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# FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL'S DESK . . .

From the day school began on Aug. 19, 2020 to when we left for summer on May 28, the students, faculty, staff, and parents experienced a journey like no other. I often reference the quote "life is a journey, not a race," hoping to encourage others to be sure to enjoy life's experiences and not rush through them. This year, however, the end seemed like it would never come and there seemed to be way too many journeys! Despite that, as I look back over the 2020-21 school year, our 50th anniversary year, I could not be more proud of how our community navigated these past 10 months. Although there were many twists and turns, we all approached the year with a willingness to tackle each day, a determination to make the most of the teaching and learning, and a positive attitude in supporting the protocols and policies that kept coming at us and constantly changing.

In addition, students got outside for recess, took part in PE classes, and our sports teams competed each season with many victories and special memories. Our academic teams also competed and challenged other schools around the state and country, often on Zoom, but with the same competitive spirit. Students in all grade levels were able to sing songs, play instruments, experience chapel and even serve others by filling wagons full of canned goods for the Lord's Pantry. Everything we did had to be done a little differently, but thanks to creative minds and innovative thinking, we cleverly came up with ways to make the school experience meaningful!

We all greatly appreciated the support from our parents, the Board of Trustees, the Parents' Association and our Falcon Sports



The safety and health of our students, faculty, and staff were always of the highest importance. From social-distance dots on the sidewalks and hallways, the plexi-glass shields on desks, the HEPA filters in classrooms, lawn chairs at lunch and the masking, everyone complied with the new routines and washed their hands — a lot. Parents and students also got used to morning and afternoon drop-offs and pick-ups, which were the only in-person contact our parents had with teachers. I must say that our little Fledglings, Pre-K and Kindergarten students were amazing and so confident with what they needed to do each day. Every morning, they jumped out of cars seats, strapped on their back packs and independently found a dot on the sidewalk until a teacher escorted them to class. They did the protocols so well!

With all of these precautions in place, we were happy that the faculty were able to teach their students (reaching out virtually to those who were home and compromised in some way by COVID), and kept them on task with their learning. While so many students around the country remained online, ours were back on campus enjoying academic discussions with their peers, working on projects, and participating in labs. We feel our students finished the year on track with where their learning should be, and in some cases, ahead of expectations.

Boosters, even though they never were on campus with us! They helped by working with us, encouraging us, guiding us, and providing activities and events that kept our school community connected. Thank you!

As the school year came to a close after weeks of celebrations including a beautiful baccalaureate service and a memorable graduation ceremony, our outstanding seniors received their diplomas. All were accepted to a college or university and are prepared and ready to leave the nest. As a college preparatory school, our mission was accomplished!

Yes, this 50th anniversary year has been one we will never quite forget, but the journey continues and the next 50 years begins Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021!

Jan

# SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL



## CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2021

PETER BALOS  
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BANGHAN XIAO  
SIYUAN XU  
SITAN ZHANG  
CHENG ZHANG  
TIANYU ZHANG  
CHAOHONG ZHONG





## Class of 2021 Highlights:

- Of the graduates who identified a first-choice college, 96% were accepted to that college
- Three graduates 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 including merit scholarships, research, travel, and enhanced academic opportunities
- The class of 2021 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

## Our 2021 graduates were accepted/**will attend**:

<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Davidson</b>	<b>Georgia Tech</b>	Michigan State	Princeton	Tampa
American	Delaware	<b>Harvard</b>	Minnesota	Providence	<b>Tennessee</b>
Appalachian State	Denison	High Point	<b>Mississippi</b>	Purdue	Texas
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>Denver</b>	Hofstra	Mississippi State	<b>RPI</b>	Texas A&M
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Cal-Irvine	<b>Florida Atlantic</b>	London School of Economics	Notre Dame	<b>Sewanee</b>	Wabash
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Cal-Santa Barbara	<b>Florida Tech</b>	Louisville	Ohio Northern	South Carolina	Washington
Cal-Santa Cruz	Florida International	Loyola-Chicago	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>Southern Cal</b>	<b>Washington-St. Louis</b>
Case Western Reserve	<b>Florida State</b>	Lynn	Ohio	Southern Miss	<b>West Florida</b>
Clemson	Franklin (Switz.)	<b>Marquette</b>	Oklahoma	<b>South Florida</b>	West Virginia
Coastal Carolina	Furman	Maryland	Oregon	<b>SMU</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>
<b>Colorado</b>	George Mason	Massachusetts	Pace	<b>SCF</b>	WPI
Concordia	<b>George Washington</b>	<b>Miami</b>	<b>Penn State</b>	Stetson	Xavier
Cooper Union	Georgetown	<b>Miami-Ohio</b>	Pepperdine	Suffolk	
Dartmouth	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	Pittsburgh	<b>Swarthmore</b>	

## COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETES – These Class of 2021 graduates will play at the collegiate level:



**Taylor Vara**  
lacrosse  
East Stroudsburg



**Cade Ryskamp**  
lacrosse  
Texas Christian



**Matthew Konkol**  
football  
John's Hopkins



**Keaton Donnelly**  
football  
Trine



**Peter Balos**  
baseball  
Ursinus



**Kevin Jiang**  
tennis  
Swarthmore



**Gleb Ibragimov**  
tennis  
Sewanee



**Brock Soletti**  
baseball  
US Coast Guard

# ON CAMPUS

## JANUARY

■ Four Saint Stephen's students were among eight finalists in the Theater Odyssey of Sarasota's annual 10-Minute Student Playwriting Festival. The plays included "A Change in Perspective" by Peter Balos, "Time Warp" by Tatum Tellebuescher, "Resonating Sound" by Jacqueline Harrison, and "Fermata" by Elaina Bayard. The plays were broadcast online Feb 15-21 in a radio theatre format.

■ Based on their outstanding scores on last year's Advanced Placement examinations, 59 students in the classes of 2020 and 2021 were named AP Scholars by the College Board. That's an amazing 42-percent of all of the students in those two classes.

## FEBRUARY



■ Academic Team members Tyler Kadivar, Maxine Mandt, Jackson Nealis, and Sophia Berry continued competition against teams from throughout Florida and Georgia. Though all competitions were virtual, the Falcons continued to thrive against public and private schools. They also participated in a nationals-qualifier for NAQT with schools across the country. The team will head into next season with strong leadership from juniors Berry, Kadivar, Mandt, Luke Bisio, Maddie Cashen, Jenna Menon, Luke Phommachanh, and Michael Thomas, as well as emerging sophomores, Nealis and Elaina Bayard. The team will miss graduating seniors Tyler Katchen, Connor McCray, Maggie Moore, Jules Pung, and Adriana Vidal.



■ After more than a year away, **SSES Marine Science** students were back on the water on Feb. 5, thanks to the school's partners at Freedom Boat Club. Despite chilly temperatures, the Marine Science 2 class was out in the Manatee River to begin their field research.

■ Students from the Upper and Middle schools gathered on the pathways between the divisions to learn about African penguins from the experts at Busch Gardens in Tampa, as two of the penguins waddled among our students for an up-close look.



■ As part of the school's 50th anniversary celebration, SSES held a groovy Throwback Thursday to the 1970s when the school opened. Students, faculty, and staff dusted off 70's threads and enjoyed music and dance from the era in a special event at the Moore Athletic Complex.



■ Student Cassidy Miller began hosting her own podcast, "Share Your Voice," with a variety of guests, including pro wrestler and motivational speaker Marc Mero, NBA star Kevin Love, Time Magazine Kid of the Year Ian McKenna and others.

■ The SSES Parents' Association hosted its annual Headliners in Education program on Feb. 25 via Zoom. The topic was "Positive Parenting During a Pandemic," presented by licensed mental health counselor Soula Hareas from McNulty Counseling and Wellness in St. Petersburg.



■ The Middle School Global Leaders Club had the honor of opening packages from around the world on Feb. 26. Inside were items representing some of the schools that were to

attend last summer's Water is Life international conference at Saint Stephen's. The pandemic caused its cancellation, but the items sent will be embedded in a concrete "reef ball" and sunk in Sarasota Bay. SSES received keepsakes and personalized notes from Japan, Brazil, Austria, Holland and more.

## MARCH



■ The tradition continues. Every year, Head of School Dr. Jan Pullen hosts the senior class at her home for the Senior Breakfast. The Class of 2021 enjoyed that tradition in a beautiful, and socially distanced, way on March 11.



■ Saint Stephen's found a unique way to celebrate its 50th anniversary by streaming the Green & Golden Game Show on March 12 at Facebook and YouTube. The broadcast featured Head of School Dr. Jan Pullen, alumnus Steve Horn, faculty member Patrick Whelan, and student Taylor Vara competing to answer SSES trivia. Whelan, who represented the Intermediate School, was the eventual winner, scoring the entire division a visit from The Chill Mobile for ice cream treats.



■ Fine Arts Week went virtual on March 22. Art and music works by students in all divisions were made available on a dedicated website. The week also included a recorded version of the Upper School theater production of the comedy "Box Steps" by Alan Haehnel.

## APRIL

■ Head of School Dr. Jan Pullen was honored to be the presenter at the Gulf Coast CEO Forum's monthly virtual meeting, where she discussed "Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace."



■ The school's annual Senior Walk was held on April 20. The Class of 2021 made its way to the track at the Moore Athletic Complex (MAC), where the seniors – in cap and gown for the first time – were enthusiastically greeted and celebrated by the entire campus community, as well as those watching live on Facebook.



■ The MAC was the site of the annual College Pennant Ceremony on April 28. One at a time, each of the members of the Class of 2021 walked to the center of a stage erected on the main stadium field and placed their picture next to a pennant representing their chosen college or university. The ceremony was streamed live on the SSES Facebook page.

## MAY

■ More than 120 golfers took part in the SSES Parents' Association Green & Golden Golf Scramble on May 1 at The River Club in Bradenton. The foursomes enjoyed a round of golf and lunch, with the event raising more than \$50,000 in support of the Saint Stephen's Athletic Department.

■ On May 4, students throughout the school – and from schools in Argentina and Honduras – participated virtually in a Global Perspectives Conference hosted by SSES. The conference focused on COVID-19 issues and included a presentation and Q&A with Dr. Jennifer Bencie from the Manatee County Health Department and members of her staff.

■ Eighth grader Ella Ziegler was named a winner of the National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award. The 2021 award recognizes 500 high-achieving NJHS students nationwide (51 in Florida). Winners receive a \$500 prize in a college savings account.

# Saint Stephen's Episcopal School Key & Deed Campaign 2019-2020 Phase 1 Completed

In collaboration, Saint Stephen's and Christ Church raised funds to secure future access to property for the school and built the Thrift Shop and Food Pantry for the Church.

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**\$665**

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**\$1,500**

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**100%**

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**370**

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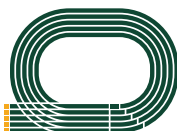
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# ALUMNI EVENTS

1. Upper School students enjoyed the annual Winter Alumni Panel via livestream on Jan. 6 during assembly. Recent former Falcons now in college enthusiastically shared some of their experiences and offered advice. Joining in the conversation were **Max O'Dell '20** (Florida Gulf Coast University), **Abby Gentsch '20** (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), **Rena Parent '19** (Wake Forest), **Caitlin Lynch '18** (Dartmouth), **Hayes Chatham '18** (Vanderbilt) and **Julia Woodson '17** (University of Michigan). SSES is so grateful to its alumni who give back in this very special way.

2. The annual Senior Breakfast was held in Dr. Pullen's yard on March 10. Tables were scattered under the trees in green and gold splendor and the Class of 2021 enjoyed delicious breakfast sandwiches on a spectacular day. All took part in a fun SSES quiz testing their Falcon knowledge and everyone had a marvelous, socially-distanced time in the great outdoors. The unequivocal stars of the day, though, were a group of the senior men who dressed for the red carpet in honor of this always special occasion.

3. During Saint Stephen's March 12 virtual Green & Golden Game Show, alumni guests appeared in videos as a break in the action. As we celebrated the school's 50th anniversary, it was fitting to hear from two alumnae from Saint Stephen's very first graduating class – the small but mighty Class of 1975. Special thanks to **Dr. Laura Lynn Frye**, a family practice physician in Texas, and **Dorinda Hall Roberts**, an architect and former building official and Senior Plans Examiner in Saint Petersburg, for their participation. Both alumnae sent best wishes to the school on 50 wonderful years of educating young Falcons and preparing them well for college and future endeavors.

4. Our 2021 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction was also part of the Green & Golden Game Show virtual event on Friday night, March 12. The inductees were presented by Alumni Director Laurie McFeeley, and both graciously accepted the honor in videos they prepared for the occasion. (Read more about these two stellar Falcon scholar-athletes in this edition)

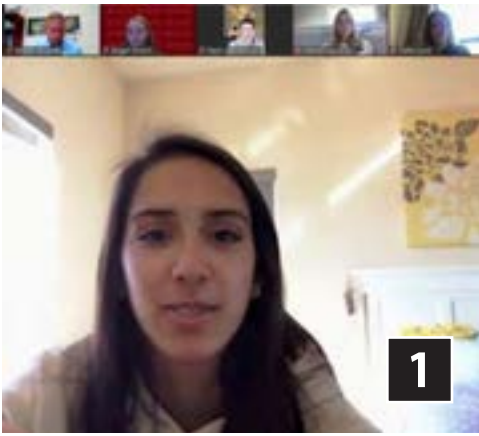
5. Economics teacher Bernie Yanelli was thrilled to have **Tommy Pierce '17** speak virtually to his class in March about the pros and cons of investing in crypto currencies. Tommy, a senior at Boston College's Wallace E. Carroll School of Management (class of '21), is the co-president of Boston College Blockchain – created to educate the college community on Blockchain technology and the future of digital currencies. Tommy is studying management with concentrations in marketing and entrepreneurship.

6. Class of 2011 classmates **Danielle Wall** and **Alec Morris** were superb alumni guest speakers at Saint Stephen's Academic Banquet, held virtually on April 21. This event recognizes and celebrates Upper School students who have attained a weighted GPA of 3.75 or above. Both Alec and Danielle were stellar students as Falcons and graduated from two outstanding universities; Danielle is a Harvard alumna (cum laude/ neurobiology) and Alec attended Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration, with a minor in real estate. Their talks, highlighted with great photos of their SSES days and current situations, were very entertaining for students and their families.

7. The Class of 2021 was officially welcomed into the Alumni Association at the annual Senior Luncheon on April 27. The event took place outdoors in the grassy, tree-lined area behind the MAC Fieldhouse. Our special guest speaker was alumna **Cari Wurzbacher Watkins '07**. Cari spoke fondly of her Falcon education, teachers, and how well-prepared she was for college life at Wake Forest University and beyond (Cari graduated summa cum laude from WFU). She brought along a statue given to her by Mr. Patrick Whelan as an award in his AP History Class, with which she has never parted. Cari's enthusiastic message wrapped up by reminding the seniors to cherish their last days as Falcons and treasure their SSES relationships. Even 14 years later, the Saint Stephen's community holds a special place in her heart.

8. It was exciting to see alumni players on the River Club links at the May 1 Green & Golden Golf Scramble. Presented by the Parents' Association, Boosters and The River Club in Bradenton, the Class of 2011 had a good showing with the foursome of Bobby Stanell, Chris Scott, Erik Schulz, and Jordan Sebastiano. The Springstead brothers, **Reid '17** and **Ross '19**, were also players as was **Jose Perez '00**. Jose graciously donated his winnings from the 50-50 raffle back to Saint Stephen's during the lunch/awards portion of the outing, his first alumni event since moving back to Florida in 2018.

9. Saint Stephen's alumnus **Jakob Hamilton '15** presented Zoom sessions in May for the 7th grade band, 8th grade band and Upper School band. He discussed his careers in both music and science. Jakob holds a B.A. in music and a B.S. in biology from the University of North Carolina, and recently graduated with an M.S. in nutritional biochemistry and nutrigenomics. In fall '21, he'll attend the University of Florida College of Medicine, where he plans to pursue a career in surgery. Jakob is also an accomplished pianist, organist, composer and arranger. Having toured and performed internationally alongside Grammy-nominated concert organist Cameron Carpenter, Jakob has composed over 200 pieces of original music.



THE POWER TO CHANGE LIVES:  
**Daniel Miller's**  
LEGACY IS A GIFT FROM THE HEART



Toward the end of his life, one of the final projects that Class of '89 alumnus Daniel Miller never had the opportunity to see to completion was the filming of a video history of things he held dear, and messages he wished passed on. Front and center, as Daniel began telling his story, were memories of his Saint Stephen's years, where he stressed just how important his education and teachers were to him. He reminisced about his Latin studies, calling the lessons strategic to his future academic success. Daniel clearly felt safe and loved as a Falcon, and his video was meant to both honor the past and inform the future.

It is for this very reason that the Daniel D. Miller Memorial Scholarship has been established. This funding in support of students in need is a reflection of Daniel's life and values. Just as Daniel prized Saint Stephen's role in his life story, his scholarship will help sustain students who might not otherwise be able to afford an SSES education. Daniel's scholarship is about love, hope, purpose, and a higher calling to do something good for someone else. Its formation gives Daniel's life deep and perpetual meaning. His wishes and generosity are now inextricably tied to the fate of others, and very much a result of his gratitude for his blessings and wanting the best for current and future Falcons.

Daniel died on Aug. 20, 2017. A Brown University alumnus who graduated with honors, Daniel earned his master's in public policy at Georgetown and an MBA at Emory University, where he was a Woodruff Fellow. Dedication to his studies prepared him exceptionally well for his role as a brilliant senior economist with the Joint Economic Committee in Washington D.C. But, perhaps more revealing about Daniel in both his private and public life is the vast impact he had on his friends, colleagues and loved ones.

He was extremely close with his immediate family – his mother, father and devoted sister, Kathryn, whom he inspired on a daily basis. Friendships that arose during Daniel's years as a Falcon have generated a boundless outpouring of love and respect, and his ability to bring people together in the very best way resulted in

#### ***From Jason Kaplan '91:***

The first time I met Daniel was in 1987. I was a new student and freshman at Saint Stephen's and I was outside the gym waiting to be picked up by my parents. Daniel was driving out of the parking lot and saw me. He stopped his car, stuck his head out of the window and said "hey, you're Jason right? I know your brother Zack. I have a few friends coming over to my house. You want to come?" The group of friends I met that day remain my best friends to this day. Daniel's circle never dwindled, and his ability to bring friends together never faltered, even many years after leaving Saint Stephen's. It continued through college, graduate school, and during his time on Capitol Hill. Daniel even brought my wife and me together 22 years ago, and our sons Aiden and Ryan have always known him as "Uncle Dan." It's impossible to quantify the impact Daniel has had in my life, and the lives of all those whom he brought together. When good friends gather, it always feels as though time has stood still. Now that Daniel is gone, it makes it even more meaningful to come together and experience that comfortable sense of camaraderie. When we meet up these days, Daniel is with us as we laugh and tell stories about how much fun we've had over the years. He was incredibly intelligent, resilient and genuine, but it was his deep understanding of and commitment to friendship that will be his legacy.



an entourage with whom he stayed close until his last days. In fact, a large group of Falcon alumni made a special visit to Virginia to see Daniel in July 2017. Sadly, his illness precluded him from spending time with "his crew," the members of which have created their own Facebook page. Regardless, the group managed to have a good time together, as per Daniel's wishes, honoring his life that epitomized kindness, strength, and a dignity that will forever remain an inspiration to all who knew him.

*Pictured above: L-R  
Jason Kaplan '91, Daniel Miller '89, Will Pearce '89  
and Ben Petlock '90*

*Pictured opposite page: L-R  
Jason Kaplan '91, Daniel Miller '89, Zack Kaplan '90  
and Pedro Ramos '91*

### **From Jason Fichtner:**

I met Daniel the first day of graduate school orientation at Georgetown University in 1993. As he sat at a table having lunch, I walked up and introduced myself. I asked if he had yet found housing in D.C., or a housemate. Daniel was very friendly to a complete stranger and by the end of our conversation, I had found a housemate for my first year of graduate school (and, unbeknownst to me at the time, had made a lifelong friend). We were not just housemates at Georgetown; we later worked together for several years as Senior Economists with the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress. Daniel was one of the kindest and smartest people I've ever known. There's nothing better than being able to spend your work day with one of your best friends; sharing a professional and personal relationship with Daniel was an experience I'll always treasure. Though we were never again housemates after that first year of graduate school, except for the two years Daniel lived in Atlanta, we always lived within a few miles of each other. This made it easy to get together to watch sports, share a meal or just chat about life. Daniel was a big part of my life, after becoming one of my best friends from day one. His passing left a deep hole in my life, and in the lives of all who knew him. You see, Daniel wasn't just a friend to me, he was a friend to many. He had a strong bond with a group of high school friends from Saint Stephen's who were always there for him, as he was for them. It's a good reminder that friendships made in school often end up being the life-long kind. I am reminded of a saying: For as long as we remember someone, they are never really gone. Our stories and memories of them become a part of us that allows them to continue living on. The scholarship endowed on behalf of Daniel will allow him to live on at Saint Stephen's – a place that shaped his life and brought him so much happiness. I can't think of a better tribute to Daniel Miller.

### **From Mary Beiler '91:**

Dan was a truly genuine person. He would welcome you as a friend instantly. I remember being a freshman on a school trip that none of my close friends attended, so I didn't really know anyone. As a junior, Dan and his friends were on that trip and included me in so many things. I had people to joke around with, be photographed with, and simply had the best time. From that trip sprang a new group of friends, and so many memories. Dan was so smart and witty, and you just knew no matter how much time passed he was going to be welcoming and easy to be around. He was that lynchpin of our friend circle. And, through his kind and generous nature, I credit him with bringing together a group of friends I have and will always cherish.

### **From Will Pearce '89:**

There is a collection of Saint Stephen's alumni called "the Chumps," all of whom graduated between 1989-91 and remain very close. We all get together when we can; there is even a Facebook group named for us. No surprise to anyone, Daniel was one of the largest reasons we are a group, and are still very involved. Time with his friends, family and the Chumps was a big and important part of his life. In his personal life, Daniel was a big Buccaneers fan, loved music and movies. He also liked to



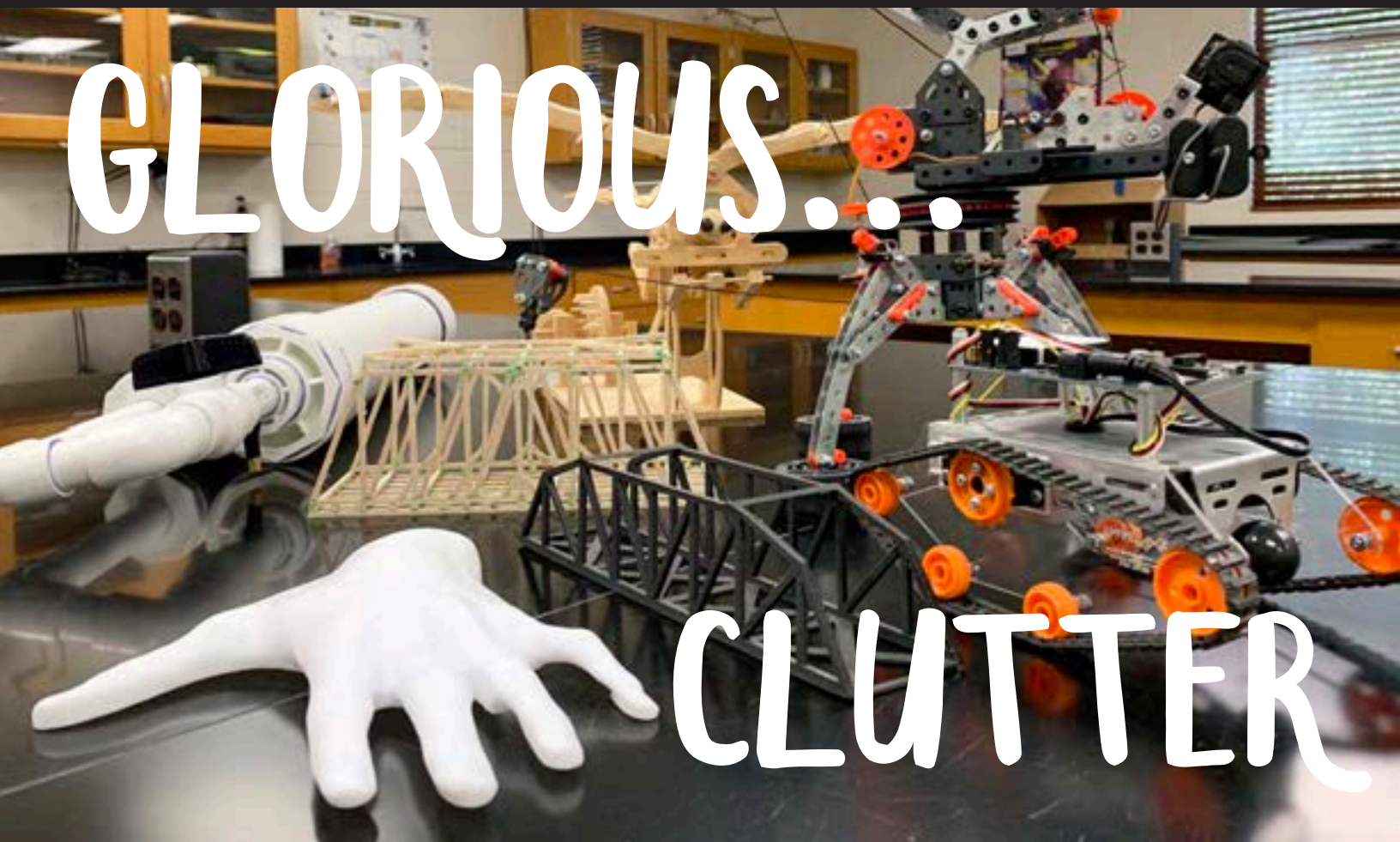
*The "crew" in 2017.*

travel and did some interesting international travel that included traversing the Soviet Union in the 80s, visiting Alaska, Australia, and many other spots in Europe. Daniel is buried adjacent to Saint Stephen's, on the grounds of Christ Episcopal Church, in case any alumni back for a visit wish to pay their respects to this wonderful alumnus, scholar, and gentleman.

### **From Pedro Ramos '91:**

Some of the best times I had with Dan were during long road trips, or hanging out during vacation breaks where we had plenty of one-on-one time. It was so much fun to go from laughing at the latest Jim Carey movie to discussing some of the best new bands on the scene. I still remember back in 1993, when we both came across "Rage Against the Machine" and thought they were the coolest band ever. The special thing about our friendship is that we found humor in almost everything – we could laugh endlessly about so many things, yet in a moment's notice our conversation would turn contemplative and existential. The fluidity of our time spent as friends is what truly characterized who Dan was – a fun person to be around, and at the same time someone with whom you could enjoy deep conversations.

*Saint Stephen's is very grateful for its alumni community and is honored to pass along information regarding the establishment of the Daniel D. Miller Memorial Scholarship, or any other legacy gift to the school. We believe Daniel is smiling down on the students of his alma mater, and would bid others to also become heroes in their own lives by helping needy students get a wonderful education at a place that shaped him in too many ways to count.*



Walk through the classroom door and you're greeted by clutter – glorious clutter. In one corner is a collection of air pressure-fueled PVC devices that launch t-shirts or potatoes. In another, students have designed and constructed bridges from matchsticks and popsicle sticks that they're strength testing with iron weights. The computer screens are filled with virtual engineering projects that have produced 3D-printed lightsabers, robots, and items of all shapes and sizes.

The computer science and engineering space in the Upper School is the definition of what Amanda Ripley, contributing writer for *Time* and *Atlantic* magazines and author of a global look at education entitled, *The Smartest Kids in the World*, suggests as a cue to identifying world-class education: "Some of the worst classrooms are quiet, tidy places that look, to adults, reassuringly calm. Remember that rigorous learning actually looks rigorous."

Beginning in the Middle School innovations classes and continuing through the high school curriculum in Advanced Placement Computer Science, students at Saint Stephen's can explore their passions in robotics, engineering, coding and more. They also examine the impact of computers on society, their social implications, and issues of security. Intro to Computer Science focuses on the programming language Python. The AP-level class prepares students for the Java AP exam.

On the engineering side, students get a taste of design from conception to building and testing, while also learning the

importance of proper budgeting, production timelines, and the entire process it takes to deliver a product for a customer.

"The students realize they can go from an idea to something that works in their hands. That's where the real magic happens," teacher David Payne said. "But maybe more important, if something doesn't work, they have to figure out why. It's all about solving problems."

The result of the student work ranges from fanciful to practical. One student created a 3D-designed and powered robotic hand with proper joints to emulate the disembodied "Thing" character from the *Addams Family* comedy film and television series. Students have collaborated to create math manipulative toys for their Lower School counterparts and safety lock devices for classroom doors throughout campus. This year's team designed a sensor and data acquisition system that constantly measures and records the pH and dissolved oxygen levels in a coral reef tank located in a Middle School science classroom.

Students who had no prior exposure to or plans to study computer science or engineering at the university level have been influenced to do so because of their experiences in the program.

"I grew up in a small town in Alabama and have lived and worked all over the world because of my background in engineering. That's something I wouldn't have done if I had picked some other field," Payne said. "This program gives our students an introduction to what working as an engineer or computer programmer can be."

# ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

## 1990s

Congratulations to **Annabel Kaplan '98**, who was accepted to Endicott College's Applied Behavioral Analysis Ph.D. Program beginning in fall 2021. Endicott's Ph.D. in Applied Behavior Analysis is a research-based program that prepares an individual to teach at the university level or work as a scientist-practitioner.

## 2000s



Kudos to **Sarah Glendening '00** on being named the Joe Curley Rising Leader Award winner in April. The award honors up-and-coming individual Florida Public

Relations Association members who demonstrate emerging leadership traits along with dedicated active involvement in FPRA Chapter activities, programs, functions and events. Sarah is a Communications and Development Specialist at Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center in Sarasota and loves her work advancing the organization's mission of connecting, supporting, and sustaining a network of 18 local human service nonprofits.



**Brenda Peynado's ('02)** first book, *The Rock Eaters*, was published in May (Penguin Books). The short story collection has garnered huge acclaim and exciting reviews. Brenda is a Dominican-American writer of fiction, nonfiction and screenplays, and has a BA in computer science from Wellesley College and an MFA

in fiction from Florida State University. At FSU, she received a Kingsbury Fellowship and was fiction editor of *The Southeast Review*. In 2014, she was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to the Dominican Republic. She later earned a Ph.D. in fiction from the University of Cincinnati, where she taught screenwriting, fiction, and science-fiction/fantasy writing. Brenda now teaches fiction and screenwriting in the University of Central Florida's BA and MFA programs.

**William "Will" Dorner '03** was a key collaborator among UCF researchers who launched a digital version of the world-renowned 18th century Johnson's Dictionary on April 15 (the 266th anniversary of the publication). Johnson's Dictionary is considered one of the most influential works in English literature. This project arose from years of labor and a \$350,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Will holds a B.A. in creative

writing and a master's in rhetoric and composition from UCF. He also earned his Ph.D. at the University, in Texts and Technology. A senior XML analyst, Will is an instructional technology coordinator at UCF's Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.



**Elizabeth "Liz" Fritch Robinson '04** and her husband, Patrick, had a big year in 2020. In March, the Robinsons relocated from New York City to Los Angeles. In June, they welcomed baby Edith Robinson. Liz works at Palantir Technologies, which became a public company listed on the NYSE in September 2020.

**Keri Schick Norton '05** is a corporate partner in the New York office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. She represents private equity firms, private companies and public companies in mergers and acquisitions and other complex transactions, including significant leverage buyouts, minority investments, carve-out transactions, joint ventures and cross-border transactions. Keri also teaches an intercession course as an adjunct professor at Tulane Law on corporate transactions. She's a Tulane University Law School alumna and earned her BA at Emory University.



Congratulations to **Whitney Scott '05** on her marriage to Christopher Morales on March 13, on Anna Maria Island. The ceremony was at The Longboat Island Chapel and the reception was held at The Sandbar. The couple enjoyed a beautiful honeymoon in Carmel, Calif. and then headed to Disney World for a few days.

**Molly Aronsson '06** owns C2Dx, Inc., a medical device company in three states with six different products. She says, "Life is so beautiful in the fact that we have the power to control our own fate! As a former pro athlete, I am so lucky to help save others from risk of amputation from necrosis in sports injury and trauma." Molly says she misses golf every day, but that this new chapter has been a great learning experience.



**Elizabeth "Liz" Lutz '06** (J.D., L.L.M.) married Jared Perlman on March 26. The wedding and reception were held at The Breakers in Palm Beach. Liz's petite yorkie, Gracie, served as ring bearer. Fellow SSES 2006 classmates on hand to celebrate the happy couple were Chris Beauchamp, Evan Liss, Isabella Sobel and Katie Ball Terman.

on Jan. 6. In more recent news, Cameron graduated from the University of Florida's Levin College of Law (cum laude) in May.



**Gage R. Essman '11** is a Senior Manager of the Southwest Florida region for Otis Elevator Company. Three years ago, Gage met Carolina Barnett, an Auburn University alumna, and the two were married in Nov. 2020 at the iconic Gasparilla Inn on Boca Grande Island. Gage and Carolina live in South Tampa with their black lab, Boca.

Congratulations to **Sarah Gravely '08** on her new role as Product Marketing Manager at Amazon Business in Houston, Texas. Sarah studied management information systems at the University of Georgia, where she was a three-year letter winner on the equestrian team and competed on the 2008-09 SEC/National Championship Team and 2010 Reserve National Championship Team.



**Ivy Prince '08** married Taylor Watt at The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Resort on Nov. 14, 2020. The ceremony was a lovely outdoor affair on the renowned Ocean Golf Course. Ivy has worked at EY for almost nine years and currently serves as Alumni Relations Manager, driving alumni engagement strategy in the northeast region of the U.S. for more than 90,000 EY alumni. Ivy is a Duke alumna with a B.A. in public policy.



Congratulations to **Kamilah Ashley Howard '11** on her January engagement to Rob Santos atop breathtaking Vail Mountain. Kamilah is a Penn State University alumna with a master's in health communications from Northwestern University. She is the Senior Manager of Advocacy Communications at the American Academy of Dermatology in Washington D.C., where she leads advocacy communications strategy including policy issue-based campaigns, media relations, advertising, social media, Capitol Hill events and grassroots efforts.

**Jared P. Essman '09** graduated from Florida State University with a B.S. in biology and chemistry. Since graduation, Jared has been working in the southeastern U.S. agricultural industry as a sales agronomist focusing on sustainable agriculture management and crop fertility. He is employed by BioGro, Inc., based in Mabton, Wash. Jared is pursuing his master's at the University of Florida and anticipates earning his M.Sc. degree in agroecology in December. In February 2020, he married his college sweetheart, Ashley Whitt, in her home town of Jupiter, Fla. The couple recently purchased their first home in south Tampa.



Declan Adler Keating arrived on March 8, born to Alyson and **Cameron Keating '11**. The family lives in Bradenton, where Cameron is Vice President of Construction at Camlin Custom Homes, his family-owned home construction business.

Family and closest friends celebrated **Gabriel "Gabe" Grubbs '11** and his bride Jourdan Rayne Maney as they tied the knot on May 14. The ceremony took place in Ashville, N.C. on picturesque Black Balsom Knob, the second highest mountain in the Great Balsam Mountain range. The couple calls Arlington, Vir. home.

**Danielle Wall '11** and former classmate **Alec Morris '11** were alumni guest speakers at the annual April Academic Banquet. Alec is a Director at AECOM Capital based in New York, where he sources and underwrites new investment opportunities and handles asset management of existing AECOM Capital deals. Danielle has been a Senior Clinical Research Professional working remotely for Gilead Sciences, but recently moved to Atlanta with her fiancé to pursue her newly re-ignited passion for acting and modeling in a city brimming with movie-making industry projects.

## 2010s

Married alumni and former 2010 classmates **Morgan Johnson Allen** and **Cameron Allen** welcomed Cooper Allen





**Kylie Kaufman '11** was featured on NBC's Today Show Third Hour for her online business Lotte321 (formerly known as Rock-a-Box Baby). Kylie's inspiration comes from her niece, Charlotte, whom Kylie says, "was born in 2015 rocking an extra chromosome (aka Down Syndrome), and in 2017 was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes." The company name includes Lotte (from Charlotte), with 321 an ode to Down Syndrome (three copies of the 21st chromosome). In

support of Charlotte and others with Down Syndrome and special needs, Kylie donates 15-percent of company profits to charities supporting these two causes.

**Evan Moscoso '12** has moved from Atlanta to Saint Petersburg and is now a Senior Software Developer at General Dynamics Information Technology. He is contracted to work at government agencies dealing with national defense. At this writing, Evan is with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, working as a software architect on the Molecular Epidemiology & Bioinformatics Team. Evan received his B.A. in computational media at Georgia Tech in 2016.

**Spencer Nora '13** is currently forward deployed out of Sasebo, Japan until September 2022 on the USS New Orleans. He works in his ship's engineering department as the Assistant Chief Engineer. He leads a department of five junior officers and 106 sailors as the ship patrols the Pacific Ocean. While pandemic concerns have prevented the crew from making port calls, the ship has sailed past the islands of Guam and Palau, with Spencer musing, "It's nice to at least get to see the islands from a distance."



**Victoria "Tori" Biach Marcellus '13** graduated from the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine in May. She will begin her Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at The University of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City on July 1. Tori is an alumna of Northern State University, where she was a stellar scholar-athlete and volleyball standout.

**Arjun Madgavkar '13** has left his job at PayPal after two years and is moving into the "crypto world" as an engineer at CoinList. He is excited about the energy in the crypto space.

**Zhuo Zhao '14** will clerk for Judge Christopher Fogelman in Maryland next fall upon graduating from American University's Washington College of Law this spring. Zhuo did her undergraduate studies at Southern Methodist University.



Exciting times in 2021 for **Micaela "Mia" Cleall '14**. Mia was engaged to Matt Morgan on March 5 on Little Gasparilla Island and recently earned her J.D. degree at Barry University's Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law.



**Lauri Schleicher '15** left her job as a marketing analyst at 22squared in Atlanta to pursue her goal of becoming an officer in the Marine Corps. In January, she arrived at Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Va., and started a 10-week "interview process," where a candidate's ability to lead under stressful conditions (like lack of sleep and proper nutrition) is tested. Lauri graduated and commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant on March 27. She is now at The Basic School, a six-month school where she'll learn how to lead Marines and prepare for assignment to a Military Occupational Specialty.

**Jakob Hamilton '15** has been accepted at the University of Florida College of Medicine for fall 2021. Jakob has spent the past year as a graduate research assistant at the University of North Carolina. An alumnus of UNC, Jakob holds a B.S in biology, a B.A. in piano and organ performance, and he earned a master's in nutritional biochemistry in 2021 at UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health.

**Drew Vigne '16** was selected to take part in the National Science Foundation's IRES program in Cologne, Germany this summer. Working at the German Aerospace Center, he'll join the applied aerodynamics team in its efforts to make air and space vehicles more efficient, ecological, comfortable, economical and secure. Drew is studying mechanical engineering at UCF with an anticipated December '21 graduation. In April, Drew took 1st place and won the Stan Powell Prize in the undergraduate category at the 72nd Annual American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Student Conference, hosted by the University

of Alabama and Lockheed Martin. His work, "Bicycle Wheel Aerodynamics Predictions Using CFD: Efficiency using Blade Element Method," serves to improve the aerodynamics design optimization of carbon fiber bicycle wheels.

**Shreya Patel '16** graduated from George Washington University with a degree in systems engineering and statistics. She is a supply chain engineer at Radiant Power Corp. In conjunction with work, Shreya enrolled in and completed Harvard Business School's online Credentials of Readiness program, which included business analytics, economics for managers, and financial accounting.

Congratulations to **Joseph "Joe" Class '16** on his 2020 graduation from Yale University and his acceptance into UCLA's linguistics Ph.D. program. Joe was a member of Yale's Department of Linguistics, where his research areas included morphology and syntax.



**Tiffany Chinwuba '16** presented her research at UCF's virtual Student Scholar Symposium in March. An article on her work, featured online at UCFTODAY, was entitled, "UCF Student Seeks to Shine a Light on the Pandemic's Effects on Nonprofits." Tiffany's work sprung from many businesses being forced to close during the pandemic, but illuminated how non-profits "mobilized and pivoted to meet the increasing need caused by the collapse of the hospitality and entertainment industry in the area." This growth came at a time when individual giving to non-profits declined. Tiffany explains, "My research looks into these financial consequences and aims to identify the capacity-building strategies that aid in organizational survival"

**Grace Horn '16** (Denison University '20) is thrilled to begin pursuing her master's in public administration at the University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs. "I've always wanted to help people, make an impact on the lives of others and be a force for positive change in the world, so I'm so ready for this next adventure which is going to prepare me for a career in non-profit work."



**Nupur Mathur '16** has graduated from Georgia Tech and is joining electric vehicle automaker Rivian in Irvine, Calif., as a Homologation Engineer.

**Mackenzie Rumage '17** is off to New York City this summer to pursue her master's degree in journalism at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. She did her undergraduate studies at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

**David Gao '17** will attend New York University's Schack Institute of Real Estate in the fall '21 as part of the NYU School For Professional Studies. David will earn an M.S. in real estate at the conclusion of his studies. He graduated from Rollins College this spring with a B.A. in international business and an economics minor. David was a four-year member of the men's golf team.

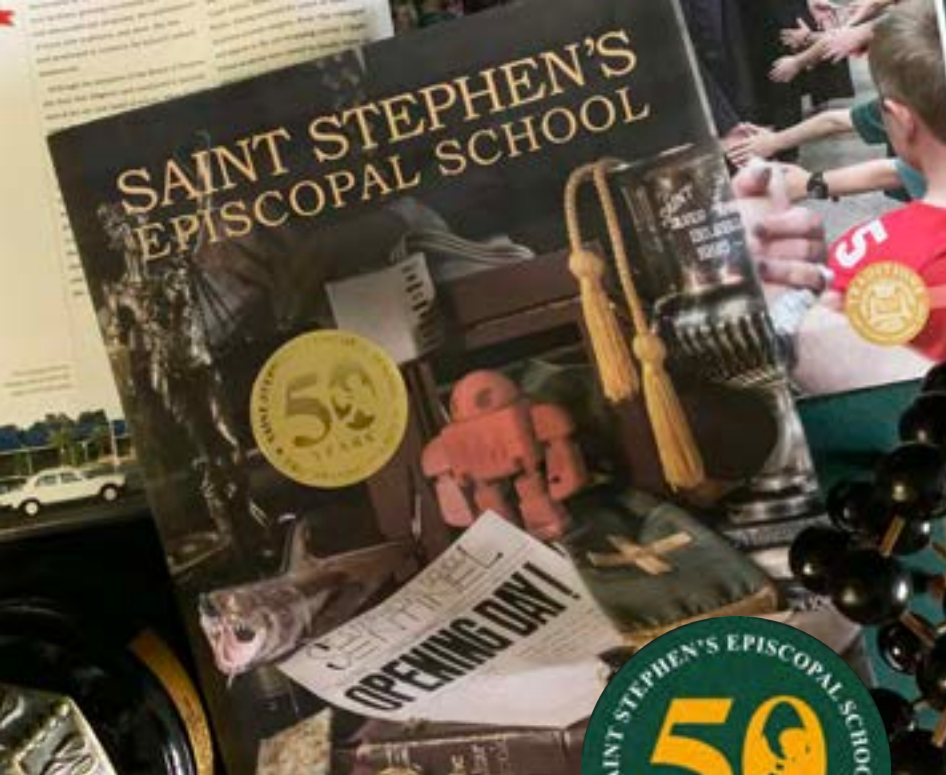
**Peyton Vining '17** proved himself one of the best wide receivers in Division III college football playing for Denison University. He announced on April 12 that he's making a move to college football's highest level, with a verbal commitment to the University of Illinois as a preferred walk-on. He'll join the Illini this summer with two years of eligibility remaining. Peyton played at SSes with Falcon alumni **Chase Brown '18** and **Sydney Brown '18**, who last season were starters for Illinois at running back and safety, respectively.

**Beatrice Brunschwiler '17** graduated magna cum laude in May from the University of Florida. She received her B.S. in advertising with French and francophone concentrations, and minors in agriculture and natural resource law. She will intern as a remote strategy intern at Osborn Barr Paramore, thanks to the 4 A's Foundation MAIP Program, where graduates are hand-selected by industry professionals to begin their careers in advertising.

**Mary Elizabeth "Grace" Barnes '17** graduated from Wake Forest University this spring with a bachelor's in accounting. Following a very successful winter '21 internship at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, she has accepted a full-time offer to return to the firm's D.C. office as a tax associate under the Asset Wealth Management umbrella.

**Caitlin Lynch '18** earned her private pilot license in January after taking lessons from former SSes Technology Director Sam Lindsay since her sophomore year in high school. Caitlin, a rising senior at Dartmouth College, was also selected in January for an internship at NASA to work with the ISS power systems, under the Integrated Missions Operations Contract. The IMOC II provides mission planning and preparation, astronaut crew and





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Mission Control Center flight controller training, and real-time flight execution services to NASA's Human Spaceflight Programs. Her role also includes certification to teach an ISS power systems course to the astronauts.

**Chase Brown '18**, a junior at the University of Illinois, was ranked in the Big Ten's "Top 10 running backs ahead of spring." He was cited as being formidable and one of three running backs who should get a look at starting duties. "Chase Brown is arguably the Fighting Illini's most complete ball carrier and will be the leader within that room. . .He now plays for a coach who likes to run the football behind a big, physical offensive front. Establishing an offensive identity is top priority in Bret Bielema's first campaign, and letting Brown wear the crown in the run game is step 1. Could Brown be the Big Ten's potential breakout star in 2021?" Inquiring minds at SSES surely want to know.

**Luke Valadie '18**, a junior at Williams College, has started a business with a fellow student. Prospect Tutors is a matching service that connects students to writing tutors. "We learn about a student's needs, goals, and writing style in order to match them with a tutor that suits them well." Luke notes that everybody learns differently, so he and his partner want to make it easy for students to find a tutor that is well-positioned to help them succeed.

The Phi Beta Kappa Society announced in June that **Sarah Glaser '18** has been named a Key into Public Service Scholar, one of approximately 20 students selected from among more than 600 applicants attending Phi Beta Kappa institutions nationwide. Sarah was named Phi Beta Kappa in April at the University of South Florida, where she will be a senior in the honors college this fall. A dual major in political science and public health, Sarah had a busy junior year, which included an internship in the Tampa office of Florida State Rep. Fentrice Driskell. This summer, she is serving as a legislative intern with U.S. Rep. Charlie Crist.

**Cade Westberry '19** has returned to Saint Stephen's as a member of the basketball coaching staff. Bringing tremendous energy and passion to the job, the Athletic Department couldn't be more excited to have him on board. Cade has already worked with Falcon players who are also on the AAU circuit, and he'll coach throughout the summer and into next season. "Cade is a great guy and a perfect role model for our players," says basketball coach/faculty member David Ruemenapp. "He was a captain on our team the year we won the district championship and he'll provide tremendous insights for our guys as we try to get back there."





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# TILTON. PERRON ARE NEW HALL OF FAMERS



The Saint Stephen's Athletic Hall of Fame 2021 induction was held virtually this year on March 12, and was one of the highlights of the Green & Golden Game Show broadcast celebrating the school's 50th anniversary. This year's inductees are Hayley Ann Tilton '09 (swimming) and Jeremy Perron '11 (baseball).

## **HALEY ANN TILTON '09**

Hayley was a four-year letter winner at Saint Stephen's for swim coach Tina Broderson. She was recruited and continued her swimming career at Tulane University as a member of the Green Wave.

As a Falcon, Hayley won the county championship in each of her final three seasons and was selected the team's MVP all four years. She was named Academic All-American as a senior and was a Sarasota Herald-Tribune All-Area team selection during her junior year. Hayley advanced to the state finals as a junior and senior and set school records in the 50 free and 100 free. In addition, she helped relay teams set school marks in the 200 free, 200 medley and the 400 free. As a club swimmer, Hayley competed with the Sarasota YMCA team for three years and helped the Sharks win state titles from 2007-09 and national championships in 2008 and 2009. She won a gold medal in the 200 free relay at the 2009 YMCA Nationals and a silver medal in the same event in 2008, posting top times of 24.70 in the 50 free, 53.65 in the 100 free and 1:55.41 in the 200 free.

At Saint Stephen's and away from the pool, Hayley was a member of the National Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society, the National Latin Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and the Cum Laude Society. In college, she was an honors student and a recipient of Tulane's Dean's Honor Scholarship.

Hayley earned her B.S. in Management at Tulane University's Freeman School of Business in 2013 and followed that up with a master's in accounting in 2014. She is currently enrolled part-time in the Tulane School of Architecture, pursuing a master's in Sustainable Real Estate Development. She works as a CPA and is Senior Audit Manager at Carr, Riggs & Ingram in Metairie, Lou.

Hayley was married in December 2020 and remains most proud of her volunteering for a myriad of organizations (primarily with environmental groups), and her seat on the Board of SOUL, a tree-planting organization. In homage to Haley's good works in the community, she was nominated by colleagues at her firm for the AICPA's Outstanding Young CPA Award.



## **JEREMY PERRON '11**

A strong student in the classroom from 2005-11 who repeatedly appeared on the Head of School and Director's lists, Jeremy was named Saint Stephen's Athlete of the Year as a senior for his accomplishments in baseball, football, and basketball.

During his time at the school, Jeremy was a standout on the baseball team. He played four years of varsity baseball as a pitcher and first baseman and was named team captain and team MVP in his junior and senior seasons. In 2011, he was named to the District 2A All-State team and was an All-Area selection in both 2010 and 2011. As a senior, Jeremy set the Saint Stephen's single-season batting average record (.612). Over the course of his career, he hit .443 with five home runs, 58 RBIs, and 66 runs scored. On the mound, he compiled a career earned run average of 2.12 with 145 strikeouts and three complete game shutouts in more than 100 innings pitched.

Beyond the diamond, Jeremy played on the varsity football and basketball teams. As captain and quarterback of the football team his senior year, Jeremy set all of Saint Stephen's single-season and career passing records, many of which still stand today. That season, Jeremy finished top-10 in the state of Florida in passing yards and completions, and top-20 in passing touchdowns, earning All-Area recognition. He also quarterbacked Manatee County to a victory over Sarasota County in the annual PAL Bowl All-Star Game. As a member of basketball team his senior year, Jeremy averaged a double-double, leading Saint Stephen's in scoring and rebounding.

After graduation, Jeremy played Division I baseball at Holy Cross. He was a four-year letter winner as a pitcher, appearing as both a starter and reliever during his career, and earned a bachelor's in political science and Spanish. On the mound, Jeremy helped Holy Cross reach the Patriot League championship game twice. Collegiate highlights included scoreless relief appearances against No. 4 Mississippi State and No. 7 Texas A&M, his first collegiate win against Harvard, and a shutout performance in a start against Brown. Jeremy now works in management consulting for Teneo, the global CEO advisory firm in New York City.

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## Déjà vu for Tennis Falcons

Despite a year away from the court because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Saint Stephen's boys' tennis team picked up right where it left off in 2019 and, unfortunately, faced the same bittersweet ending.

After cruising to district and regional titles, the Falcons fell one victory short of their first state championship since 2015, dropping the FHSAA Class 1A title match on April 27 in Orlando to Boca Raton St. Andrews, the same school that defeated Saint Stephen's in the 2019 finals.

SSES advanced to the deciding match with decisive wins against Orlando Trinity Prep and Tampa Berkeley Prep in the first two rounds. The loss to St. Andrews spoiled an undefeated season for the Falcons, who went 10-0-1 in the regular season, dominated district tournament play, and swept Fort Myers Canterbury and Out-of-Door Academy in regional playoff matches. With the 2020 season wiped out by the pandemic, Saint Stephen's has now posted back-to-back state runner-up finishes. The team loses No. 1 and No. 2 singles players Kevin Jiang and Gleb Ibragimov, but will return plenty of talent for the 2022 season and should be a state-caliber contender once again.

The Saint Stephen's girls also had a successful season, finishing runner-up to Bradenton Christian in the districts and advancing to regional play against Community School of Naples.

**Lacrosse:** Saint Stephen's swept district competition, with both the boys and girls winning their respective tournaments on April 15 to advance in the postseason. The girls slipped past local rival Out-of-Door Academy, 9-6, to capture their fourth 1A-District 10 crown ever and their first since 2018. The Falcons finished 9-3 on the season after a heartbreaking, one-goal loss in the closing seconds of the regional semifinal against Tampa Berkeley Prep. The boys' team routed St. Petersburg Northside Christian, 17-1, in the district final at the Moore Athletic Complex to win the first post-season title in program history. The Falcons (11-3) eventually fell in a regional semifinal on April 24 against Tampa Jesuit.

**Track & Field:** The Falcons excelled on the track and qualified 21 student-athletes for the regional meet in Naples, led by District Champion Joel Erby II in the triple jump. At regionals, the girls 4x400 relay team of Brooke Cosentino, Nikole Cosentino, Janie Chatham, and Kathrine Lamprecht finished ninth to qualify for state. Five new school records were established during the season: Kai Coogle, boys pole vault; Paige Liebel, girls pole vault; Brock Soletti, long jump; Emma Craig and Kaylin Kitchner, javelin.



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