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

In August 2021, Saint Stephen's launched forward knowing that the upcoming school year would be better than the previous (and we didn't want to look back!), but uncertain what may be ahead. Throughout the entire year, no matter what challenges we faced, it was that optimistic mindset and a spirit of determination to stay on course that produced amazing outcomes. Everyone remained focused on the goal to keep our children in school and able to learn their lessons in the classrooms and on the sports fields, and be with friends – and we did! The respect and cooperation I received from our school community regarding the hard decisions that had to be made was greatly appreciated.



In reading this edition of SSES Magazine, you'll be reminded of the many successes that happened in 2021-22, even as we navigated the pandemic for a second year. From our academic scholars who achieved success in the classroom and in academic competitions locally and nationally, to our student-athletes who were district, regional, and state champs, there is a lot for which to be thankful. In addition to all the academic and athletic successes, it was the little things that made us smile – having Falcon Friends meet in person again, the kindergartners putting on the annual wax museum, and the musicals returning so our talented students could act, sing, and dance. It was also the middle school students planning their trips for Interim Quest – seventh graders to Sea Camp in the Florida Keys and the eighth graders off to a Yellowstone adventure. Just as important were the giggles and the laughter I heard every day as the Fledglings lined up outside their classroom on the way to PE! And, of course, the year culminated on May 21, when 58 happy seniors received their diplomas, prepared for college.

Our faculty and staff have done an outstanding job again, inspiring and motivating our students to learn their lessons, and just being present in their lives. As the alumni always remind me, the relationships formed between the students and teachers is very special at Saint Stephen's, and especially during these challenging times.

Speaking of the alumni, I know you will enjoy reading the latest alumni notes that report the incredible successes of our graduates. You'll also learn more about a number of alums who have returned to Saint Stephen's with their children. They loved the experience they had and are thrilled to give a similar one to their child(ren). Talk about leaving a legacy!

This year also saw successes with the work done by the Parents' Association, providing ways to engage our entire school community. The Green & Gold Gala and Spring Fling definitely were game-changers. The Board of Trustees was busy all year ensuring the mission of the school is carried out and that the school's finances are secure. They also developed a new three-year strategic plan, oversaw the process to select a new Head of School, and are leaders in ensuring the STEAM Center becomes reality.

For me, it's hard to believe that it was just this past fall that I announced I would be retiring in June 2023. As I look to next year, I am excited to work closely with Peter Kraft to help him better understand the Saint Stephen's culture and community. I also look forward to enjoying my 35th year at Saint Stephen's and my 20th as Head of School. SSES is such a special place to me, and as our theme for 2022-23 states, Life is A Journey! I truly believe that! The journey continues and we have a lot to accomplish in the year ahead.

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022

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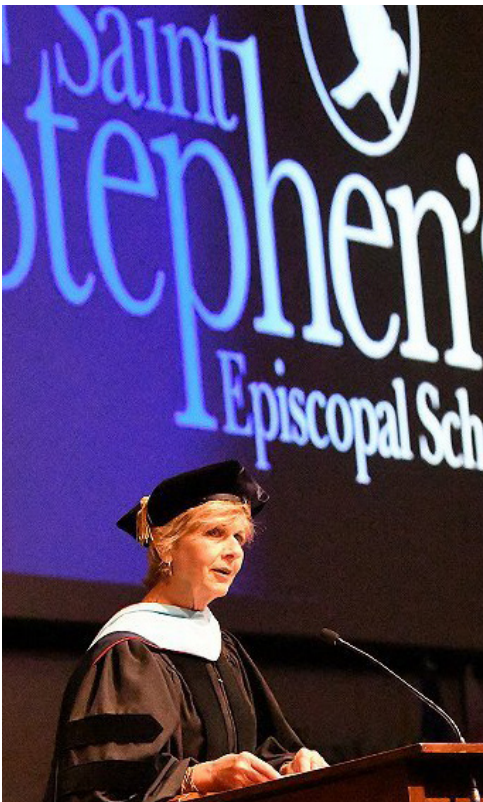
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Our 2022 graduates were accepted/**will attend**:

Alabama	Colorado	Hawaii Pacific	North Carolina	South Florida
Albion	Colorado State	High Point	Northeastern	Southern California
American	Concordia	Indiana	Nova Southeastern	Stetson
Appalachian State	Connecticut College	Indiana Tech	Ohio State	Stockholm School of Economics
Auburn	Cornell	Iowa	Oregon	Suffolk
Augustana	Duke	Jacksonville	Penn State	TCU
Baylor	Eckerd	James Madison	Pepperdine	Tampa
Belmont	Elon	Lake Forest	RPI	Tennessee
Beloit	Emerson	Louisiana State	Rhodes	Texas
Bentley	Emory	Loyola-Chicago	Rice	Trinity
Boston Univ.	Flagler	Lynn	Roanoke	UCF
Bryant	Florida	Maryland	Rollins	UCLA
Cal-Davis	Florida Atlantic	McGill	Saint Leo	West Florida
Cal-San Diego	Florida Gulf Coast	McKendree	Saint Norbert	William and Mary
Carleton	Florida Institute of Technology	Mercer	Samford	Wisconsin
Case Western Reserve	Florida Polytechnic	Merrimack	San Diego State	Wagner
Centre	Florida Southern	Miami-Ohio	SCAD	Wofford
Clemson	Florida State	Michigan State	Seton Hall	Xavier
Coastal Carolina	Furman	Mississippi	SMU	
Colgate	George Washington	New College	SCF	
College of Charleston	Georgia Tech	North Florida	Sewanee	
Colorado School of Mines	Hastings	North Georgia	South Carolina	

COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETES – These Class of 2022 graduates will play at the collegiate level:



Maddie Boehm
Basketball - Trinity



Jack Holmes
Soccer - Hastings



Kaitlyn Liebel
Sailing - Jacksonville



Jake Pettingell
Tennis - Elon



Cole Rogers
Football - Bryant



Charlie Sherrill
Track - Sewanee



Jamie Springstead
Basketball - Lake Forest



Q&A: Peter A. Kraft

Following an extensive national search, the Board of Trustees has named Peter Kraft the new Head of School at Saint Stephen's. He will officially take on the role July 1, 2023, after a one-year leadership transition period.

With more than 25 years experience as a teacher and administrator, Peter comes to Saint Stephen's from Oregon Episcopal School in Portland, where he has served as Associate Head of School since 2017. After beginning his career in New England, Peter moved to Peddie School in Hightstown, N.J. in 1995 as a history teacher and coach. He left Peddie as Academic Dean in 2011 to become Associate Head of Academic Affairs at Park Tudor School in Indianapolis, Ind. He also served as Interim Head of School at Park Tudor in 2016-17.

A native of Pittsburgh, Penn., Peter earned a bachelor's degree in history from The College of William and Mary, a master's in U.S. history from the University of Virginia, and a master's in private school leadership from Columbia University Teachers College.

He becomes the sixth Head of School at Saint Stephen's and succeeds Dr. Janet Pullen, who has been an administrator at SSES since 1988 and has served as its leader since 2003.

Q: What was it that first attracted you to the position?

A: More than anything, it was Saint Stephen's culture and values. SSES is clearly a school that "walks the talk" – students are truly "known and valued," and it's clear that young people come first. That is incredibly important to me. I also appreciate Saint Stephen's academic rigor combined with its commitment to the arts and athletics. Good schools understand that these areas work together; that they are critical to helping to produce happy, healthy, well-rounded young people. Lastly, I was drawn to Saint Stephen's history of strong, stable leadership. People clearly love the school. And, like Dr. Pullen, whom I find incredibly impressive and inspirational, they stay. That is a huge draw for our family.

Q: What were your impressions of the school community when you spent time on campus during the interview process?

A: What stood out to both Kim (my wife) and me was that Saint Stephen's is a happy school. The students and adults love it here. They are proud of SSES and they care enough to have high standards and high aspirations for themselves and the community. You know, when I visit any school I always spend a few minutes at the beginning of the day walking around and saying hello to people. I watch for certain things: do students smile at you? Do they stop to chat or ask if they can help? Do adults seem rushed, or do they slow down to connect? What I saw at Saint Stephen's was a deeply relational school - one where people come first. That is what great schools are all about: building community and ensuring that connections are created and maintained. I was really excited to see that.

Q: Did you learn anything that surprised you at that time?

A: I think what surprised me the most was how beautiful the school is. Driving by it on Manatee Avenue, you really don't get a full sense of the campus. I was so impressed with the physical spaces: the Marine Science building, the impressive athletic complex, the open and inviting learning spaces. Of course, none of that means anything without adults who are dedicated to students and young people who care about one another. But when you have all of these things, magic happens.

Q: How would you describe SSES at this point in its history?

A: To me, it's like a healthy teenager. It is full of life; it is willing to struggle with important things. But it has a long life ahead of it, and it is still open to possibilities. I am a historian, so I love to find inspiration in the past. (I also chatted with Bernie Yanelli when I was on campus and he told me that I could be part of the Hamilton-Jefferson Society. I can't wait!) So let me draw another analogy. After the Revolutionary War, the U.S. was still a fledgling nation and Alexander Hamilton was charged with selling newly-issued bonds throughout Europe. When skeptical investors asked why they should give money to a newly-independent nation, Hamilton described America as a "Hercules in the cradle." While Saint Stephen's is certainly beyond that stage of its history, there is so much promise ahead. SSES is really important to the greater Bradenton-Sarasota community, too. We have an obligation to help make our region and state an even better place to live. Building on what Dr. Pullen and her team have already done in this regard is a blessing.

Q: How have your experiences prepared you for this opportunity?

A: Being a Head of School is challenging. But I am fortunate to have been a Head before. So I have done many of the critical things that Heads do: work with boards, raise money, develop programs, hire faculty and staff, and serve as a spokesperson for the school. I have also been fortunate to have had great mentors in each of the schools in which I have worked. I'm lucky to have had Heads who cared about my development and who gave me opportunities to lead. I have run a strategic planning process, chaired an accreditation committee, secured seven-figure gifts for important capital campaigns and led schools through daunting times.

I also really enjoy having the public platform to say "thank you" to all of the extraordinary people who make schools like SSES run. Your parents, for example, do so much: they volunteer for lunch duty, they support the teams and clubs, they organize golf outings. It is so wonderful to be able to honor them for jobs well done. So for me, being a Head is a dream job.

Q: What excites you most about the chance to lead this school?

A: I think it is the opportunity to take an already great school and help it achieve even greater heights. I appreciate that Saint Stephen's cherishes its traditions but also embraces innovation. Great schools need to do both. They need to have traditions that make them special and give them a ballast, to use a nautical metaphor. But they also need to push themselves to stay relevant as education changes. Put differently, SSES knows who it is - and it is ambitious enough to know how to evolve without losing its culture and values. That's very compelling to me.

Q: How would you describe yourself and your leadership style?

A: For me, leadership starts with old-fashioned hard work. Part and parcel of that is making sure you get out into the community to see what folks are working on, what is important to them, and what the "pulse" of the school is. I always tease that I go through multiple pairs of shoes a year walking around school and greeting students, families, and employees. Doing this allows you to really understand your school and its people.

Beyond the relational piece, though, I believe that leadership is about getting the information that you and your teams need to make informed decisions. This starts by surfacing assumptions, doing the required research, getting key data, etc. Then, you explore different aspects of the issue – including making sure that the question you are working on is the right one. It's amazing how frequently folks work on something, only to discover that the crux of the matter is something else entirely. This is why I am a huge proponent of design thinking and user-centered decision-making. When one starts with the end-user – which, in schools, is your students – and works backwards from there, you tend to reveal opportunities and challenges that would otherwise have been missed.

The other thing that I take a lot of pride in is that I am both a listener and someone who understands that as a leader you need to make timely and often difficult decisions. People know that I take their ideas seriously, and they recognize that while I may not always agree with those ideas, I will respect them. But they also know that I will get things done. Schools are good at creating committees. These certainly have their place, but you can "committee" things to death. What people need in leaders is to be heard and respected, but also to have someone who helps create a shared vision that makes it clear where the school is headed.

I think school should be rigorous, but also joyful. I love to laugh, hang out with students and colleagues, and make learning fun. We are doing important work educating young people. But it needs to be enjoyable. I felt this sense of joy at SSES. I look forward to being part of that.

Q: You won't officially take on the role until July 2023, so what does the next year look like for you?

A: I still have a lot of important work left to do at Oregon Episcopal School. This work matters to me, and my job is to leave things in better shape than I found them.

In terms of Saint Stephen's, my first goal is to help honor Dr. Pullen and to support her fully, which includes ensuring that the focus remains on her and her leadership of the school. She's given most of her adult life to SSES. It's important to celebrate her remarkable tenure.

I will be visiting SSES multiple times over the next 12 months – at first to listen and to get to know the community and then, little by little, to work with the Board and Dr. Pullen to get up to speed so that I can hit the ground running in July 2023. But I will start by listening and learning from folks who know far more about Saint Stephen's than I do, but who share my commitment to ensuring that it prospers.

Q: How is your family feeling about this new challenge?

A: We are excited. Plus, my parents live about 90 minutes away in Celebration, Fla. Portland has been a good home for us, but we can't wait to be closer to family and to enjoy what makes Florida so special. We look forward to finding a house near school, joining Christ Church, and becoming a part of Saint Stephen's and the larger community!

On Campus

JANUARY

■ Sophia Berry, Patrick Van Eyck, Jackson Nealis, and Theo Frano represented Saint Stephen's in the Central Florida History Bowl and Bee at Largo High School and came home with a third-place finish. Jackson earned the gold medal in the varsity category and Patrick took silver in junior varsity.



An extensive track resurfacing and repainting at the Moore Athletic Complex was completed in time for the track and field team's spring season. The project was completely funded with proceeds from the annual Saint Stephen's Community Partner Program.



Teachers Allison Misiewicz, Jessica Angelo, and nine students participated in the Spoonbill Regional of the National Ocean Science Bowl at the University of South Florida's St. Petersburg campus. The team of Dillon Ogle, Devin Mohr, Matthew Talbot, and Braden Mohr finished in second place overall.

■ In the first in-person games since 2020, 36 Upper School and 11 Middle School students joined students from around Tampa Bay at Plant High in Tampa for the Regional Latin Forum. All 47 students earned at least 10th-place honors and SSes finished second overall. Leading the way with two first-place finishes each were senior Tyler Kadivar, sophomore Edward Gao, and freshman Dylan Dam. Also collecting first-place finishes were seniors Sophia Berry, Maxine Mandt, Luke Phommachanh, and Michael Thomas, junior Joshua Sket, sophomore Theo Frano, eighth grader Kai Parker, and seventh grader Emily Dowd. SSes also fielded six certamen teams and won first- and fourth-place honors in the Novice division, second place in Level 1, first place in Level 2, and second and fourth place in the Advanced division.

■ Falcons Jake Pettingell and Patrick van Eyck swept the top prizes in the 2022 Theatre Odyssey Student Ten-Minute Playwriting Festival at the Asolo's Cook Theater in Sarasota. Jake's play, "The Real World," won first place and a \$1,000 scholarship. Patrick earned the \$500 runner-up award for "The Last Colony." Entries for the contest were invited from students in grades 9-12 in Sarasota and 15 surrounding counties. The annual festival was held for the first time in 2013 and Saint Stephen's students have now won the top prize six times.

FEBRUARY

■ The SSes Math Club participated in its second regional competition at Middleton High in Tampa and finished in seventh place – out of 19 participating schools. The Geometry Team of Cooper Henry, Cameron Schindler, Dylan Dam, and Hao Li placed fourth overall, and Cooper was ninth as an individual.

■ Seven students from our Middle and Upper schools participated in the district level Solo & Ensemble Music Performance Assessment at Braden River High. Each musician prepared a piece from the event's approved list, performed for an adjudicator, and received a rating. All seven earned a rating of at least "good" and five were judged as "superior," including: Bryson Shrimplin - level 6 piano solo (superior), Sanjay Motwani - level 4 clarinet solo (superior), Jackie Rappold - level 4 clarinet solo (superior), Edward Gao - level 4 bass clarinet solo (superior), and Ryland Krause - level 1 snare drum solo (superior).



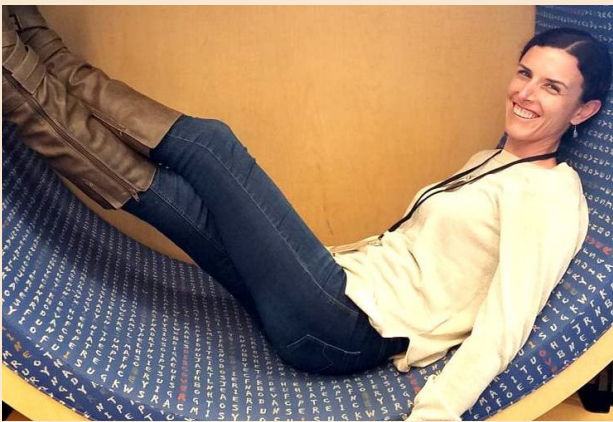
SSes math students finished fifth overall and the geometry team ranked second at a regional math competition at King High School in Tampa. The competitions are run by the Florida Association of Mu Alpha Theta, the national high school and two-year college mathematics honor society.

MARCH

■ SSES hosted its annual Fine Arts Week, including the Middle and Upper School musical production of "Beauty and the Beast," which featured a series of sold-out performances. The Lower and Intermediate school thespians later produced "Alice In Wonderland" to put a cap on theater performances for the school year.



Three Saint Stephen's students were part of the six-member Manatee County team that finished second in the state at the annual Commissioner's Academic Challenge in Orlando. Falcons Jackson Nealis, Sophia Berry, and Luke Phommachanh helped Manatee win the preliminary and semi-final rounds to advance to the Division I finals. In the six-team championship round, Manatee ultimately fell short against the eventual winners from Brevard County, 262-233.



At a ceremony held by the Association of Independent School Librarians, our Director of Libraries Christina Pommer was honored with AISL's highest award – the Marky Award. It is given annually to honor AISL members who have made a significant contribution to the organization. Christina has served as AISL's president, president-elect, technology coordinator, and conference organizer in more than a decade of service.

APRIL

■ Thanks to our generous community, Saint Stephen's raised \$28,950 in the Sarasota County Community Foundation's 24-hour Giving Challenge. With matches from the Patterson Foundation, the school received \$47,100 in total gifts. These donations have an immediate and direct benefit to each student and faculty member, impacting the quality and range of all school programs.

■ SSES honored its 2022 Cum Laude Society inductees: Kate Baran, Elaina Bayard, Luke Bisio, Cincy Chen, Sophia Creneti, Noah McCray, Devin Mohr, Jackson Nealis, Vivian Phung, Michael Thomas, Nolan Winterhalter, and Meng Zhao. The Cum Laude Society honors scholastic achievement in secondary schools and is modeled after the collegiate Phi Beta Kappa. Saint Stephen's has one of 382 chapters worldwide.



In May, for the first time since 2019, Saint Stephen's Middle School students had the opportunity to travel during Interim Quest week. The eighth grade experienced an adventure that included whitewater rafting and a visit to Yellowstone National Park. Seventh graders explored the ocean environment at Seacamp in the Florida Keys.

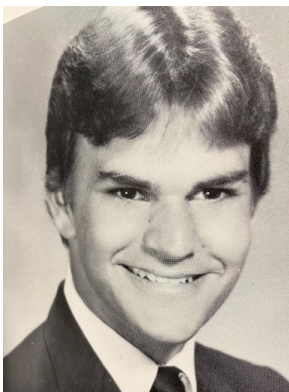


A GROWING LEGACY

The greatest compliment alumni can pay their alma mater is to entrust their precious child or children's education to the school, continuing to hold the place dear and believing wholeheartedly – and from first-hand experience – that the academic and life lessons taught prepare students exceptionally well for college and beyond. The number of legacy families at Saint Stephen's continues to grow and multiply annually, with 2022 heralding our first third-generation student with the enrollment of Everett Juengling '37. Everett's mother is alumna and faculty member Dr. Stephanie Boothby Juengling '06. His grandfather is Carlos Boothby '83, Saint Stephen's beloved former athletic director. In all, 15 families currently have children enrolled where a parent, parents, or grandparent are graduates. This group, however, is by no means exhaustive in terms of legacy families that have come through the school, with more than a dozen families now boasting two generations of Saint Stephen's graduates.

Here's how our alumni parents best remember their days at SSES and are cherishing the new experiences their children are having as Falcons of today ...

Carlos Boothby – Class of 1983 **(Grandpa of Everett '37)**



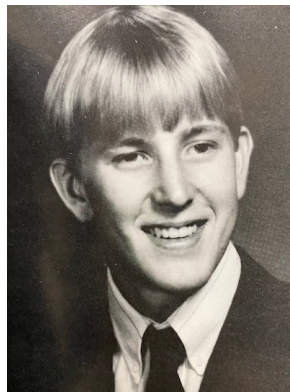
I was a struggling, mixed-up kid in public school when my parents heard about and then sent me to Saint Stephen's. That one moment, though I didn't know it at the time, changed my life. In my time at SSES, I became a more confident person, prepared for life. I had so many positive role models in my teachers and coaches. I made many great friends, a lot of whom are still friends today. Naming a favorite memory is impossible. My overall experience, including playing three sports, the

classes, the social life, the school events and knowing that I was at a place where people cared about me, is what I remember. Saint Stephen's made a huge difference in my life and I wouldn't be who I am today without my experience at the school.

I was extremely excited when, in later life, I got to be a part of SSES again as a member of the athletic staff. Not only would I be returning to my alma mater, but my children would have the opportunity to attend and my wife would ultimately teach at the school. My oldest daughter Stephanie started in sixth grade, my middle daughter Jennifer in second grade, and my son Charlie was a Forever Falcon! It was so great to watch them grow and become adults at Saint Stephen's. The school had grown so much from when I graduated with a class of 23, and offered so many opportunities over and above excellent academics. Watching my children play sports, participate in all-school musicals, compete on Academic Teams, play in the band, and the many other things they were involved in was truly special. The love for learning the school instilled in them led them to be the successful people they are today.

Now, 39 years after my graduation, my grandson Everett is a Fledgling Falcon, making him our third-generation Saint Stephen's student. It has been so special to see him in his uniform and observe him on the same campus that meant so much to me when I was in school. It was also special to watch him perform when I attended my first Grandparents' Day this year. I am truly grateful for all that the school has given to me and it's my hope that I've given a lot back, as well.

Erik Grindal – Class of 1987 **(Connor '22)**



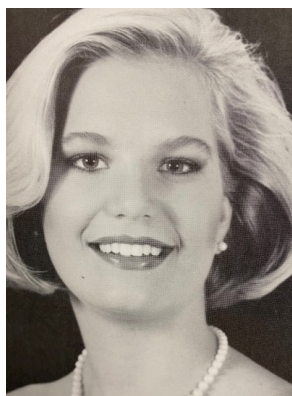
I attended Saint Stephen's from seventh through 12th grade. During that period, I played junior varsity soccer while in middle school and varsity basketball and soccer in high school. During those six years, I never scored a goal in soccer – even in practice – and my highest score in a basketball game was six points. There were many games where I did not make any baskets. I was never a starter in either sport, and spent a lot of time on the bench. At the athletic banquet in my senior

year, my basketball coach got up to bestow the most valuable player award. In his introduction, he said that the player he was giving the MVP award to was not the best shooter, not the best rebounder, and by no measure the best player. He said he was giving the award to the player who was a leader - because he never missed practice, never missed a game, and always gave his all. He gave me the award.

After a moment of shock, the audience gave me a standing ovation as I went up to accept the plaque. After years feeling embarrassed that my parents had come to games only to watch me sit on the bench, they watched me receive the MVP award and saw the whole gym applaud. It felt great!

Years later, when we were touring the school with my son, I saw a big plaque on the wall with all the MVP awards. I showed Connor my name. As my athletic prowess has not improved since high school, he was understandably surprised and asked how it was possible that I had won. I told him the coach, Martin Gilbert, recognized that I had worked hard. Since then, Connor has told me that he points out my name on the plaque to his fellow students. The award reinforced what my parents, and playing sports, had taught me. Skill and talent are great, but it is persistence and hard work that win in the end. Having my son witness that every day, is a valuable life lesson. If you keep at it, you will win in the end. If you are wondering, I still have a terrible jump shot.

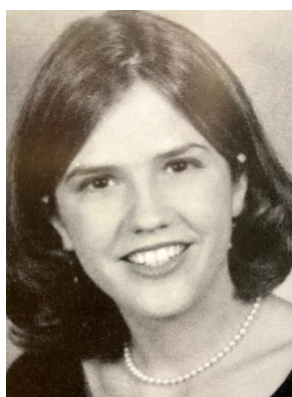
Amanda Buskirk Morris – Class of 1992
(Ansley '22 and Matthew '26)



Aside from the amazing teachers I had at Saint Stephen's (Mrs. Rees, Ms. Murphy, Mrs. Southerland, Señora Fogarty, Mr. Langeneger, Mr. Whelan), my favorite memories stem from incredible European IQ trips and an IQ internship which had a lifelong and lasting impact on me. SSES has always been able to offer "extra" experiences, like IQ trips, field trips and experiential learning (seeing movies, going to the beach or Dayspring, attending outdoor classes), and guest speakers (famous

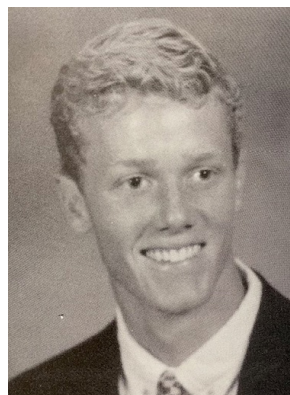
authors and scientists) which enhanced my life tremendously and truly made learning come to life! For my children, aside from the amazing teachers that they have had – and will have – I love that the traditions that I experienced (chapel, IQ, outdoor lunch, the Academic Banquet, Baccalaureate, Falcon Friends, Cookie Break, etc.) remain for my kids to experience. The school has grown and is much prettier and shinier than when I was a student, but the nurturing learning environment remains the same!

Molly Fogarty Buser – Class of 1998
(Lily '27, Eva '29, Julia '32, and Sebastian '33)



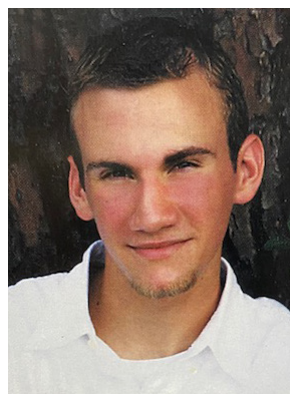
I was a Forever Falcon and, as a teacher's child, I feel like I grew up in the school. I am grateful and happy that some of my favorite memories and traditions continue to enrich the students' lives. I loved having Falcon Friends, listening to senior speeches, and the IQ program. The Blessing of the Animals was always a highlight of my year. I love that SSES still has the feeling of being a close-knit community. Although it's been 24 years since I graduated, I feel right back at home.

Tyler Pullen – Class of 1998
(Annabelle '25 and Piper '28)



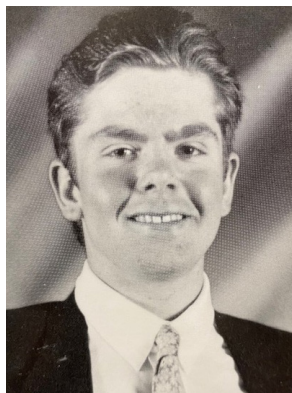
I have too many favorite memories to count. In my Lower School days, I loved playing King of the Court at the tetherball pole and then running back to class covered in pine needles from the playground. I love seeing my girls get the opportunity to partake in so many different educational and athletic opportunities at the school. In my view, that is what defines the SSES experience.

Paul Carlson – Class of 2007
(Cooper '36)



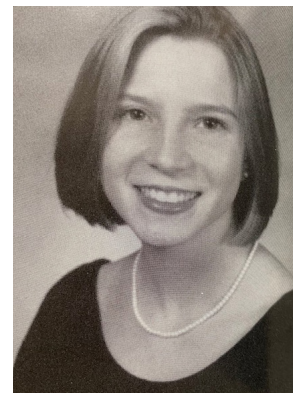
I have so many wonderful memories at the school; I don't even know where to start. Every building, every playground, even every parking lot reminds me of some childhood experience. One thing that recently impacted me was at the Spring Fling. I walked into Hoagland Arena for the first time since my final year in 2007 and I was hit by a wave of nostalgia. The sights, sounds, and even the smells brought back all the basketball games, school

musicals, pep rallies . . . everything! We even had kindergarten camp-out inside that gym, due to weather that year. Some of my best childhood memories, let alone Saint Stephen's memories, happened in that gym. These days, I get to hear my son Cooper come home and tell me all about his day, which often includes some story about gym class and how much fun he had doing XYZ. It's very special to see my own child experience a similar upbringing. Full circle.



Steve Horn – Class of 1995 and Beth Bowie Horn – Class of 1998
(Jack '25 and Charlie '29)

I remember playing sports and of course art class with my future wife! Beth's favorites include senior girl nights, spirit competitions, sporting events, school dances, chapels and Falcon Friend events. We are now so thankful to know that our children are loved and valued every day.



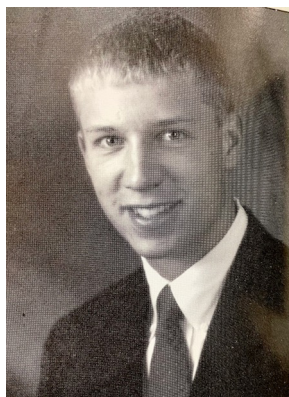
Ashley Richards Simmons – Class of 2001
(Aiden '36)



Some of my favorite memories from my time spent at Saint Stephen's were spirit and game days and the excitement and energy on campus leading up to competition, as well as the bus rides to games with my soccer teammates. I'll never forget those memories and the friendships made! The sense of community I experienced while attending SSES, and how prepared I was for college, gives me comfort

and pride in knowing Aiden will get to experience these same opportunities.

JB Tucker – Class of 2000
(John '32 and Wesley '33)



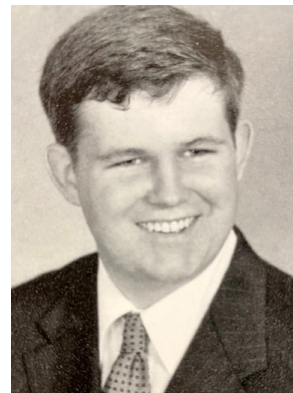
One of my favorite memories is the senior trip that I took during IQ summer of 2000. We visited France, Spain, and Switzerland. I was able to practice the Spanish that I had been learning and had an amazing time with my classmates. I'm really proud of the friendships that my boys are making at Saint Stephen's. I know they will carry those relationships with them for the rest of their lives. When I look back at those I went to school with, I am

still in contact with many of them and still have friendships that began at Saint Stephens.

Grace Williams Hamlin – Class of 2005 & Curtis Hamlin – Class of 2002
(Catherine '33 and Margaret '37)



We should probably say meeting each other is our favorite SSES experience, and of course that is incredibly special to us as high school sweethearts! But we each had so many formative years as Falcons that it feels impossible to pick a favorite. From science experiments with Mrs. Shields to spring musicals, Spirit Week, pep rallies, the lifelong friends we each made, the teachers who are still a part of our lives, and so on . . . all provided the best foundation we could ask for both in learning and life experiences. In terms of our girls' experiences, we knew it would be great seeing them at SSES. But it has been a gift watching them develop such a strong sense of self and connect with everyone from the faculty, staff, classmates and other Falcon families. Especially because of how hard these past two years have been for everyone, we felt such peace knowing that they were able to feel secure and continue to learn and grow.



Stephanie Boothby Juengling – Class of 2006
(Everett '37)



Some of my favorite memories from SSES involve playing sports. I played volleyball, basketball, and softball throughout high school. The gym and field were places to leave behind stress and enjoy time with my teammates. I'm thrilled that Everett gets to experience the comfort, support, and opportunities of a close-knit community. When we walk around campus, kids of all ages wave and say hi because they know him

from aftercare. His grandmother and I get to see him throughout the day. I'm proud of Everett's love for school, his caring for his classmates, and his excitement to be a Fledgling Falcon.

Alex Conyers
(Caylynn '28 and Isla '33)

One of the things I remember most is what the old campus was like. It has changed significantly and I believe my class was the last to go through in the old buildings, the church classrooms, and old athletic fields. I've told my daughters about the smell of pizza coming from Little Caesars while we were in class and hungry, and picking sand spurs out of my baseball stuff. They can't believe it! My older brother has told them stories too (he attended in the early 1970s). I think it is really cool how the campus has changed for the better and rivals a lot of college facilities. I'm really happy my kids are exposed to cutting-edge technology and staff. My brother and I are both proud that my children attend the same school we went to – kind of a neat time warp for both of us.

Alumni Event Recap/ Spring 2022



The annual Alumni Soccer Game on Dec. 26, 2021 was a glorious day. Many former players and alumni families returned. Two games were played simultaneously, ensuring abundant field time for all. Falcon alumni and coaches back to participate or cheer on others were *Dave Barnes '87, Erik Grindal '87*, varsity coach/faculty member Blake Hoonhout, *R.G. Sherill '20, Carlos Montero '12, Nick Schulman '05, Spencer Schulman '20, Ben Tobio '19, Ben Whorf '18, Jacob Whorf '20, Diarmuid Harkin '21, Tyler Katchen '21, Noah LaBelle '19, Ashleigh Rodhouse '19, Truman Carlsen '19, Mara Gonzalez '19, Alex Rodriguez '19, Sean Rodriguez '21, Hayes Chatham '18, Trevor Mulqueen '18, Jonathan Boyd '17, Matthew Jones '14, Jeremy Jackman '14, Donato Cerassi '09, Sam Lynch '13, Alex Virgilio '17*, and faculty member/long-time assistant coach Bernie Yanelli. All alumni players are forever a part of wonderful SSES soccer lore.



The annual Senior Luncheon is always a memorable occasion, but having speaker **Alexia "Lexy" Khella '11** address the class was the icing on the commemorative cookie. The lunch was held outside at the MAC and Lexy enthusiastically advised the class of '22 to use their time in college (and graduate school for those inclined to go) wisely, and to really focus and work hard while surrounding themselves with others who have the same work ethic. That sage advice helped Lexy graduate summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa as a Lombardi Scholar at the University of Florida, and cum laude from the George Washington University School of Law, where she was student Editor-in-Chief of the American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal.



This year's Academic Banquet featured a dynamic and stirring speech by "Forever Falcon" **Michelle Vogler '12**. A President's Scholar at SMU, Michelle triple-majored in finance, economics, and public policy and studied abroad in Paris for a summer. She credited her success in college, despite an arduous schedule, to SSES: "Saint Stephen's is more than a college preparatory school; it taught me to think critically and provided me the foundation that has given me so many opportunities outside of school. Saint Stephen's challenged me and pushed me to be better and I wouldn't be who I am today without the support and encouragement from my teachers – many of whom are still here."

On March 9, six stellar alumni returned to campus to participate in an Upper School mini-Career Day held during assembly. This wonderful opportunity for student career exploration allowed all four classes to hear from alumni working in the fields of law, medicine, marketing and digital communications, and finance. Our alumni guests spoke of their educational paths, inspiration for their career choices, and what they do day-to-day.

Presenting on law were attorneys **Isabella Sobel '06** and **Matthew Unziker '10**. Isabella earned her bachelor's degree at Muhlenberg College and her J.D. degree cum laude from Stetson University College of Law. She joined Tampa's Bryant Miller Olive's Litigation Practice Group & State and Local Government Practice Group in 2017. Matt is an Associate Attorney at the Bradenton firm of Greene, Hamrick, Quinlan & Schermer, where his practice includes estate planning, probate, and trust administration. Matt holds a bachelor's degree in finance from UCF, a J.D. degree from St. Thomas University School of Law, and an LL.M. (master's in law) in taxation from the University of San Diego School of Law.



Speaking on finance and investments careers were **Tyler Pullen '98** and **JB Tucker '00**. Tyler is the founder of Pullen Investment Management, where he is responsible for the management of investment portfolios for individuals and institutions. He holds a B.B.A. in finance from Stetson and has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation, a credential widely regarded in

the global financial industry for its rigorous focus on current investment knowledge, analytical skill, and ethical standards.

John Bullock "JB" Tucker III '00 is a Wake Forest alumnus who signed a professional baseball contract with the Seattle Mariners upon graduation. JB later began his career in the financial industry, following in both of his parents' footsteps in working for Edward Jones. JB says the reason he chose to work in the financial industry is both the work/life balance it allows and his ability to help people on a daily basis.

Dr. Ian Nora '10 spoke to students about careers in medicine. He graduated from Rollins and went abroad for medical school at The University of Limerick in Ireland. He later received his M.P.H. (master's of public health) at the University of Florida. Ian passed the requisite testing to be an M.D. in the U.S. and happily matched to a residency in Internal Medicine at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, where he works today.

Eleni Sokos '06 is a Florida State alumna who spoke with students about marketing, digital communications, and her newest entrepreneurial endeavor in the food service industry. She is founder and Chief Creative Officer at Sokos Solutions – an award-winning, woman-owned and brand-focused marketing agency for results-driven businesses and organizations. In December 2021, Eleni opened a new establishment in downtown Bradenton called Kefi Streetside Café, selling beverages, delicious food, and bakery items.



Oh, what a night! We had a record turnout of SSES alumni with some wonderful faculty sprinkled in at our annual holiday gathering at Motorworks Brewing on Dec. 23. The classes of 2011 and 2016 celebrated their tenth and fifth reunion years, respectively. The spirited crowd included 2011 classmates **Chris Scott, Erik Schulz, Jordan Sebastiano, Kelsey Moore, Richard Weiner, Jared Earley** and **Nabila Tejpar**. Celebrating five years out from the class of 2016 were **Christel Gharby, Reagan Sullivan, Devon Sullivan, Joe Class, David Contarino, Evan Fruehauf, Kyle Koughan, Samantha Burgess, J.T. Lund** and **Sophie Bernet**. Also back for the fun were **Nick Rogers '00, Kaleen Nora '04, Luke Yanelli '09, Samira Hassan '09, Sisi Zhao '09, Chris Cover '09, Jeremy Jackman '14, Omar Sammour '14, Sam Tobio '16, Tyler Burnham '19**, and classmate **Darron Robinson '19**. Beloved teachers on hand to enjoy former students included retired teacher Eileen Price and current faculty members Bernie Yanelli, Elisa Bolotin, and Jamie Moore.

Alumni Class Notes



Molly Martell Selba PhD '11 | Grace Knoop '18 | Lisa Subbiondo Graham '11 | Ali Fraraccio Newsome '07
Brock Soletti & Peter Balos '21 | Lindsay Barton '15 | Sarah Glaser '18 | Chiara Pogacic '20

1990s

Todd Goergen '90, a Wake Forest alumnus, is the Executive Chairman of the Board and Founder of MAKE International, Inc., a globally-focused blockchain technology services company. Todd is an advocate of all aspects of cryptocurrencies and the use of blockchain as an integral part of software infrastructure. He is also a Managing Partner at Ropart Asset Management, Funds Manager on the Investment Committee at Ropart Investments, Special Advisor to the CEO at Casper Labs, and Venture Partner at Draper Goren Holm.

Kameron Partridge Hodgens '96 was named Director of Community Leadership at the Gulf Coast Community Foundation in March. Kameron was previously CEO/Executive Director at The Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center in Sarasota where she managed the five-acre campus that houses regional non-profit partners. Kameron holds a master's and a Ph.D. in Lifespan Developmental Psychology from University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Blair Bloomston '98, CEO of Game On Nation, has joined the board of Project Scientist. A national non-profit, Project Scientist works to excite girls about science, technology, engineering and math through virtual after-school and summer programs and also provides virtual S.T.E.M. mentoring.

2000s

Sarah Glendening '00 is continuing her good work at the Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center in Sarasota after being promoted to Director of Community Relations in March. The Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center is called the "Campus of Caring" because it is home to 17 non-profit health and human services agencies that help children, adults, and families in need.

Kudos to John "JB" Tucker '00 on being recognized in April by Forbes Magazine as among the 2022 Best-in-State Wealth Advisors. JB is an Edward Jones Financial Advisor in Bradenton.

Bryan "Bo" Offenhauer '02 is a Project Manager at Meta (formerly Facebook). Bo is a Certified Product Management Professional and earned his B.S. in Construction Management at the University of Florida in 2006. He lives in North Carolina with his wife and young daughter. Bo's sister, Susan Offenhauer Dean '93, is a CPA in Tampa who has worked at MetLife for more than 12 years. She is now Director, Finance, and Transactional COE and holds a B.S.B.A. from the University of Florida.

David "Jason" Wilkins '03 is a Senior Design Director at IDEO in San Francisco. His experience also includes work for Glaxo Smith Kline, Procter & Gamble, and mechanical engineering, project management and technical consulting at Sigma Space & NASA Goddard. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State and a master's in Product Development from Carnegie Mellon.

Congratulations to attorney **Kennedy Legler '04** on being made a Felony Division Chief in the Sarasota 12th Circuit Court. He will oversee six other felony attorneys, as well as handle his own cases as an Assistant State Attorney. Kennedy earned his bachelor's and J.D. degrees at Stetson.

Harry Smolker '05 joined the ever-growing list of Falcon alumni with Ph.D.s, earning his in Cognitive Psychology from the University of Colorado in 2020. He also earned his M.A. in Cognitive Psychology at UC and a B.A. in Cognitive Science at Vassar. Harry is now a post-doctoral research assistant at the UC Institute of Cognitive Science.

Exciting news from **Elizabeth "Liz" Lutz Perlman '06**. She and husband Jared of Fort Lauderdale welcomed Reid Matthew Perlman on March 5.

Alison "Ali" Fraraccio Newsome '07 earned her M.B.A. at the University of Virginia and also became a mom of three in 2021. She left her job as a manager at Deloitte and is now Chief of Staff, Federal and Public Sector at DataRobot in Washington, D.C. She and her growing family live in Arlington, Vir.

Stephen Crotseng '07 married Taylor Barstow on Oct. 16, 2021 in Omaha, Neb. He graduated from Northwestern with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and earned a master's in Integrated Innovation in Products & Services, a multi-disciplinary degree jointly conferred by Carnegie Mellon's College of Engineering, School of Design and School of Business. Stephen was chosen by his class of 2015 to be the graduation speaker. The couple resides in San Francisco where Stephen works for JUNE, a home automation company.

Melissa Ivin '08 married Jake McClelland on Dec. 5, 2021 at the Sandbar restaurant on Anna Maria Island. Sister **Amy Ivin '10** made a stunning bridesmaid. Melissa is Director of Financial Strategy, Risk & Insurance at Raymond James in St. Petersburg.



After nearly 10 years working at his alma mater, **Cory Baden '08** has taken on a new role as Director of Process Improvement at Rollins College. Cory led Student Account Services for the past three years, and his new role finds him providing strategic leadership within IT by serving as a liaison across campus in the design and development of critical business processes.

Caitlin Carnahan '08 successfully defended her thesis and earned her Ph.D. in physics at Carnegie Mellon in April. She also has two B.S. degrees from Florida State (physics and computer science), as well as an M.S. from FSU in computer science.

Lindsay "Cruise" Eastman '08 married Diana Ene on Feb. 12, at the John and Mable Ringling Museum in Sarasota. The couple held their reception at the Waterlefe River Club in Bradenton.



Congratulations to **Sarah Gravely '08** on marrying Zach McFarlane on Jan. 15, under the iconic banyon trees located on Banyon Street in Boca Grande. The reception was held at the Gasparilla Inn Beach Club. Sarah and Zach live in Houston, Texas where Sarah is a Product Manager at Amazon Business. A University of Georgia alumna, Sarah was on the equestrian team and majored in Management Information Systems.

2010s

Songbird Naarai Jacobs '10 recorded the first single of her original song Perfect in January. The beautiful and honest song is about Naarai's acceptance that she is not perfect, with a message that will undoubtedly resonate with anyone struggling with self-image problems and self-doubt on a myriad of levels. Naarai comforts listeners and explains that it is indeed okay to not be perfect, and that "perfect isn't real."



Eric Muslawski '10 is a research analyst at Cresa, a commercial real estate firm in Denver, Colo. Eric is a Rhodes College alumnus, where he captained and was MVP of the men's golf team from 2011-13. His bachelor's degree is in English literature, with a physics minor.

Lisa Subbiondo '11 married Jackson Graham on Sept. 5, 2021 in Kennebunkport, Maine. Lisa is a Senior Associate at Guggenheim Investments in New York and holds a B.S. in Business Administration, Accounting & Business Management from the University of Florida and an M.S. in Accountancy from Wake Forest.

Molly Martell Selba '11 received her Ph.D. from the Department of Anthropology at the University of Florida, with a focus on biological anthropology. She attended UF on a Graduate School Fellowship and also holds an M.A. from the university. Molly's bachelor's degree in Archaeology and Anthropology is from Johns Hopkins.

Yajesh "Jay" Rampertaap '12 graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine with his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. In March, he matched for an orthopaedic residency in New Jersey at Rutgers. Jay is an alumnus of George Washington University, where he earned an M.S. in Anatomical and Translational Sciences and a B.S. in Exercise Science.

USF Ph.D. candidate **Jeremy Jackman '14** had his paper, From Dyslexia to Doctorate: My Personal Journey, published in January in the Literacy Practice and Research Journal. The paper chronicles Jeremy's educational journey and illuminates the lessons he learned in his efforts to overcome his dyslexic limitations and find success in both his studies and work endeavors.

Lindsay Barton '15 is working as a Pediatric Nurse at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida in Fort Myers. She received her Florida SouthWestern State College nursing associate's degree after earning her bachelor's degree in Public Health at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Carson Neeves '17 graduated from Tulane in 2021 with a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in History. His studies focused on American politics, the history of the Ancient Roman Republic and American history between 1845 and 1921. Carson is currently a Congressional Intern in the U.S. House of Representatives for Louisiana's 1st congressional district.

Baylee Barker '18 led Rhodes College women's lacrosse against Stevenson University on March 17 as the teams faced off over their respective spring breaks at the SSES Moore Athletic Complex. The schools were in Florida taking advantage of the warm weather and saw some great action.

Meredith Pratt '18 was accepted into UCF's Integrative and Conservation Biology Ph.D. program. Her tuition will be fully covered and she'll receive a monetary stipend every school year. She'll also be an undergraduate teaching assistant.



Big congratulations to Berry College grad **Victoria Arias '18** on her acceptance to the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine for fall 2022.

Massimo Mbetse '18 graduated in May from the University of South Florida, where he played on the school's Top 25-ranked men's golf team. Massimo received a B.B.A. in Business, Management, Marketing and Related Support Services.

Boston University Figure Skating Club Team Captain and Secretary **Grace Knoop '18** and her talented fellow skaters are the 2022 National Intercollegiate Champions. This is the club's fourth consecutive title. Grace is an integral part of the group and is majoring in journalism.

Twin brothers and class of '18 alumni **Chase Brown** and **Sydney Brown** visited campus this spring to see Dr. Pullen, Athletic Department staff, former teachers, and friends. The duo are phenomenal football standouts at the University of Illinois, where junior running back Chase is the only returning player in the nation with two of the top 17 rushing games from 2021. Senior defensive back Sydney was All-Big Ten Honorable Mention in 2021 and led Illinois with 81 tackles, including a team-best 50 solo tackles.

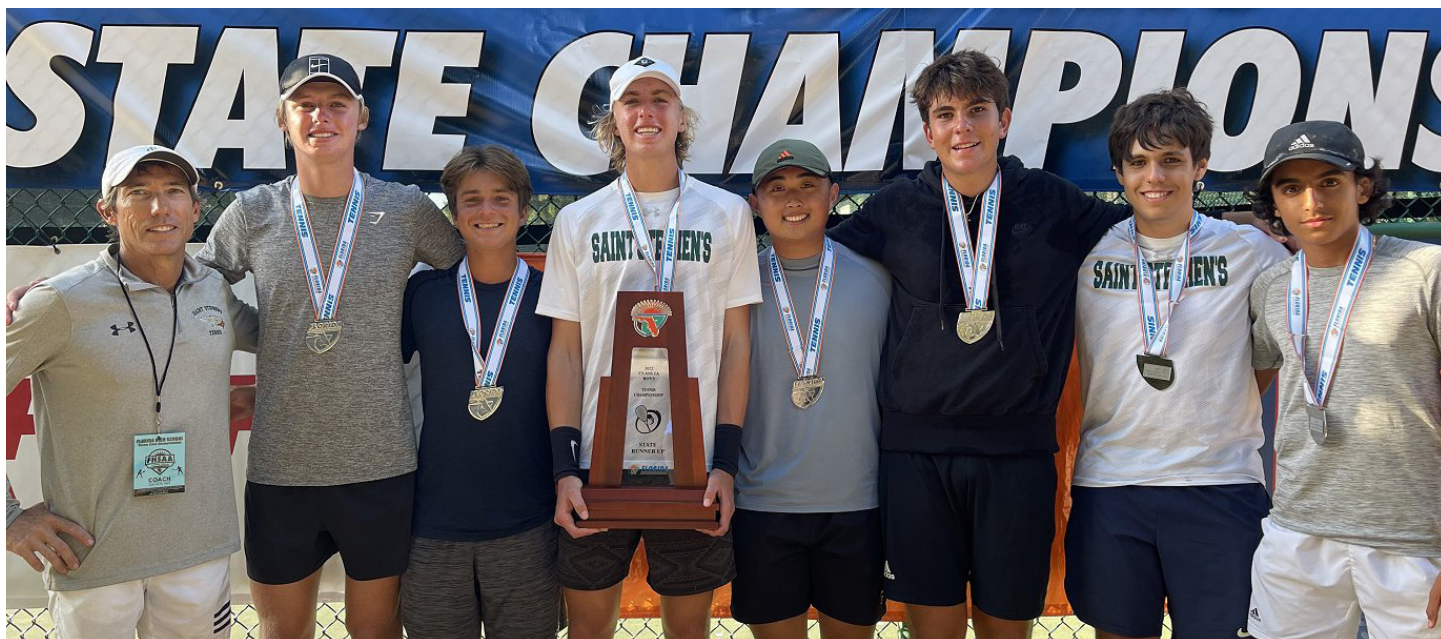


Sarah Glaser '18 graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of South Florida's Honors College with a B.A. in Political Science and a B.S. in Public Health. She has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship and will spend a year as a Fulbright Scholar at Royal Holloway - the University of London to earn an MSc in Campaigns, Elections, and Democracy. Following her Fulbright study, Sarah will attend the London School of Economics for an MSc in European Public Policy.

2020s

Congratulations to **Chiara Pogacic '20** on her marriage to Jonah Riolo in a gorgeous beach wedding on Longboat Key on Jan. 17, 2021.

Former 2021 SSES teammates **Brock Soletti** (Coast Guard Academy) and **Peter Balos** (Ursinus College) were reunited as their teams participated in the Cal Ripken College Spring Training at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Both of the former Falcons have broken into the lineup and gotten innings at their respective schools – Brock on the mound and Peter at DH and in the outfield.



Serving Up Excellence

An argument can be made that Saint Stephen's boys tennis is currently in the midst of the most successful run in the program's storied history – but so far, without the ultimate payoff.

Since the 2019 season, the Falcons are 46-4-1, with their only regular-season loss being a 4-3 defeat at Sarasota Riverview on April 2, 2019. Their other three setbacks have all been in the state championship match to the same foe – Boca Raton St. Andrews. The latest came on April 26, denying the Falcons the title trophy for the third consecutive season (the 2020 campaign was wiped out by the COVID-19 pandemic).

While the top prize remained elusive, it took none of the luster off another dominating season for Saint Stephen's. The Falcons swept eight of their 10 regular-season opponents and cruised through six playoff matches in district, regional, and state tournament play before squaring off with St. Andrews again.

The SSES girls also won a district title – their fourth in five years – and reached the regional final before falling to Community School of Naples. Both teams remain positioned for continued success with the bulk of their top players returning for the 2023 season.

TRACK AND FIELD: An exciting season was capped at the state championship meet in Gainesville with the girls 4x100 relay team of **Nikole Cosentino, Brooke Cosentino, Piper Pullen, and Scout Erby** reaching the podium with an eighth-place finish. Hurdlers **Layla Smith** and **Julian Lazzara** also qualified. The regular season was highlighted by the Falcons' best-ever combined performance at the Manatee County Track Championships. The girls finished second and the boys were third overall in the nine-school meet, outrunning area public schools with enrollments many times our size.

GIRLS LACROSSE: Despite falling just short in the district championship game, the Falcons advanced to regional play and put together a thrilling run all the way to the regional finals. After topping Tampa Berkeley Prep in the regional opener, SSES avenged its district title loss to Out-of-Door Academy with a nail-biting 7-6 semi-final victory to reach the state's Elite Eight. The post-season run ended at Naples High, but the Falcons registered a 14-3 record in Head Coach Tod Creneti's first year at the helm. Midfielder **Sienna Cassella** was named a USA Lacrosse All-American and teammates **Sophia Creneti** and **Bella Rosa** were chosen All-Academic.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: **Jamie Springstead** and **Maddie Boehm** were selected to represent Saint Stephen's in the Manatee vs. Sarasota All-Star Basketball Game on April 21 at State College of Florida and Springstead finished as the game's Most Valuable Player. It was a fitting honor for the two college-bound seniors who have taken SSES girls basketball to new heights during their time on campus, including a state Final Four appearance in 2019 and a 16-7 record and district runner-up finish in their last season together.

SOCCER: The boys and girls won district titles – the first time since 2019 that both teams took home championship hardware in the same season. The girls were the surprise of the district, after a 5-9-3 season in 2021, the Falcons bounced back to post a 14-4-1 record and advance to the regional semi-finals. The boys mirrored their female counterparts, going 13-5, winning a regional

quarterfinal against Admiral Farragut before falling in the semis to St. Petersburg Shorecrest. Their season was highlighted by a thrilling 7-6 shootout win over Bradenton Christian in the district championship game.



ALL-AREA HONORS: *Jake Pettingell* and *Alex Long* were honored as the Sarasota Herald-Tribune All-Area high school players of the year in tennis and golf, respectively, at a star-studded event on May 24 at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Center in Sarasota hosted by former baseball all-star Fred McGriff. Pettingell and Long beat out student-athletes from every classification level – public and private – at high schools from throughout Southwest Florida (Charlotte County north to Manatee County) for the recognition.



ALUM UPDATES: Twin brothers *Sydney* and *Chase Brown (Class of 2018)* – star student-athletes on the football team at the University of Illinois – were chose to throw out the first pitch on May 25 before the White Sox vs. the Boston Red Sox game at Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago ... following two outstanding years at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, *Sarah Stevens (Class of 2019)* signed in February to play Division I volleyball at Xavier University in Ohio

... several former Falcons are on the move to new schools for the fall. Football stars *Dylan Davis '20* (Furman to Illinois), *Cam Vining '20* (West Point to UCF), and *Fred Billy '18* (grad transfer from West Florida to North Greenville) have found new homes. So has grad-transfer soccer player *Henry Howell '18* (Davidson to SMU).

SHE'S THE G.O.A.T.

Graduated senior *Jamie Springstead* rewrote the SSES basketball record book during her time on campus, finishing with 1,605 career points to become the school's all-time leading scorer – regardless of gender. In a Jan. 6 home victory against Patel High, Springstead eclipsed the career scoring mark set by 1981 graduate Mack Barnes (1,361 points). She established the new record for girls' basketball as a junior, surpassing 2001 graduate Amy Pullen's 1,027 points.

Springstead, who will play basketball at Lake Forest College in Illinois, broke into the Falcons' varsity roster as a seventh grader. She averaged 6.1 points per game that season and 4.3 the next before becoming a starter and key performer (9 points, 5.5 rebounds per game) for SSES as a freshman. Over the past three seasons, Springstead has averaged nearly 17 points per outing and scored a career-high 32 points on Jan. 20 against Venice High.

More importantly, she led the turnaround of a program that failed to post a winning record or reach any kind of postseason play from 1999 to 2017. Since Springstead's seventh grade season in 2016-17, the Falcons have gone a combined 92-48 with five consecutive winning seasons. The 2019-20 team reached the state Final Four and produced the best record in school history at 26-5.



Former leading scorer Amy Pullen was on hand to watch Springstead establish the new school mark.



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