soon-to-be physical therapist.

When asked about his favorite Saint Stephen's memory as a Falcon over eight years at the school, Joe said, "This is a tough question because there are SO many. I think my senior speech is probably my favorite SSES memory because I got to play music with Mr. (Jamie) Marshall one last time and really say thank you, capping off my time at Saint Stephen's in wonderful fashion."

MaryAnn Lawler '00 is a second Alumni Council member who spent 13 years at Saint Stephen's. She lives in Bradenton, where she has sold real estate for 20 years. Some of her closest friends are her SSES classmates, and she feels fortunate to have assisted several of them, and some Falcon faculty, with their real estate needs.

Maryann attended Manatee Community College and transferred to the University of South Florida. She changed her course of study several times and graduated with a degree in psychology. While Maryann finds it difficult to pin down just one favorite memory of her Falcon days because there are, "too many to list," she said the IQ (Interim Quest) programs at the conclusion of each year would most probably rank at the top.

"SSES is a fabulous network that has helped me in numerous ways," she said. "Hands down, the best teacher I had was Ms. Pat Murphy."

Mary Beiler '91 is the third Forever Falcon on the Council with 13 years at SSES. She recently moved back to Sarasota after living in San Diego for more than 20 years. While there, Mary coached volleyball at the club and varsity level for over 15 years and coached a team to the California state













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championship in 2017. She is still the director/owner of Summit Volleyball Club in California. After teaching Spanish in San Diego for the past seven years, she now teaches science at IMG Academy.

Mary attended Swarthmore College and studied biology after starting out as a classics major. She was in an a cappella group "with a diverse group of incredible women," played volleyball for four years and spent a semester in Seville, Spain (where two fellow SSES classmates were also studying).

"Saint Stephen's gave me a love for learning across a broad range of subjects. I graduated loving language, science and photography," she said. "My photography teacher Mr. Langenegger inspired me to pursue a career in photography. I was a staff photographer for a Home/Garden magazine for eight years."

Mary said being at SSES from K-12 provided plenty of memories, including "van rides to sports games, writing a funny essay with my best friend for the Aerie in our senior year, a single voice starting the candlelit procession at Christmas performances in Christ Church, and the community of close friends I still have to this day."

Brooke Kernan '04, a charter Alumni Council member, graduated from the University of South Florida with a B.A. in elementary education in 2008. She then enrolled at Stetson College of Law, where she studied year-round and earned her J.D. in just 2.5 years. After nine years of serving the people of Florida as an assistant state attorney, Brooke joined the Sarasota Clerk's Office as Director of Court Services last May. She oversees the daily deployment of court clerks and processing of all court documents to facilitate public access to court records. Brooke is also a yoga instructor when her schedule permits.

When asked about her SSES recollections in 2018, Brooke said, "It's hard to pick just one of my favorite memories, but I would have to say the feeling that we were a family at Saint Stephen's has always remained with me. This is really more than just a memory, because I get this feeling every time I set foot on campus or attend a Saint Stephen's event."

Matthew Jones '14 is a strategic partner for finance leaders in his role at Gartner Inc. as an Account Executive, ALE Finance. Matt's expertise is in understanding the objectives and challenges facing mid-market CIOs. He helps them make strategic decisions by educating them on needs including aligning IT to the business, product/service selection, pricing & terms and emerging technology.

After a stellar soccer career at Saint Stephen's, Matt played men's soccer at Bentley University in Waltham. Mass. He graduated with a degree in Economics & Finance. On the entrepreneurial front, Matt is the owner of 2 Bros & a Hose, a local pressure-washing, roof cleaning and paver sealing business located in the Sarasota/Manatee area.

Whitney Scott '05 is licensed to practice speech-language pathology in Florida and also holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. She earned a degree in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of South Florida and a degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida. Whitney evaluates, diagnoses, and administers therapeutic treatments to individuals with speech, language, voice, and swallowing disorders. She works with children at Saint Stephen's and also serves private clients.

Whitney's brothers are both SSES alumni: Chris is a member of the class of 2011 and Kyle graduated in 2008. Whitney fondly recalls performing in the school musicals and particularly enjoyed playing Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz.

"It was a great show filled with wonderful music and dancing – an absolute joy to be in," she said.

Brittany Scroggins '05 and husband Joe Dickerson live in Bradenton with their two children, Wyatt (3) and Amelia (1). Brittany has worked for many years in the insurance industry and has spent the past nine years managing accounts in her family-run business in Bradenton (Scroggins Insurance Agency/State Farm). She is an alumna of the University of Florida, where she earned her B.A. in Art History.

Brittany's favorite Saint Stephen's memory is of Falcon Friends events and activities, where older students are paired with younger ones and a wonderful camaraderie ensues. Brittany values the sense of community that SSES gave her. She also attributes her leadership skills to the opportunities she received at the school.

"Growing up, the school became my second family," she said.

Alumni Class Notes

1980s

Thomas Hurlbut '83 has been named CFO at Pioneer Lines. Tom has worked for the railroads for 30 years. He previously served at Norfolk Southern, where he held the positions of Vice President and Controller, interim CFO, and Vice President of Audit and Compliance. Tom is a certified public accountant and received a B.S. degree in Commerce from Washington & Lee University.



1990s

Jason Kaplan '91 has been promoted to FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Charlotte, N.C. His career has spanned from Violent Crime in New York to Head of Central American Operations to Supervisory Special Agent.

Blair Dalton Bloomston '98 has been named CEO of Game On Nation. Blair has spent the past 17 years working with the world's most recognizable athletes, teams, executives, corporations, and brands. She is considered a leading expert on the use of Game Dynamics and Game Theory to improve communication, leadership, team building, and culture. Blair holds a B.F.A. in Theater/Performance from Marymount Manhattan College and lives in Bradenton with her husband and two sons.

Gabriella Weiser '98 and husband Ben welcomed their first child, a daughter, on Aug. 30. Sofia Eleanora McLaughlin and her parents live in New York City, where Gabriella is Vice President of Marketing at Steve Madden Ltd.

Jeanne Cho Stokke '99 earned her FSA credential and was enrolled as a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in April after successfully completing the many intensive examinations and requirements.

2000s

Janelle Coutts '04 was named Analytical Laboratories Branch Lead of NE-L3 at NASA in August. Janelle provides technical advice to senior colleagues and Center Management responsible for program operations; offers recommendations for advancing processes, procedures and methods; and provides guidance and direction to senior and junior scientists and engineers. Janelle holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry from UCF, where she also earned her undergraduate degree.

Congratulations to **Stephanie "Eleni" Sokos '06** on the opening of her new establishment on 6th Ave. W in Bradenton - Kefi Streetside Cafe. The shop sells beverages and delicious bakery items and is receiving great customer reviews.

Adam Podbelski '08 is First Vice President of Investments and a Senior Associate in Marcus & Millchap's Tampa office. He is also a director of the firm's National Multi Housing Group and cofounder of the RPH Multifamily Group. Adam specializes in the sale of multi-family assets throughout Southwest Florida. He received his B.A. at Rollins College.

Alexander "Alex" Brown '08 has a new venture called Recover Hospitality (founded by people in recovery). Based on the guiding principal that the opposite of addiction is human connection, the company strives to provide support and increase accountability for those in recovery who love to travel. RH's mission is to develop a network of venues providing an environment conducive to recovery through use of knowledge of wellness resources and local recovery communities - to build individualized plans that help clients maintain healthy routines away from home.

Sisi Zhao '09 opened her own business in Sarasota called Safe & Sound Mental Health Solutions. Sisi is a licensed mental health counselor and a nationally certified rehabilitation counselor.

2010s

Wedding bells are in the air for former faculty member and alumna **Amy Ivin '10**, who got engaged in the Virgin Islands on June 6.

Best of luck to *Cameron Ayala '10*, a captain in the U.S. Army and West Point graduate now enrolled at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Alumna *Naarai Jacobs '10* shines bright singing in a solo at the end of the Elton John & Stevie Wonder duet Finish Line, part of Elton's collection entitled, The Lockdown Sessions."

Edward "Eddie" McQuiston

'11 married Emily Kleinman on Sept. 25 at Sunflower Hill Farm in Augusta, Missouri. Eddie is a Senior Investment Associate at the Boston office of Siguler Guff & Company. Prior to joining Siguler Guff in 2019, Eddie worked at Prudential Private Capital as a Senior Investment Analyst. He received a B.S. in finance from Boston College.

Kudos to *Dr. Ishpaul Bhamber*'12 on receiving his Doctor of
Osteopathic Medicine degree

from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in June. He is now an internal medicine resident at Largo Medical Center.

Griffin Guinta '12 and his wife Sarah became parents in June as they welcomed son Luca to the world.

Alexander "Alex" Runde '12 is is a watershed educator at Green Valleys Watershed Association in Pottstown, Penn. He earned his master's in Environmental Education at Florida Institute of Technology in 2021 and holds a B.A. in Hydrology and Water Resources Science from St. Cloud State. He runs summer camps and teaches students how to participate in meaningful citizen science and brainstorm on new ways to involve students (and adults) in the conservation of the Pickering Creek, French Creek, Pigeon Creek, Valley Creek, and Stony Run watersheds.

Nathan "Nate" Carr '12 is a Pathways Operation Manager at Amazon in Coventry, England. He has a B.E. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Florida and earned his M.B.A from the University of Washington in 2021.

Aiste Zalepuga '12 is a Notre Dame Law School student pursuing her J.D. degree and is Editor-in-Chief of the Notre Dame Law Review. She holds a B.A. from Yale University and master's degree from the University of Oxford. Before law school, Aiste worked in the Ministry of Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania and co-founded the country's GovTech Lab.

Joshua McClure (Kezar) '12 is the CFO and Market Center Administrator at the Bradenton real estate firm of Keller Williams - On the Water. He is an accounting professional and earned bachelor's degrees in both economics and mathematics at SMU.

Chad Tolentino '12 is a Senior Specialist in Credit Risk Management at Charles Schwab in Henderson, Nev. Chad is an alumnus of Trinity University in Texas, where he received a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in finance.

Michelle Vogler '12 graduated from SMU with a B.B.A. in Finance, Economics & Public Policy. She was a Presidential Scholar and a part of the University Honors Program. She is now an Assistant Buyer with Neiman Marcus after working in finance for several years.

Logan Schulz '13 has just started medical school at FSU College of Medicine. Becoming a physician has been a dream of his for years. "I am beyond excited for this next journey and look forward to gaining more knowledge and skills so that I can better care for the health needs of others and further advocate for health equity."

Natalie Haschek '13, CPA, was promoted to Senior Financial Accounting Analyst at Hulu in June. She graduated from the USC with a B.S in Accounting and was a member of the Golden Key Honour Society as an undergraduate.

Connor McMillan '13 is a corporate associate at Wilkie Farr Gallagher LLP in Washington, D.C. Connor earned his J.D. degree at the University of Virginia Law School. He graduated college with a B.A. in Psychology and Economics from the University of Florida cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and a member of the Psi Chi (Psychology) Honor Society.



Conner McCullen '13 completed his studies at the Fire Fighting Academy in Tampa in September. He reports being humbled at being reminded of the ultimate sacrifice of first responders 20 years ago on 9/11. Conner will take his state exams and then attend FMT school

Sebastien Cook '14 married MacKenzie Porter in September at the historic Willard InterContinental Hotel in Washington, D.C. The couple celebrated the day with more than 200 friends and family and their puppy, Cairo. Sebastian and MacKenzie plan to stay in the D.C. area for the foreseeable future.



Devin McSweeney '14 is now a Lead Cybersecurity Engineer at Cubic Corporation, where he

is responsible for developing and maintaining the cybersecurity posture for a Navy contact program. He married fellow Falcon alumna Nicole Freij at Selby Gardens in Sarasota in May.

Zhuo Zhao '14 married Mike Yu in September in Montgomery County Circuit Court in Maryland. The couple was married by Judge Christopher Fogelman, for whom 7huo is a law clerk

Lauren Csubak '14 was awarded her MBA by Saint Leo University in spring 2021. She did her undergraduate studies at Saint Leo as well and graduated in 2018 with a B.A. in Sports Business and Accounting.



Kristin "Kristi" Jones '14 has earned her Doctorate of Physical Therapy at Washington University in Saint Louis. She is a University of Florida alumna.

Congratulations to **Christina Taylor '14** on graduating from Brooklyn Law School and learning she passed the New York Bar exam in October.

Kassandra Woodruff '15 joined Emory Investment Management as an Operations Analyst in September. The firm manages the assets of Emory University, Emory Healthcare, and The Carter Center. Kassandra is an 2019 alumna of Johns Hopkins, where she studied economics and Spanish.





Best wishes to Caroline **Gregory Stewart '15** on her marriage to Patrick Stewart in October at The Arling (at Kenny Perry's Country Creek Golf Course) in Franklin, Kent. The happy couple resides in Bowling Green, where Patrick owns and runs a business.

Denis Gomonov '16 is a data scientist and graduated from Drexel University in 2021. He recently took a job as an analyst at BlackRock in the firm's Wimington, Del. office.

Zackary "Zack" Gromko '16 graduated from MIT in June with a B.S. in Electrical Science & Computer Science, as well as a major in Course VIII and a minor in mathematics. He is now enrolled in a Ph.D. program.

Kaitlyn "Katie" Siegel '16

(magna cum laude/Amherst College '20) is the Clinical Research Coordinator II in Massachusetts General Hospital's Department of Psychiatry, where she coordinates the Smiling Instead of Smoking Study & the Positive Psychology Therapy for Smoking Study. Katie recently co-authored a piece published by Psychology Today entitled, A Bystander Training Intervention



Could Save a Life, involving training students to help friends and in turn reduce the college mental health crisis. Katie and her coauthor developed a web-based intervention designed to equip students with the skills and confidence to intervene when a friend is struggling with mental health concerns.

Hannah Sage '16 is a member of the Class of 2024 at the UCF Medical School. She graduated from UCF's Burnett Honors College in 2020 after majoring in math with a history minor. She was also a member of the LEAD Scholars Academy.

Ian Sharff '17 graduated from Georgetown in spring 2021 and then completed Flatiron School's Data Science Bootcamp program, an immersive and intensive data science program. lan utilized



SQL and Python libraries to solve machine learning problems, individually and in teams. At Georgetown, lan discovered his passion for technology during his time in the Chemistry Department and through his role as a Course Assistant for a computer science course in Python.

MaryAnn Rompf '17

graduated magna cum laude from Furman in May (B.A./Accounting). She was named Outstanding Senior in Accounting and graduated with a 3.873 GPA. She was also a Scholar-Athlete Award winner in her junior and senior years and was cocaptain of the Women's Varsity Tennis Team as a senior. Furman ended the '21 season ranked #35



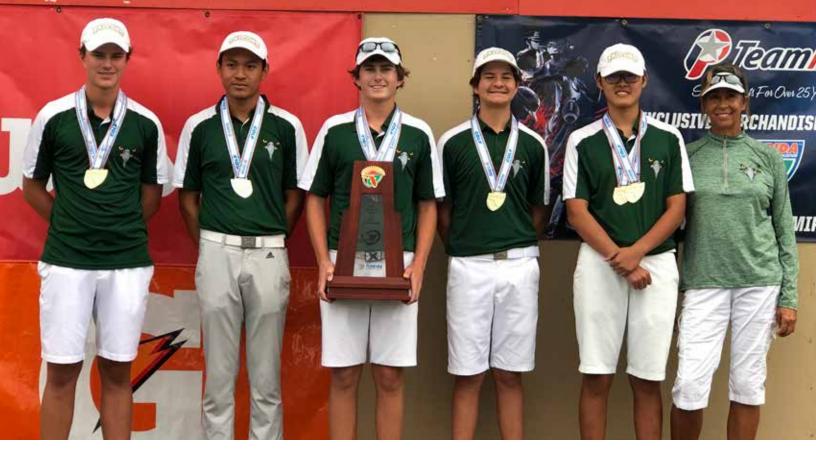
with MaryAnn ranked #48 in doubles nationally in the NCAA. She taught tennis last summer in Newport, R.I. while completing an internship with Ernst and Young. She enrolled at Vanderbilt in August in pursuit of a master's in Accounting. MaryAnn has been asked to play for the Vanderbilt Varsity Women's tennis team for a fifth college year, due to the pandemic year suspension of play.

MaryAnn Placheril '17 graduated from Princeton in spring 2021 with an A.B. in Public Policy. Immediately upon graduation, she took a job as Director's Financial Analyst at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Washington, D.C.

Meredith Pratt '18 graduated in December from Nova Southeastern with a B.S. in Marine Biology with minors in International Law and Honors Transdisciplinary Studies. She plans to attend graduate school and continue her career in marine biology, specifically the fisheries field.

Sarah Glaser '18 spent the fall 2021 semester in London. serving as an intern with Brevia Consulting, a public affairs and political consulting firm with European offices in London, Brussels, Edinburgh, Cardiff, and Belfast. Sarah's internship focused on evaluating the recent series of healthcare policies in discussion in the British Parliament. She will graduate from the University of South Florida in May 2022 with bachelor's degrees in political science and public health, and will continue her graduate study at the London School of Economics and Political Science.





BOYS GOLF CAPTURES THIRD STATE TITLE

After years of solid efforts and even closer calls, the Falcons boys' golf team finally broke through, bringing home the school's third state championship trophy in dominating fashion at the Mission Inn Resort & Club course at Howey-in-the-Hills on Nov. 10.

Saint Stephen's entered the second and final round of the tournament trailing Lake Mary Prep by three strokes, but the Falcons shot an impressive 287 as a team to run away with the title, capturing the tournament by 11 strokes (590-601). Brothers Ben and Alex Long both turned in scorching rounds of 4-underpar 68 to fuel the run after teammate Leo Li posted the low score (70) during the opening round.

Individually, the Falcons dominated the top of the leaderboard. Alex Long was the medalist for the tournament at 142. Ben Long (75-68) and Li (70-73) tied for second at 143. Jet Chen (84-79-163) and Fergus McLeod (92-78-170) rounded out the foursome. It was the second straight top-10 finishes by the Long brothers. In 2020, Ben was third and Alex placed seventh as the Falcons finished seventh overall.

The win is the third state championship for Saint Stephen's, which also took home the top trophies in 2000 and 2004, and put a satisfying cap on an eight-year run by the Falcons. Since 2014, SESS has made six state tournament appearances – all ending with top-10 finishes. Saint Stephen's placed third in 2016 and second in 2017 before finally breaking through this fall.

Although the Falcons did not capture district or regional titles on their way to the Class 1A state championship, the regular season showed their potential. In early October, SSES repeated as champs of the Donald Ross Invitational at Sara Bay Country Club, the most prestigious local high school tournament. They opened the

season on Aug. 23 by tying Lakewood Ranch High for first place at the John Ryan Invitational at Capri Isles Golf Club in Venice.

The Saint Stephen's girls posted a solid season of their own, winning their ninth district championship in 10 years. They also took the Donald Ross Invitational to give SSES a sweep.

CROSS COUNTRY SETS NEW SCHOOL MARK

Just two days after the golf team's triumph, the SSES boys' cross country team made history of its own in Tallahassee at the state championship meet. The boys established a new school best by finishing 12th in the 32-team field at Apalachee Regional Park on Nov. 12. It was the highest placing ever for Saint Stephen's in state competition, topping a 14th-place finish in 2019.

Four Falcons finished among the top 100 in the field of 227 runners, paced by Aquiles Gonzalez in 58th place. Christian Rowell (73), Michael Thomas (81), and Luke Phommachanh (93) also ran solid races.

Competing in the Sunshine Athletic Conference for the first time, Saint Stephen's won that title in Lakeland on Sept. 25, outpacing the rest of the field by a solid margin – 35 points in front of second place Seven Rivers Christian. Four Falcons finished in the top 10, including individual champion Thomas, Gonzalez (3rd), Rowell (8th), and Phommachanh (9th). Thomas also posted the fastest time at the 20-team North Port Invitational on Sept. 20 to help the Falcons win that meet.

2020-21 Year in Review

Amidst a lingering pandemic, the 2020-21 school year ushered in Saint Stephen's Golden Anniversary. And while many of the traditional celebrations planned had to be re-imagined as virtual or socially-distanced events, it did not put a damper on recognizing how far the school has come through its first five decades.

Included among the many celebrations of this significant milestone were the opening of a time capsule sealed in 1995, the publishing of a 50-year coffee-table book, "Throwback Thursday" to the 1970s, a live-streamed 90-minute broadcast of the "Green & Golden Gameshow" and more. Although daily access to the campus was limited to students, faculty, and staff, we did enjoy a full calendar of activities. Sports competitions, senior breakfast and senior walk, the Halloween Hootenanny, and an in-person graduation at the Moore Athletic Complex at Turner Fields, all helped bring some normalcy to the school year.

As is customary, every student in our 70-member senior class was accepted to college. Of the graduates who identified a first-choice college, 96-percent were accepted to that institution. Three grads were awarded their university's top academic scholarship, paying full tuition, housing, and research or study abroad grants. Fourteen graduates were offered honors college/leadership program enrollment, and the entire class earned merit scholarships worth more than \$4-million and nearly \$700,000 in Bright Futures awards. Eight graduates were recruited to play collegiate sports: football, baseball, lacrosse, and tennis.

Philanthropy of all kinds again highlighted the year. Local businesses helped us kick things off by growing our Community Partner Program to \$47,225 for the school and providing even more value through in-kind donations. During our Annual Giving Week, community of supporters donated \$257,000. Our endowment also enjoyed a successful year with \$244,435 in gifts.

While the year certainly provided a series of unexpected challenges, it also gave us an opportunity to reflect and evaluate our next steps. We thoroughly enjoyed looking back during the celebration of the school's 50th anniversary, but it's even more exciting for us to look ahead to what we expect the next few decades to look like at Saint Stephen's. We are expanding our vision, and instead of considering a performing arts center as our sole capital project, we have developed a new master site plan that includes a variety of facilities to support our ever-expanding academic and athletic programs.

After a four-month planning study conducted by Carter Consulting, a recommendation was approved by the Board of Trustees to move forward with plans to fund and construct the S.T.E.A.M. Center, which will not only provide ample room for the visual and performing arts programs and exhibitions, but will also enhance our science, technology, engineering, and math programs for the students in every division across campus. The Campaign at Saint Stephen's - Securing our Future - will be a transformative campaign creating new learning spaces for students while ensuring the long-term stability and continued success of the school.

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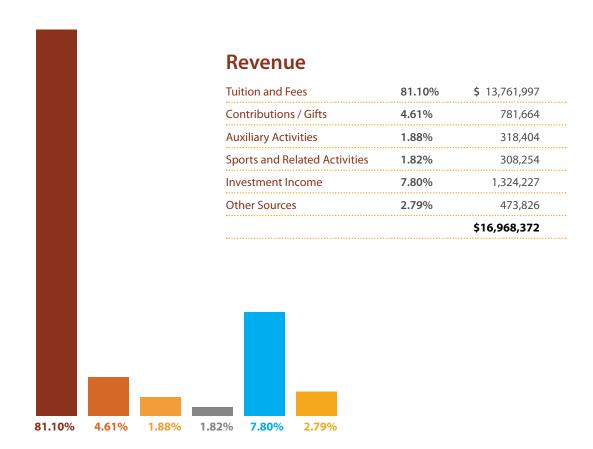
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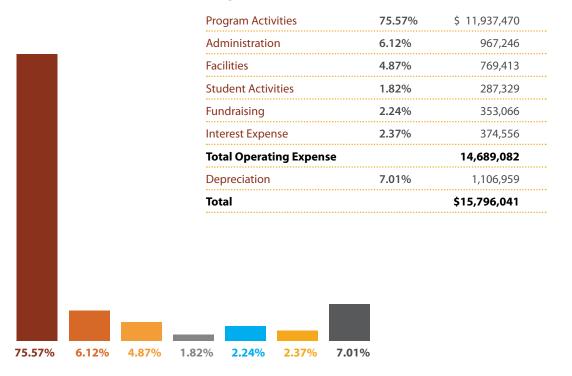
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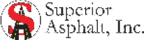
























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