



ON THE COVER: Our seniors don their caps and gowns for the first time as they prepare for the annual Senior Walk. The walk starts in the Lower School as a reminder of where many of the Class of 2019 began their SSES experience.

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## FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL'S DESK.

When an exciting school year comes to an end as 2018-19 has, so many memories come to mind that we never want to forget. Luckily, thanks to senior "Fish" Lindsay, editor of the student publication The Gauntlet (ssesgauntlet.org), and his staff of writers and videographers, you can go back and review articles and amazing videos about the many happenings that occurred daily in our hallways and classrooms. Additional thanks to senior co-editors Ashleigh Rodhouse, Zoey Block and the Spirit Yearbook Staff who wrote the history for this past school year and captured special moments – from Falcon Friend gatherings to sporting events. They let us SEE and meet every student, from our little Fledglings to our mighty seniors.

Hopefully by now you've had a chance to view my very first state-of-the-school video (https:// youtu.be/H0Fi3Y3hBhg). I thought the best way to reflect was by talking you through a photo album of compelling images from around campus that helped define the year. And as we do twice annually, I know you will enjoy reading this latest edition of Saint Stephen's Magazine, where you can find yet another way to recap 2018-19 and see how our students have excelled.

When you read the January-June monthly recap, you'll learn about so many accomplishments and unique experiences. Among them, the captain of the Falcons' basketball team met an NBA legend, four of our seniors were named National Merit Scholar finalists, and an eighth grader placed first on the U.S. History Bee Exam. You'll also find out how the school received a new bus and discover the very latest details about our performing arts center building project. And, of course, news from our amazing alumni will make you smile. Their lives are full of interesting careers, new babies, recent weddings, and many other outstanding accomplishments.

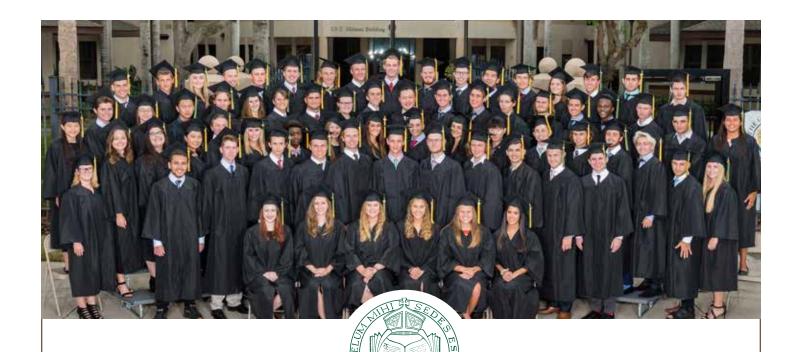
For many years, Saint Stephen's has used the tagline "world-class education" as part of its branding. We thought it was important to bring some clarity to that concept, so inside this issue you'll see what that means at SSES and just how our teachers and staff define world class on a daily basis. I think you'll agree that there are so many things that make a Saint Stephen's education world class!

One of those things is highlighted in a feature that explains how teachers Geoff Revard, Tony Haakman, and their Latin students study the ancient world and learn lessons that help them tackle today's world. For all of you Saint Stephen's Latin scholars – past and present – we are very proud of your success!

A school year happens over 10 months, and those months are extremely full and go fast. I hope that by reading this Saint Stephen's magazine it will help you remember fondly everything that happened in 2018-19. I also hope that you'll join me in saluting the members of this year's graduating class as they head off to their chosen colleges and universities equipped with the skills they need to succeed.

Enjoy!





## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019

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#### 2019 Class Highlights:

- Four graduates are National Merit Scholarship finalists; one is a National Hispanic Scholar
- Of the graduates who identified a first-choice college, 92-percent were accepted to that college
- · Two graduates were awarded their university's top academic scholarship, paying full tuition plus research and/or study abroad grants
- · Nine graduates were offered Honors College/Leadership program enrollment at their chosen college/university
- Graduates have earned more than \$6-million in merit aid and \$1.1-million in Bright Futures awards
- Five graduates were recruited to play intercollegiate sports: football, golf, soccer, swimming

#### Our 2019 graduates were accepted/will attend:

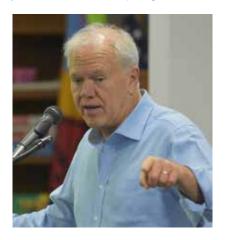
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## ON CAMPUS

#### **JANUARY**



■ Senior (and star basketball guard) Cade Westberry visited with NBA legend Shaquille O'Neal behind the scenes at the Ringling College Library Association Town Hall Lecture Series in Sarasota. Shaq was the speaker at the Van Wezel and sat with local journalists - and an aspiring one in Cade - earlier in the day.



Children's author and environmentalist Steve Swinburne visited campus thanks to a generous sponsorship gift from the Hawthorne Family Foundation. In the morning, Swinburne talked about the ABC's of manatees with second and third graders and read "Swim, Sea Turtle, Swim!" to Fledglings, Pre-K

and first graders. In the afternoon, he led Intermediate School students in a fun "Hook the Reader" writer's workshop. Steve lives in Vermont and writes children's books with a focus on the marine environment. He is the author of approximately 30 books and a contributor to Highlights for Children magazine.

■ Gabby Creneti and Kyra Hall, members of our Upper School Falcon Voices Chorus, were chosen through an audition process to perform in the Manasota Honors Choir at State College of Florida. The Choir includes select middle and high school students from Manatee and Sarasota counties.

### **FEBRUARY**

- SSES sixth and seventh grade math teams took the first-place trophies at the 7th annual Berkeley Prep Independent School Middle Division Math Competition in Tampa.
- SSES Middle and Upper School students collected 16 of the 36 awards at the Manatee History Fair. First-place winners included Victoria Greenlaw (Individual Performance), Evan Christenson (American History), Adam Carlson, Anusha Singh, Kassandra Haakman (Best Use of Theme and Group Website);

Elaina Bayard (Historical Paper), Lilia Norwood (Environmental History), Connor Albrecht (Maritime History), Katherine Baran (Modern History), Mckinzie Vo (Political History), Sophia Creneti (Sports History), Mia Ferdinand (History of Race Relations), and Joshua Sket (Future Scholar).

- Members from the Upper School Band and Chorus flew to New Orleans to experience music and culture in the "Big Easy." The students performed a concert at Trinity Episcopal Church as part of their concert series, and toured Tulane and Loyola universities, as well as other historic sites.
- In September 2018, seniors Sidney Knowles, Carter Beckstein, Matthew Thomas and Colton Melnick were named National Merit Scholar Semifinalists. In February, all four became finalists. That makes 44 NMS finalists at Saint Stephen's since 2005.
- Three seniors Matthew Thomas, Andres Sevilla and Colton Melnick were nominated for the prestigious U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Nominations are based on performance on the SAT and ACT exams, and are made in Florida by the Commissioner of Education. Only 161 students nationwide are ultimately selected annually to receive the honor one male and one female from each state, D.C. and Puerto Rico, and from U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large. Our last Presidential Scholar winner was Vanessa Yan in 2017.
- Friends from our sister school in Japan arrived for their annual visit. It's always a treat for our students and families to host their counterparts from Shibuya Junior and Senior High in Tokyo.
- For the third year in a row, Saint Stephen's hosted middle school mathematicians from all over the area at the annual Mathcounts competition. The SSES team of Nolan Winterhalter, Matthew Talbot, Elaina Bayard, and James Ye finished in second place and advanced to the state competition.
- During the 100th day of school, our Lower School students celebrated by welcoming a very special visitor. Centenarian Jean Hebert, a Saint Stephen's neighbor, answered students' questions about her life and what it has been like to experience 100 years of history.





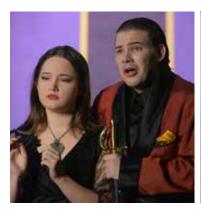
#### **MARCH**

■ Eighth grader Jackson Nealis placed first on the U.S. History Bee Exam, third in the National History Bee Quiz, and fourth in the International Geography Bee Exam at the Central Florida History Bee and Bowl Championships at Shorecrest Prep in St. Petersburg. Those results qualified him for the JV National

Tournament in Washington, D.C., the Middle School Nationals in Chicago, and the International History Olympiad Bee. Jackson competed at the JV level (7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grades). The U.S. History Bee is a social studies competition for primary and secondary school students and consists of two stages. First is the National Qualifying Exam, and second is a buzzer-based history quiz competition.



Our brand new bus was unveiled with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony. Many thanks to all the great folks in the Parents' Association who made it possible by raising the necessary funds through this year's Green & Gold Gala.





- The talented Upper School cast offered four fun performances of the musical version of The Addams Family for sold-out audiences. They kicked off the show with a sneak preview, dress rehearsal for the Middle School
- The SSES team of Gabby Creneti, Kassandra Haakman, Sidney Knowles, and Connor McCray won Florida's 12th ACRONYM tournament at Valencia College in Orlando. The 20-team invitational tests knowledge of current events and popular culture. The Falcons went undefeated in eight rounds, playing mainly against college students. It was the first time a high school team won in a combined competition.

#### **APRIL**

For the first time in school history, Upper School Latin students took first place in Senior Division Academics at the Florida Junior Classical League state forum in Orlando. Competing against 47 other Florida schools, Saint Stephen's took home the trophy for academics and finished third overall – also a school record. The Middle School team placed third in Academics and third in the overall sweepstakes of the Junior Division. All 42 Falcons in attendance placed in the top 15 in their chosen contests and three students (Tyler Kadivar, Matthew Thomas and Michael

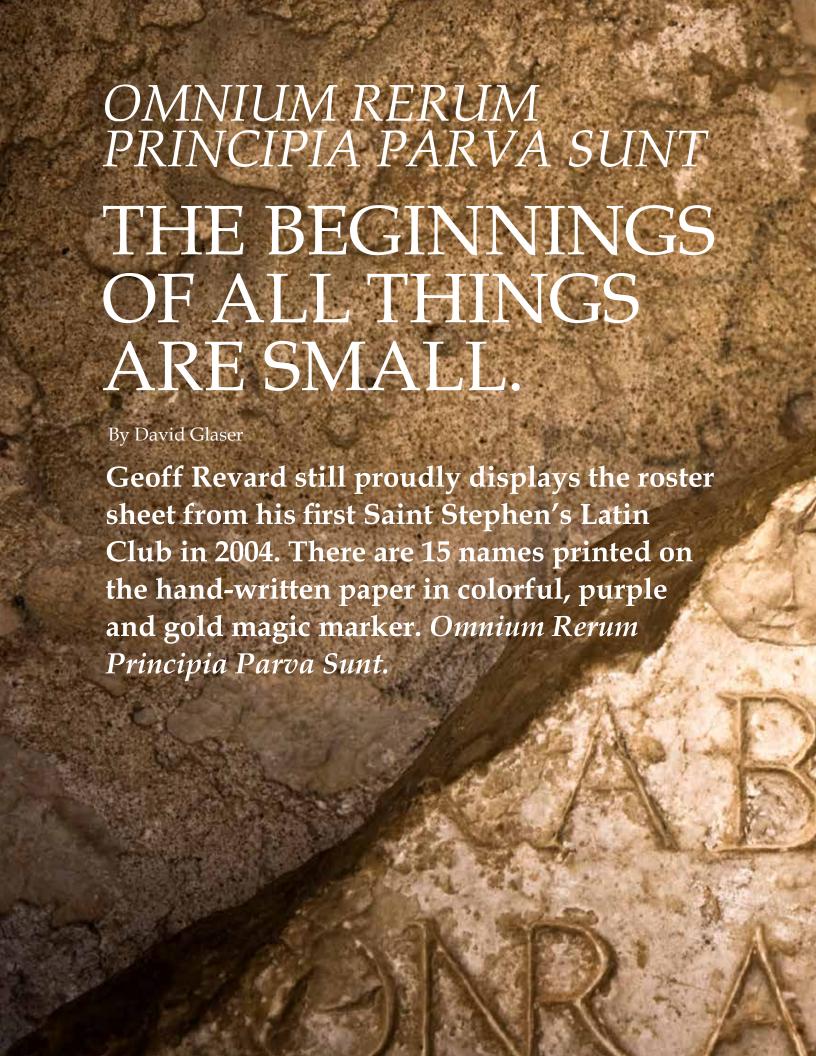
Thomas) took first place in both of their contests. The four SSES Certamen teams also had impressive results that included a third-place finish in the Advanced Division, and second place in the Intermediate Division. The four seniors on the team (Carter Beckstein, Graham Beckstein, Colton Melnick and Matthew Thomas) were members of the Junior Division team that captured first place in Academics five years ago. In addition to these impressive accomplishments, sophomore Annie Class was elected to the office of parliamentarian for the FJCL. This marks the eighth consecutive year that a Saint Stephen's student will serve as a state officer.

- The six-member Team Manatee featuring Falcons Sidney Knowles and Kassandra Haakman – won their way to the final round at the Florida Commissioner's Academic Challenge in Orlando before being eliminated from the annual, statewide academic competition.
- Faculty members Jennifer Hambrick, Chris Valcarcel, and Cindy Addison attended the Global Education Benchmark Group conference in Atlanta and presented on "Growing a Virtual Global Program." Addison also sat on the conference's technology panel.

- The Game Changers Kentucky Derby Party at the Sarasota Polo Club on May 4 raised more than \$70,000 in support of SSES Athletics. The funds donated at this annual event will be used to help purchase new uniforms for our Falcon student-athletes through a new partnership with Under Armour. Former boys soccer coach Marc Jones was also recognized as the Game Changer of the Year.
- Intermediate and Middle School members of the Global Leaders Club hosted a pulsera sale during their lunch periods and raised an amazing \$2,350 for The Pulsera Project. The Pulsera Project is a non-profit organization that works with artists in Central America and provides a market for their handmade bracelets at schools across the U.S. The Global Leaders Club is a group of 6th, 7th and 8th graders who have an interest in learning more about the global community in which we live.



- Our Treble Maker Chorus performed a mini-concert including "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and the National Anthem at the Bradenton Mauraders game on May 14 at LECOM Park. The Marauders are a minor-league affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates.
- Two casts Green and Gold performed the Lower School musical, "The Wizard of Oz" for three performances in front of enthusiastic crowds on May 17-19.





Like a successful football coach who leaves a powerhouse program to help build a fledgling one, Revard came to SSES that year with big goals in mind and a plan to reach them.

While you may not commonly associate the study of Latin with the pursuit of championship trophies, there is a highly competitive side, culminating statewide annually at the Florida Junior Classical League (FJCL). Revard came to Saint Stephen's from Leon High School in Tallahassee. When he started there, the Latin program already boasted three all-state titles. By the time he left, they had collected seven more.

"I understood what it took. I also knew it would be a different kind of challenge here. I left a school where there were typically around 300 Latin students for one with maybe 100," Revard said. "But I'd seen Saint Stephen's students before at state and I knew they were bright kids – few but fierce is what (former Latin teacher) Linda Mishkin

used to sav."

Building a competitive program starts in the classroom, where Revard and Middle School Latin teacher Tony Haakman stoke their students' passion for the challenging translation of the Romance language, Roman culture, history, and art. The extracurricular Latin clubs then give motivated students an opportunity for a deeper dive in areas that spike their interest.

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Proponents of Latin

education bristle at the idea that there is nothing to be gained from studying a so-called "dead" language. For Revard, there is little difference in the discipline needed to learn Latin or a math concept such as algebra or geometry.

"In either case, it's about looking at something critically and developing critical thinking skills," he said. "Studying classics is much more about life than it is about conjugating. People haven't changed. We're still arguing about the same things today as they were then – government, personal responsibilities, the nature of divinity. It's just as relevant as ever."

All of those concepts are in play when it comes time for the state forum, and the Saint Stephen's team has grown from its modest beginnings into a powerhouse. While the team is primarily self-selected by students who choose to come forward and compete, Revard and Haakman also cultivate members with positive encouragement. The growth was necessary in order to create a team capable of scoring enough points to be a state contender. According to Revard, that means fielding the maximum allowed of 25 per team. Early on, SSES scraped together students from the Middle and Upper schools to reach that number. In April, the Falcons were able to field two complete teams by sending 42 participants to the 2019 competition.

At FJCL, students sit for traditional, multiple-choice exams that test their knowledge of language, history and mythology. They can also compete in artistic areas, costuming, music, oration and dramatic presentation, athletics, and the Jeopardy-style quiz known as Certamen. Teams are divided into junior and senior levels, and much like Revard's high school-level team, Haakman has seen fantastic growth with the junior team.

"When I started my very first Latin Club in the middle school, two students showed up," he said. "Now there are 25-plus and I took 16 to state this year. Geoff and I display the past trophies in our classrooms and they're not there to brag, they're there to show the kids: 'Here's the legacy and you can be a part of it.' I understand that not every student is going to love Latin, but it's my job as a teacher to help them find a passion. Honestly, it's a little selfish on my part, too, because I love to learn and every year I learn something new from them."

One of those students who provided extra motivation for both Haakman and Revard during his time at Saint Stephen's was Matthew Thomas. The Yale-bound senior was introduced to Latin competition as a seventh grader and it helped fire a passion that led him to become one of the state's top Latin students and president of the FJCL. Thomas just completed a Latin-based Capstone project under Revard's mentorship.

"I'm fortunate to be entering college with a plan to major in Classics. It's a genuine academic interest that I wouldn't have had if I hadn't been exposed to it here at Saint Stephen's," Thomas said. "Mr. Haakman introduced me to Certamen and inspired in me a passion for grammar. Mr. Revard is devoted to his students and was an amazing mentor for me. It's not a stretch to say that our faculty is among the best in the nation."

The results speak volumes. Over the past 15 years, Saint Stephen's has never finished outside the top 10 in the state at the senior level, and the 2019 team brought home the school's first-ever academic championship. There are many other highlights. In 2015, three Saint Stephen's students qualified to be part of the six-member Team Florida that ultimately won the Advanced Certamen National Championship in San Antonio, Texas. For eight straight years, a Saint Stephen's student has been elected to the JCL board at the state level.

"When you have kids that buy in, you know you're going to be good and we've gotten to the point now where the older, more experienced students are excited and willing to mentor the younger ones. If they believe they can win, you can make things happen," Revard said. "It's amazing what they accomplish. It's humbling and really gratifying that we can help them get there."

## A Groundbreaking Moment

Singing from our second graders, a wagon parade of food to help stock the food pantry, and ceremonial shovels in the dirt all highlighted the May 16th groundbreaking for the Christ Church Thrift Shop and Food Pantry - a big step in the process to build the school's future Performing Arts Center! Upon completion of the construction of the thrift shop and food pantry, the church property at 41st St. W. and 4th Ave. W. will pass to the school and will become the site of our new multi-purpose performing arts center. Fund raising for the \$6-million project is ongoing.

## We're on our way!









# WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION: HOW DO WE DEFINE IT?



When we say that Saint Stephen's provides a "world-class" education, what does that mean and how do we define it on our campus? Our history of high academic achievement speaks for itself, but ask SSES teachers, students, parents, and administrators and it's clear that "world-class" means different things at different times during their experience.

Amanda Ripley, contributing writer for Time and Atlantic magazines, and author of a global look at education entitled, The Smartest Kids in the World, offers several cues to identifying world-class education. She says the best way to gauge the quality of a school is to spend time while the school is in session and watch the students. Are they interested in what they're doing and working hard?

"Don't check for signs of order," she writes. "Sometimes learning happens in a lecture hall, but more often it happens in noisy places where the kids are working in groups without much input from the teacher. Some of the worst classrooms are guiet, tidy places that look, to adults, reassuringly calm. Remember that rigorous learning actually looks rigorous."

Despite a sometimes shifting definition of world-class, there are common threads.

#### LEARNING TO THINK CRITICALLY

A school can't provide education in a bubble. By nature, students must study the same subjects as their peers at other schools and be skilled across academic disciplines. But more importantly, Saint Stephen's students demonstrate strong critical thinking skills that let them dialog with their peers and continue their learning outside the classroom, adapting their opinions as they consider others' points of view.

"Saint Stephen's teaches students, rather than just subjects," Librarian Maggie Von Aken says. "Our teachers are highly qualified and passionate about their work. They help students analyze and think critically about information. They encourage them to ask guestions and actively use what they learn."

#### **TEACHERS OF INCREDIBLE OUALITY**

At Saint Stephen's, the faculty spends a great deal of time getting to know the "whole" child, including his or her interests outside of the classroom. In many ways, the faculty is as dedicated to the task of learning as the students. Teachers willingly share their areas of expertise with peers who want to learn more about a specific subject matter.

"The faculty regularly seeks to integrate the knowledge we teach across academic disciplines," Bernie Yanelli, Upper School History/ Economics Teacher says. "This type of teaching/learning style is essential in the 21st century, since the complex problems facing the world today often require a person to have knowledge that spans more than one discipline."

#### AN INCLUSIVE CAMPUS CULTURE

Saint Stephen's embraces a culture of civility. Consider the number of people who have striven to make a positive difference, each building on the actions of the previous era. Students,

teachers, and staff see themselves as unique individuals that are part of a family. Instead of marking differences, we embrace the diversity that makes us stronger. Students who graduate from Saint Stephen's are confident, collaborative young adults who are ready to meet challenges and lead by example.

"Every child that enters our school is greeted by a host of dedicated people who intend to put their heart and soul into an education with depth and caring for that child," Middle School Science Teacher Cindy Ackerman says.

#### **EDUCATION BEYOND THE TEXTBOOK**

An SSES education is authentic and teaches students to deal with (and attempt to solve) real-world problems, not just textbook lessons. Students are taught from a young age that they're the leaders of tomorrow, poised and able to tackle global problems such as the necessity for clean water and alleviating world hunger and disease. Student exposure to community service allows them to be engaged in real teaching moments and the volunteer efforts undertaken are educational, rewarding, and inspiring. Alumni more often than not continue to live out their lives punctuated by community service endeavors.

A Saint Stephen's graduate is flexible, nimble, with highly developed skills that enable him/her to succeed anywhere. It's more than just an academic education.

"Students graduate ready for our world today and with a variety of experiences and opportunities for learning that go beyond our classroom walls. They learn about life, the arts, other cultures, and themselves," Intermediate School Teacher Shannon Dodge says.

#### STOKING STUDENT PASSION

Families who have the choice of an education anywhere in the world come to Saint Stephen's because we not only offer a rigorous academic program but a supportive educational environment that serves as a model for others. Our students are encouraged to chase their passions and gain the skills to understand and contribute to meeting the global challenges of the 21st century.

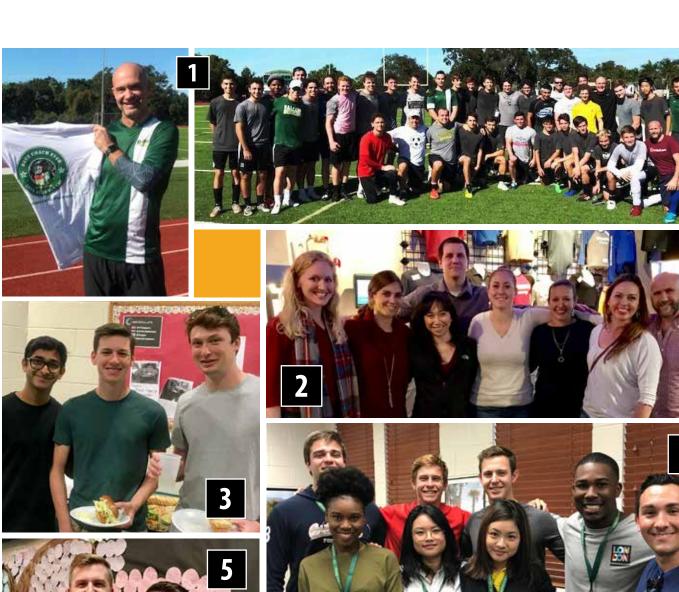
For Intermediate School English Teacher Tanya Creneti, providing a world-class education begins with selecting and promoting literature that opens our students up to the world beyond their own lives. Books can serve as windows and doorways to diverse perspectives, and can foster respect and empathy for individuals whose experiences differ from our own.

"As our students go on to develop their intellectual passions, having a more global outlook positions them to use their talents to make an impact," she says. "To me, that is the ultimate end of a world-class education."

## **ALUMNI EVENTS**

- **1.** The 2018 Alumni Soccer Gathering on Dec. 26 was the perfect venue to surprise former boys coach **Marc Jones** with a tribute celebrating his recent retirement after a quarter century of coaching Falcon soccer. The turnout at the annual event, a de facto "homecoming" for SSES alumni and families, was tremendous. Two games ran simultaneously, providing players with plenty of time on the turf. A highlight of the day was faculty member and long-time coaching assistant Bernie Yanelli's reading of quotes submitted by alumni wishing Coach Jones well and expressing how much their time with him positively impacted their lives.
- 2. Class of '08 alumni and Falcon grads from surrounding years gathered to commemorate the group's 10th reunion at Motorworks on Dec. 23. Kyle Scott '08 spearheaded the well-attended event. Attendees included Nora Gentry, Molly Cook and husband/alumnus Kenton Cook '06, Jeannie Nora, Rebecca Loh, Jillian Cacchioti, Sarah Gravely, Melissa Ivin, Alex Brown, Aaron Jacobson, Juliana Hatcher, Jonathan Teahan, Lizzie Ball, Emily Cercone, Chris Scott '11, Kyle Bellingar '09 and faculty members Elisa Bolotin and Jamie Moore. Saint Stephen's spirit was high and the evening was a terrific success.
- 3. The annual Winter Break Luncheon welcomes back collegeage alumni who are home for the holidays each January. A menu highlight remains the inclusion of Otis Spunkmeyer cookie break staples. Returning were Ben Whorf '18 (Wake Forest), Rishab Ramamurthy '18 (Virginia), Matthew Willard '18 (Emory-Oxford), Alex Siegal '17 (Columbia), Kristina Schmidt '18 (Boston College), Shannon Mallard '18 (George Washington), Lily Meaker '18 (Syracuse), Laura DeMaio '14 (Princeton alumna), James DeMaio '15 (Notre Dame), Hannah Arendt '18 (TCU), Jane Lindsay '15 (University of Saint Andrews), Victoria Arias '18 (Berry), Baera Bischoff '18 (Flagler) and Baylee Barker '18 (Rhodes).
- **4.** Eight alumni home for the holidays sat on our annual January Alumni Panel. The graduates talked with students about many aspects of college life; their varied experiences at large and small colleges and universities made for fascinating dialogue. The panel's advice about preparation and expanding one's horizons during college was very well-received. Panelists included **Zachary Bessette '15** (Amherst), **Joseph Schneider '15** (Florida), **Michelle Yan '16** (Columbia), **Jacob Westberry '16** (Fresno State), **Letherio Jones '17** (Sewanee), **Vanessa Yan '17** (Yale), **Henry Howell '18** (Davidson) and **LeNae Jones '18** (Furman).

- **5.** President of the Saint Stephen's Alumni Council **Bobby Stanell** and his 2011 classmate **Chris Scott** welcomed the Class of 2018 into the Alumni Association at the annual Senior Luncheon on April 30. This wonderful tradition is one of the last times the seniors share a meal together. Delicious chicken and fixins from class of '90 alumnus **Gris Bettle's** Chicken Kitchen in Sarasota were a huge hit. Each senior received his or her first piece of alumni "swag" in the form of a Class of '19 Alumni t-shirt.
- **6.** The Academic Banquet on April 17 celebrated Upper School students achieving a weighted GPA of 3.75 in semester one of the school year. Keynote speaker **Jennifer Moscoso Conde '05** was exceptional and served as a shining example of how a Falcon education supports graduates in their studies and endeavors beyond the gates. Jennifer graduated with honors from the University of Florida and received her medical degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. After an internship at Largo Medical Center, she completed her dermatology residency at Broward Health Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, where she served as Chief Resident and was named "Resident of the Year." Jennifer is a board-certified dermatologist and founder/Director of the Comprehensive Center for Dermatology in Lithia, Fla.
- **7.** January Alumni Brown Bag Luncheon speaker **Jena Pirozzolo '12** holds a degree in Photography & Digital Imaging from Ringling Colege of Art & Design ('17). She minored in Business of Art & Design with a focus on strategy and communication. At the time of her visit, Jena was working at HSN as a graphic designer. Some of Jena's past photographs were published on the cover of Porsche Profile Magazine, Lenscratch and in SRQ Magazine. Jena spoke in Ms. Mollie Grady's Creative Solutions class and the students loved her discussion of innovative techniques involving fashion, digital media, image editing, portrait and automotive photography, studio lighting and post-production.
- **8.** On March 14, **Yuzhuo "Bill" Cao '17** returned to campus to perform for the Upper School band. Bill attends the University of Pittsburgh and still enjoys practicing the saxophone and drawing inspiration from famous saxophonist, Kenny G. During his time at SSES, Bill was an active member of the Upper School band. He often performed in chapels, including a performance during his senior speech. Bill played an upbeat piece for the band called "Against Doctor's Orders." Faculty and a fourth grade class also attended the very special performance.











### ALUMNI PROFILE: JESSICA ASHLEY KATRANDZHIYSKA

## UNDETERRED BY LIFE'S 'IMPERFECT INTERRUP-

By Laurie McFeeley

Jessica Ashley Katrandzhiyska '08 has a gift, or arguably many gifts, for which she remains grateful every day. For a young mother of two adorable daughters, who married her college sweetheart, she is wise beyond her years due to life having thrown this former Falcon softball player a few curve balls along the way – which she has met with grace and courage.

Jessica was born in Denville, N.J. Her family moved to Palm Beach before she reached age two. They later moved to Sarasota, where Jess attended both public schools and NewGate Montessori before coming to Saint Stephen's for high school. Jessica played on the softball team when they clinched the district championship and was editor of the yearbook. In what would become a lifelong penchant for helping others, she was awarded the Bradenton Herald Youth Spirit Award for her SSES community service work with Habitat for Humanity.

A self-professed nerd who thoroughly enjoyed Mrs. Elisa Bolotin's Sunday AP Calculus classes, Jessica recalls many of her teachers fondly. She loved helping launch the Diversity Club with Mrs. Eileen Price's guidance and inspiration. Mr. Bernie Yanelli's AP U.S. History class was a favorite of Jessica's, but she credits her time in his economics class. as the impetus for taking business courses and ultimately earning a B.A. in International Affairs at James Madison University. One of Jessica's fondest SSES memories is the way 12th grade students are celebrated during senior year. The Senior Breakfast at Dr. Pullen's

home is a memory Jessica treasures, as were the many other senior-centric events leading up to graduation.

Jessica's junior year at SSES was interrupted when she developed a serious autoimmune illness that impacted her adrenal function. This sickness resulted in her missing quite a bit of school and necessitated a visit to the Mayo Clinic in search of the best care possible. This was the first time a health issue arose in Jessica's young life, and she remains so thankful for her teachers' support in navigating her studies (she not only completed her junior year requirements, but made the Head of School list to boot!).

At JMU, Jessica was ultra-involved and a huge cheerleader for the college. Thanks to her above-average grade point average, she was chosen to serve as a student ambassador, a group with rigorous admission requirements. In that role, Jessica conducted tours for visitors and perspective students and was instrumental in planning alumni events. She logged many hours of community service, tutored fellow students and became a group fitness instructor. In short order, she was promoted to JMU's group fitness manager, running 100+ fitness classes per week.

Jessica met her husband, Kiril, at JMU during her junior year and the couple married in 2016. It was in that year that Jessica launched Jessica Ashley Events as owner and lead wedding planner. She had previously started a job-recruiting service that remains active today. Her husband has picked up the reigns of late due to Jessica's wedding commitments.

One year later, in '17, Jessica Ashley Events took off. Jessica logged 30 wedding bookings and her design talents and expertise in planning and orchestrating dream weddings had garnered accolades and great reviews, locally and nationally. Jessica Ashley Events has been featured in a variety of publications including Martha Stewart Weddings. Jessica and Kiril were also celebrating at home, raising daughter Sofia and discovering that another baby was on the way.

In September 2017, life felt charmed until Jessica's routine prenatal blood work revealed a thyroid abnormality. Fast forward

- through ultrasound and the discovery of a mass - to Jessica receiving biopsy results that confirmed her biggest fear - she had thyroid cancer. A terrifying diagnosis, Jessica's options as an expectant mother were to undergo surgery during her second trimester, or wait until just after delivering to have the procedure.

Jessica decided to wait, focusing instead on being incredibly healthy and fit while her new baby developed. She changed her diet, exercised, participated

in and taught yoga, meditated, underwent acupuncture and was intentional in trying to put the diagnosis out of her mind until she held a healthy baby in her arms.

Jessica's actions and resolve worked and the doctors were astonished at how little the cancer had grown by the time of surgery. This observation was all the more miraculous when further pathology revealed Jessica's cancer was an extremely aggressive form. But, all went extremely well with Jessica and Kiril now proud parents of beautiful Adelina, who joined big sister Sofia in March 2018. The family is joyfully back to full steam ahead.

In retrospect, Jessica says that the quiet moments of reflection she experienced at Saint Stephen's were very important to her and of great value. While she is ever thankful to have learned to question things and be exposed to varying viewpoints as a Falcon, she has her own life "takeaway" she'd like to share with current students: "Don't allow fear to incapacitate you. Be true to what makes you happy and do what brings you joy." In so doing, one can rise above life's imperfect interruptions and live to the fullest. Thank you, Jessica Ashley Katrandzhiyska, for showing us how it's done!





## ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

#### 1980s

**Dr. Brian Flowers '84** played tennis for the Falcons and was ranked No. 7 in the U.S. in singles and the No. 1 doubles player in the country as a youngster. Recruited for tennis by the University of California, Berkeley, he later earned his M.D. at The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Brian is now an ophthalmologist in Fort Worth, Texas. Ever since his completion of a glaucoma fellowship at UC San Francisco, he has remained at the forefront of Glaucoma diagnosis and treatment. He is credited for bringing many "firsts" to his Texas practice area, including measuring corneal thickness to accurately measure intraocular pressure, the first optic nerve head analyzers, endoscopic laser surgery, non-scarring selective laser trabeculoplasty and non-penetrating glaucoma surgery (canaloplasty). This list represents nearly every advancement in glaucoma care occurring over the past 20 years. Dr. Flowers received the American Academy of Ophthalmology Achievement Award in '06 and has given more than 100 lectures nationally and internationally.



Tom Kauffman '84 is a native of Indiana County, Penn. Post-SSES, he graduated from Penn State University and Widener University School of Law (cum laude) in '89. Tom then returned to Indiana to begin his legal career. Since 1992, he has served as a judicial law clerk, an associate, co-founder and partner of Tomb, Mack & Kauffman and now owns his own law firm. Married with two children, Tom serves as a volunteer for multiple not-

for-profit local organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, The Indiana Free Library, Graystone Presbyterian Church, Community Living & Learning and the YMCA.

#### 1990s

Congratulations to Christie and Matthew "Matt" Hoke '93 on the arrival of their third child, Katherine Joy Hoke, in May. Kate joins big sister Alexandra and big brother Christopher. The family resides in Tampa.

#### 2000s

Married alumni Curtis Hamlin '02 and Grace Williams Hamlin '05, parents of wee Falcon Margaret (SSES '33), kindly gave of their time to make a Valentine's Day video spreading good wishes and seeking alumni support of Annual Giving in February. The sweet message went to all



alumni, with little Margaret stealing the show along with a fun appearance by long-time faculty members Mrs. Ann Marie Shields and Mr. Patrick Whelan.

Anika Muslawski '03 lives in Houston where she works for Jacobs Engineering Group. Anika graduated from Tulane in '07 with a B.S. in environmental engineering and earned her MBA there in 2015. She is a portfolio manager and was previously a project manager for many years in the New Orleans offices of CH2M Hill, a global engineering firm acquired by Jacobs in August

Congratulations to **Christopher "Topher" Howard '04** on his career move and being named general manager at Fans United (a Dallas Cowboys organization) in October '18. Topher was previously a general manager at J.C. Penney for more than six years and earned the 2017 Founder's Award – the company's highest honor for leadership. Topher is an '08 TCU alumnus. He majored in advertising and public relations.

Happy news with **Kaitlyn Wolk Reid '04**, husband Ryan and big brother Finlay welcoming Webber Allen Reid on Jan. 3, 2019.

Another happy family welcomed baby number two with the arrival of Fitzroy Octavious Pac on March 2, 2019. Alyssa Panning Pac '04, husband Lincoln and big brother Ulysses, who shares a birthday with his little brother, call beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah home.



for Nicholas.

After a 10-year professional

soccer career in the U.S. and Denmark, Brad Rusin '05 has joined Base Soccer Agency as a football consultant. He'll work to further strengthen Base's growing Major League Soccer, USL Championship and USL League Two ties, while identifying young U.S. talent to bring to Europe. Brad looks forward to working with the great group of resources Base has throughout the world to achieve success for his clients.

Dr. Nicholas Mollanazar '06 (M.D./MBA) will soon join the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Dermatology. Penn's dermatology department was the first of its kind in the nation and landing this position is a dream come true

Elizabeth "Liz" Lutz '06 is a partner at The Legacy Law Firm, with offices in Broward and Palm Beach. The firm specializes in estate planning, probate administration, trust administration and elder law. Liz practiced estate planning, probate administration and



trust administration in Sarasota before moving to a firm in Fort Lauderdale. Most recently, she worked as in-house counsel at the largest privately-held trust company in South Florida. Liz has a B.A. from the University of Miami, earned her J.D. at Nova Southeastern Law School in '13 and received a master's in estate planning from the University of Miami in 2014.



Class of '08 alumna Jillian Cacchiotti's boyfriend, Raymond Gardner, surprised her with a marriage proposal on stage, just after the two appeared in a murder mystery production held the Center of Anna Maria Island. The crowd cheered when Jillian said "yes!" and SSES sends best wishes to the happy couple. Also in the cast was alumnus Chris Scott '11.

Congratulations to **Nora Genry '08** on her April '19 engagement to Tim Matthews.



Wendy Erskine Schafer '09

married John Schafer on Jan. 26, 2019 in Winter Park. Wendy earned both her bachelor's degree in Anthropology & Australian Studies at Rollins College in '13 and an M.B.A. at Rollins' Crummer School of Business in 2014. Wendy, John and their goldendoodle, Heidi, reside in Atlanta, where Wendy works on the Moe's Southwest Grill marketing team and John is a member of Racetrac's real estate

Kudos to Richard "Rick" Lamb '09 on tying for third place in the Lecom Suncoast Classic held at Lakewood National Golf Club on Feb. 17, 2019. Rick turned pro in 2014 after playing golf at Santa Clara University, then transferring to the University of Tennessee for his junior and senior years. Rick currently calls scenic Saint Simons Island, Ga. home.



Sisi Zhao '09 was promoted to a new position at her company this spring. She is now a SBIRT (screening/brief intervention/ referral to therapy) Intervention Therapist. Sisi works alongside doctors in the community to screen, assess and provide treatment to those who may or actually have an addiction or some sort of substance abuse. Her work is in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Best wishes go out to **Katherine Kennedy '09** on her Nov. 3, 2018 wedding to Henry Ruppeiner at Tampa's cool Oxford Exchange. Katherine is a clinical psychology doctoral student at Fordham University in N.Y. She holds a B.S. from the University of Miami where she graduated with departmental honors in psychology and double-majored in finance. She went on to do her post-baccalaureate studies at Boston University.

#### 2010s



Naarai Jacobs '10 had a special and blessed Easter on April 21 when she was invited to sing back-up for Kanye West during his Sunday Service at Coachella. This was Naarai's second appearance at Coachella. She sang back-up for Beyoncé at last year's event. Naarai is continuing on her journey as a singer-songwriter based in Los Angeles. But if you've heard her sing recently or witnessed her angelic solo during the Easter Service, you'd know this Saint Stephen's alumna is already a star.

Congratulations to **Ethan** Hill '11 on his March 9, 2019 wedding to Kelsy Plummer. The couple met as freshmen at Auburn University. Ethan is a client account manager at GovDeals.com and the couple lives in Alabama.



Jordan Sebastiano '11 moved to Colorado and sells real estate for WK Real Estate in Boulder.

Jordan has a B.S. in marketing and is a certified plant-based nutritionist, but his life-long passion for real estate began back on Anna Maria Island. Jordan's knowledge and experience in real estate photography facilitates his finding the beauty in a range

of properties, and helping others appreciate that beauty. Jordan's past digital marketing experiences, including developing marketing plans for hotels and restaurants in Bali, Indonesia, lend creativity to his sales techniques and aid in his tapping the ever-expanding international market out west.



**Elizabeth Djinis '12** announced in February that she was moving on from her job at the Herald-Tribune Media Group to work at the Tampa Bay Times as digital producer. Elizabeth was excited to take on a role that will teach her more about online engagement with readers and how to come up with innovative ways to think about stories.



#### MacKenzie "Kenzie" Lin

**'12** graduated cum laude from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in cosmetic and fragrance marketing. Kenzie recently became a colleague of fellow SSES alumna, dear friend and UCF graduate

Chelsea Ayala '13, as the

two are now flight attendants for American Airlines.

Happiness always to **Richelle Leuchter '13** and beau Gary Sukienik, who tied the knot on March 10, 2019 at Edson Keith Mansion at Phillippi Estate Park. Richelle graduated from Denison University, where she majored in sociology and anthropology. The couple resides in Columbus, Ohio where Gary attends dental school and Richelle works as a recruiter at Tailored Management.



**Sabrina Viota '14** graduated from Johns Hopkins in '18 as an Art History major. She was in the co-ed community service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega and also devoted much of her time to acting in theater productions as one of the Barnstormers, JHU's oldest theater group. She worked for 3 years with John Astin, aka "Gomez" from the original Addams Family! Sabrina teaches 6th grade ELA at Team Success, A School of Excellence in Bradenton. The population is composed of students of low socioeconomic status and almost all come from Spanish-speaking homes. "It has been a challenging job so far, as most kids are below grade level in terms of vocabulary knowledge and in their ability to read and understand texts. However, it's one of the most rewarding jobs I could have!" Sabrina says her students want to learn more – to change the course of their futures.

**Laura DeMaio '15** continued her tradition of academic excellence with her 2018 graduation from Princeton University (magna cum laude/Phi Beta Kappa). Laura majored in French and Politics with a German minor and did a Bachelor's Exchange Program in Berlin. She is now pursuing her master's in International Public Management at Sciences Po in France, the country's leading university in the social sciences that has educated decision-makers in the public and private sectors for the past 140 years.

**Tim Macchi '15** graduated from George Washington University this spring and will attend Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing in fall '19. Tim aspires to be an Advanced Practice Trauma nurse. During his senior year, Tim was the Supervisor of Operations for a collegiate EMS squad that employs two 24/7 ambulances in D.C. Independent of GWU, Tim was also a communication specialist at the George Washington Medical Faculty Association (an exclusive worldwide communication center), where he used his advanced skills as an EMT to facilitate communication between medical professionals and remotely-based medical patients.

Congratulations to newly graduated **Lauri** Schleicher '15 on both bringing home the GOLD in the varsity lightweight women's division at the annual Atlanta ERG Sprints (an indoor regatta on rowing machines called ergometers), and then winning the women's athlete of the year title at the



crew sports banquet in April. Lauri rowed for Emory University's nationally competitive crew club team that competes and places in top-level national regattas, including the Head of the Charles, the Head of the Hooch, the Dad Vail Regatta and the A.C.R.A Regatta.

**Jakob Hamilton '15** is very excited to be continuing his educational journey in the fall at the University of North Carolina, where he received his undergraduate degree with the Class of 2019. He'll begin work on his master's in the fall at the Gillings School of Public Health.

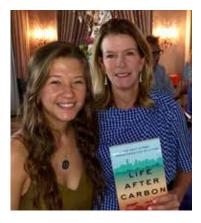
**Joseph Schneider '15** has "officially" accepted his offer of admission to USF's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences Morsani College of Medicine, as a member of the Class of 2022. "Thank you to everyone in the Saint Stephen's, University of Florida and Pittsburgh Pirates/Bradenton Marauders communities, and the countless others who have helped me get to this point. Go Falcons! Go Gators! And now ... Go Bulls!"

#### Jake Westberry '16,

recruited to play football at Fresno State, was thrilled to join his teammates in celebration when the team beat Boise State in overtime in December 2018 to win the Mountain West Conference championship. It was the first time the Bulldogs earned the coveted title since 2013.



Bachelor of Business Administration candidate **Devon Sullivan** '16 was selected for the prestigious Social Enterprise@ Goizueta fellows program at Emory University in January. The cohortbased program recognizes and supports the development of Emory University business school students (graduate and undergraduate) who demonstrate both a deep interest in social enterprise and a commitment to SE@G's work with career advice/mentorship, networking events, membership at the Center for Civic Innovation, development funds and social sector internships.



Congratulations to **Grace** Moore '16 (NYU junior), whose passion about John Cleveland and Peter Pastrik's book Life After Carbon is admirably fierce. Grace presented in Sarasota in February soliciting support for turning the book into a documentary film. The writing details how cities around the world are embracing creating carbon-neutral economies

addressing issues like congestion, planning development, biodiversity and watershed issues we depend upon for our health and livelihoods. Grace returned to Sarasota again on April 22 as joint sponsor (along with Gulf Coast Community Foundation and her mother, Elizabeth Moore) of an Earth Day lecture featuring New College alumnus Josh Tickell – a 20-year veteran of the environmental movement. Entitled Beyond Sustainable: Toward a New Tomorrow, the talk was held at the college's Mildred Sainer Pavilion. Grace did an outstanding job introducing Josh to the sold-out auditorium quests.



Hat's off to **Sam Tobio '16** and his College of Charleston offshore sailing team on winning the Port of Los Angeles Harbor Cup regatta in March. The Cougars impressively pulled off podium finishes in nine of 10 races over the three-day event. Sam is a member of C of C's Honors College (class of '20), where he majors in supply chain management.



Baylee Barker '18, in the running for the Inside Lacrosse Rookie of the Year in Division III Women's Lacrosse heading into the NCAA Division III championships in May, was named First-team and freshman Newcomer Player of the Year by the Southern Athletic Association, following a stunning spring season playing for Rhodes College. Baylee was key in helping her team clinch its fifth consecutive SAA Tournament Championship. She led the team in goals (70), had 19 assists and posted five points or more in 10 contests – with a career and season-high 15 points in an 18-10 win over Capital University.

**Sarah Glaser '18** was selected as a recipient of the Genshaft/ Greenbaum International Honors Study Scholarship for summer 2019 by the USF Honors College in Tampa. She'll study abroad this summer in the United Kingdom and live at the campus of the College of London, where part of her studies will involve Brexit. Sarah had an amazing first year at USF. Her many and varied experiences included being a research assistant for a professor's public health study, joining Chi Omega sorority and participating in a spring break service trip to Atlanta that focused on Public Health and included a trip to the CDC.



Our first Falcon in the NFL! University of Wyoming tight end Austin Fort has signed a free-agent contract with the Denver Broncos. Austin, nephew of long time Upper School English teacher Eileen Price, attended Saint Stephen's through eighth grade before his family moved to Wyoming, but he'll always be a Falcon!

## **FALCON ATHLETICS RECAP**

While there were many great sports storylines that emerged throughout the winter and spring, arguably the most noteworthy was the continued resurgence of the boys basketball program. The building project inherited by head coach (and Upper School Social Studies teacher) Dave Ruemenapp in 2016-17 reached a true milestone, as the Falcons went undefeated in league play and won the first district tournament championship in school history.

Their 21-6 campaign created hoops hysteria like never before on campus and was followed by several notable post-season awards. Senior guard Cade Westberry was named the Florida Athletic Coaches Association's 3A District 16 Player of the Year. He also went on to represent the Falcons in the annual Manatee vs. Sarasota All-Star game at Lakewood Ranch High, where he won the pre-game 3-point shooting contest. Ruemenapp joined his star player on the District 16 team as Coach of the Year and was invited to serve as co-head coach for the South team in the FACA All-Star Basketball Classic at RP Funding Center in Lakeland.

The Falcons have established a winning culture by qualifying for back-to-back post-season bids, their first since 1999. Ruemenapp took over a Saint Stephen's program that had not had a winning season since 2009-10, and has led the Falcons to a 36-16 record over the past two seasons, including a 19-1 mark in regular-season district games. SSES has failed to advance past that regional playoff opener with losses to Naples First Baptist Academy (2018) and Fort Myers Canterbury (2019). That remains the next hurdle for Ruemenapp's emerging Falcons.

**HIGH MARKS:** Can world-class academics and championshiplevel athletics co-exist? Saint Stephen's is living proof. During the winter season, the Florida High School Athletic Association's statewide academic rankings had all four SSES teams among its top 10: boys basketball (No. 2), girls basketball (No. 8), boys soccer (No. 6) and girls soccer (No. 9). That placed Saint Stephen's No. 6 overall in Class 3A for both boys and girls. On the field, all four teams also thrived, advancing to regional play.

**TENNIS TRADITION CONTINUES:** Along with football, boys tennis was the team on campus that made the deepest postseason run this year. The Falcons won district and regional titles,

and advanced all the way to the Class 1A state championship match before finishing as state runner-up with a heartbreaking 4-3 loss to Boca Raton St. Andrews School. It was Saint Stephen's first state tournament trip since 2015. The girls also produced state runners-up in singles (Paradise Traub) and doubles (Traub and Laura Perazzolo).

**NEW LEADERS, SAME KICKS:** The soccer Falcons entered the year under new head coaches for both the boys (Stephen Adair) and girls (Guy Virgilio), but the transition proved to be smooth for each. Adair and his team (14-4) continued the legacy left behind from legendary coach Marc Jones by winning the program's ninth straight district championship – the longest active streak of any team on campus. The girls were ranked No. 1 in the state under Virgilio after starting 9-0, and finished 11-4, winning the first district title for SSES since 2014.

**END OF AN ERA:** The graduation of Jake Manning, the last of the Falcons' big four," marked the close of a run of success from 2016-19 that put SSES wrestling on the map. The quartet of Jake and Max Manning, Parker Lansberg and Jake Ross will be synonymous with Falcons wrestling for some time, and all four finished their careers with more than 100 victories – a standard of excellence in high school wrestling. Jake Manning made sure his final act was a memorable one. The senior became a threetime Manatee County champion, the first Falcon to win back-toback district titles, and qualified for his second consecutive trip to the state meet along with teammate Darron Robinson.

**BIG YEAR FOR BIG DYLAN:** Junior three-sport athlete Dylan Davis may have had the most memorable individual season of any student-athlete on campus. A Division I football prospect, Davis anchored both the offensive and defensive lines for the Falcons football team during their run to the independent state championship game for the fourth straight year. He collected first-team honors on the FACA District 16 team and Sunshine State All-Conference. Davis then switched gears and played a key role as a reserve post player for the basketball team averaging nearly five rebounds per game – as the Falcons won their first district championship ever. Finally, he closed out the year by taking third place in the shot put at the state track and field meet

COLLEGE STUDENT ATHLETES – These Class of 2019 graduates will play at the collegiate level:



**Tyler Burnham** football St. Olaf



Alan Klenor Florida State



Noah LaBelle soccer Babson



**Kendall Miller** golf Richmond



**Alex Webster** swimming Emory





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