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## No Headline... No Story... No Announcement

It was simply a vastly understated phrase in the school's diary, an innocuous hand-written notation devoid of drama, expression, much less excitement.

In fact, one could easily skim over the September 4, 1962 entry that documented the moment when African-Americans integrated Jesuit High School. The entry was made by Jesuit's longtime registrar, Mr. John C. Paquette '27, who at the time had been working in that capacity for 35 years.

The diary of sorts was actually a thickly bound ledger called the *Daily History of Jesuit High School*. Mr. Paquette, who retired in 2002 after serving as the school's registrar for 75 years (he died in 2004), served as the guardian, keeper, and author of this *Daily History*. Nearly every day, Mr. Paquette would jot something of interest — not every item was of paramount importance — onto the pages of the ledger, often times in precise phrases and concise half sentences. Today, the vast majority of his entries would satisfy the maximum 140-character Twitter requisite.

The next issue of *Jaynotes* will examine the profound significance of this event — the lead-up, the moment itself, and the impact on the Jesuit community then and in the ensuing decades. We hope not only to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jesuit's integration but also to honor the moment itself and the virtues it highlights.

To commemorate this historic time in our school's history, *Jaynotes* is seeking from its alumni "Essays on Race." All alumni are encouraged to submit essays dealing with Jesuit and race. *Jaynotes* especially encourages African-American alumni to share stories and remembrances that describe their personal experience as students at Carrollton and Banks. Essays are particularly sought from African-American alumni who were students in the years following the integration of Jesuit High School, although alumni from all years are invited to tell their story in which the central theme is race.

Some ideas to consider: What was your

overall experience like attending Jesuit? What was the best and what was the worst? Were you treated differently by your classmates or teachers? Describe the seminal moment as an African-American Blue Jay among the majority of white students. How were you treated by your African-American friends who attended predominantly black high schools? How did a Jesuit education benefit you in college, your career or the work force, in marriage, and in parenthood?

If you have an interesting story about Jesuit and race, please consider sharing it with your fellow Blue Jay alumni as well as the current parents and students who read *Jaynotes*. Essays may be brief, as few as 50 words, with lengthier submissions no more than 1,000 words. The topics to be addressed are open and strictly up to the writer. *Jaynotes* reserves the right to edit articles submitted for publication. *Jaynotes* may withhold the name of the author if requested, provided there are valid or extenuating reasons.

The deadline to submit "Essays on Race" is October 31, 2012. Essays should be emailed as Word attachments and contain the name and graduation year of the author-alumnus, along with a phone number in the event we need to contact you for a photo or if we have a question.

Email your "Essays on Race" to either alumni director **Mat Grau '68** ([grau@jesuitnola.org](mailto:grau@jesuitnola.org); 504-483-3840) or *Jaynotes*' editor **Pierre DeGruy '69** (that would be me). My direct office line at Jesuit is 504-483-3813, or email: [degruy@jesuitnola.org](mailto:degruy@jesuitnola.org). Questions about essays may be directed to either one of us.

Essays may also be submitted by mail, addressed to *Jaynotes*; Essays on Race; Jesuit High School; 4133 Banks St.; New Orleans, LA 70119.

We look forward to publishing some interesting "Essays on Race" in the next *Jaynotes*. Until then, please sit back and enjoy reading this 2012 Graduation issue of *Jaynotes*.

Sincerely,

**Pierre DeGruy '69**

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### On the Cover

Seniors of the Class of 2012 patiently wait to be awarded their diplomas during the 165th Commencement Exercises on Friday (May 25) at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner.



# Amidst Apocalyptic Changes, Resolve to Be True to the Foundations of a Jesuit Education

An apocalypse of any kind will get our attention. It doesn't matter whether it involves aliens from outer space, unruly zombies, split-second climate changes, or rabid kangaroos. An apocalypse means that our lives are going to be different, and just about all apocalyptic books or films highlight this element of discontinuity.



Gentlemen of the Class of 2012, you quite literally faced an apocalyptic moment when the curtain rose this evening, both to reveal you to the audience and to signal the approaching end of your time as Jesuit students. After the curtain closes and you leave here, you will fill up a day differently from the way in which you have done so during the last four or five years. This discontinuity in your lives rightly commands your attention.

But I suggest that in the midst of these apocalyptic changes, you listen more intently for the note of continuity. Much will necessarily and properly change, but there are other elements that can and must remain the same.

If what you do to fill up a day alters considerably, the way you evaluate what you do to fill up a day should remain constant. This evaluation must be true to the principles and standards that are the foundations of your Jesuit education: living *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, seeking the good of souls, being men of faith and men for others. These terms are more than Jesuit alumni's verbal equivalent of a secret handshake. These are the criteria by which you are to

judge the choices that will shape the men you become.

I urge you, even implore you, to maintain the habit of the *examen* of conscience in your daily life. Be grateful for the good you have received and have done; acknowledge honestly and courageously the wrong you have committed; be generous and great-hearted in anticipating future good you can perform.

Such an examination requires God's grace, His active guidance and presence in your life. This grace is available in abundance, the "daily bread" that God desires to give you. Ask for it and open yourselves to receive it.

In another apocalyptic context, we hear the words: "*Behold, I am making all things new.*" My good brothers, may the Word of God — who uttered these words and who reveals a divine love for you that is ever ancient and ever new — renew you all the days of life, taking up this evening's change and all the changes in your lives, and directing them toward the everlasting life for which God has destined you. ■

—Raymond Fitzgerald, S.J. '76





# Forever Trumpet Your *Blue Jay Spirit*

The Class of 2012 produced nine valedictorians. The graduating senior who has earned the highest total numerical semester grades in the prescribed core curriculum for his senior year is selected to be the speaker at commencement ceremonies. Thus, Benjamin T. Sketchler was given the honor of delivering the Class of 2012 commencement address.

*Reverend Father Fitzgerald, Mr. Giambelluca, faculty, family, friends, and fellow members of the Class of 2012:*

I am honored to bid you farewell on behalf of my class. But as I stand here, I cannot simply bid my adieu to these four or five years that have shaped us into the men we are. No, even though we are physically and mentally moving on, I challenge my class to maintain in our lives one vastly important ideal we have absorbed at Jesuit: *Blue Jay Spirit*.

Jesuit was always more than just a place where we took tests and performed in our co-curricular activities so that we could gain knowledge, skills, and perhaps glory in return. Jesuit called us not to look inside to see how we could serve ourselves; Jesuit called us to look outside to learn how we could become better for our world.

We worked tirelessly to entertain our friends and families with our talents. We sacrificed our time and possessions out of love of our community through the Thanksgiving Drive and other community service. We put in years of hard work to develop skills that will allow us to improve the world for the rest of our lives. Through all of this, we have built loving friendships with those around us and developed a true, living passion to serve.

So when I ask you to foster *Blue Jay Spirit*, I do not ask you only to hold self-indulgently onto that great feeling we were told to “catch” when a big football game came around. On the contrary, in asking this, I ask you to remember that, as my favorite trumpeter Louis Armstrong said, “What we play is life.”

Class, starting tonight, we embark on very different paths. We move to different places. We learn new trades. We meet new people. In doing so, we will all find various ways to profit and to live out what we call our dreams. But when you find yourself as a professional football player, a doctor, a musician, or president of the world, do not work only for your own money and glory, or else you will not truly be living.

What we play is life. Every step you take on this path, you sacrifice yourself for your fans, your patients, your audience, or your citizens. You sacrifice to support your family. You do what you do because you know it is best for your community, and you do what you do *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*.

Acting in this manner, you carry on the *Blue Jay Spirit*, and you see that this thing you are playing is life. You are not a machine built for profit. You are not an animal who feeds on pride and glory. You are a person, living by the lessons you have

learned, by the examples your friends and teachers and family have set, by the ultimate showing of sacrifice by Christ Himself.

Further, as we move on in our lives, we all have certain dreams we wish to fulfill. And I warn you: these dreams will change, and in seeking them we will sometimes fail, and the world will sometimes fail us. As Captain Benjamin Sisko of *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* (1998) once said, “Worry and doubt are the greatest enemies of a great chef.”

Whatever type of chef you become, whether you cook up efficient business plans or dish out diagnoses for your patients or mix lyrics and chord progression into songs or actually cook soufflés, hold steadfast your ideals of love and sacrifice. When you do so, you will live a life of love and passion. You will be a true Man for Others. You will live a full life.

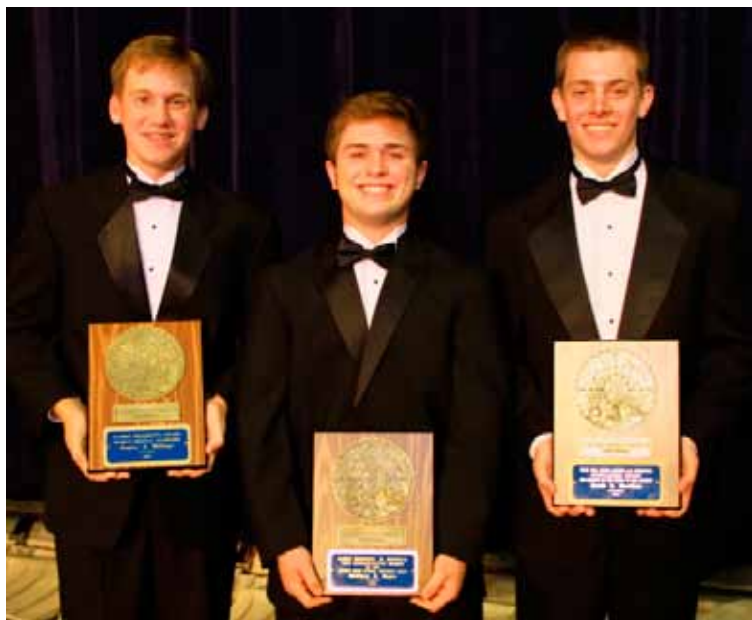
Class of 2012, I know there are some things we will leave behind at Jesuit. Many of us leave behind state championship trophies. We leave memories for other students. We leave the figurative and literal sweat and blood we shed. And, I am surely leaving behind the strict hair regulations.

When you leave this building, though, I beg: be a great chef. Do not leave behind the *Blue Jay Spirit*. Thank you and God bless. ■



# Three Seniors Honored With Special Awards

Each year, the faculty of Jesuit High School vote on the recipients of three special awards that are presented at the Commencement Ceremony.



Recipients of the three major awards presented at the 2012 Commencement were, from left, Taylor Billings, Matthew Dupre, and David Scotton.

**THE REVEREND FATHER PRESIDENT'S SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AWARD** is presented to the senior who has exerted the greatest spiritual influence on others by living a life exemplifying his Catholic faith. *The President's Spiritual Leadership Award* is given to that member of the senior class who manifests to the rest of the school community his dedication and commitment to Christ and the Church through his personal life, concern for others, and Christian example. By vote of the faculty, this year's award was merited by **Taylor J. Billings**.

**THE JULIA FERGUSON MCENERNY MEMORIAL TROPHY, DONATED BY WILL GIBBONS MCENERNY OF THE CLASS OF 1914**, is awarded to that member of the senior class who has a good scholastic record, actively participated in extracurricular activities, and who possesses those qualities which symbolize "the most representative student of Jesuit High School." He should be a leader among the students, and his leadership should be in the area of preserving school spirit. The senior who was judged deserving of this year's award, by vote of the faculty, was **Matthew J. Dupre**.

**THE VERY REVEREND FATHER PEDRO ARRUEPE AWARD** is presented to the senior who has exemplified the spirit of being a man for others by his participation and excellence in service. This year, by a vote of the faculty, the award was merited by **David J. Scotton**.

**THE BLUE JAY PARENTS' CLUB AWARD** for excellence in scholarship is awarded to the seniors who are graduating with the highest grade point average for four years at Jesuit High School. They are also named co-valedictorians of their class. This year, the award was merited by the nine seniors below. From left: **Taylor J. Billings, Jason P. Britsch, Michael M. Ceraso, Christian L. DeBuys, Alexander P. Hebert, Jonathan V. Nguyen, Jacob J. Pritt, Alexander D. Sherry**, and **Benjamin T. Sketchler**.



## 2012 AWARDS CEREMONY

Each year, Jesuit High School recognizes seniors and underclassmen who have achieved significant academic and athletic honors. Unless designated otherwise, recipients were seniors of the Class of 2012. Among the awards presented on May 10, 2012 in the Jesuit Auditorium were the following:

The Frank T. Howard Memorial Award for excellence in English was merited by **Christopher M. Hazlaris**.

The Jesuit 500 Club Award for Latin was merited by **Alex B. Janzen**.

The William Helis Memorial Award for Greek was merited by **Jacob J. Pritt**.

The Loyola University Award for Mathematics, given to the senior with the highest overall average in mathematics, was merited by **Benjamin T. Sketchler**.

The Reverend William J. Ryan Memorial Award for social studies, donated by Dr. J. Joseph Ryan, was merited by **Alexander P. Hebert**.

The Frank T. Howard Memorial Award for excellence in physics was merited by **Lucas C. Lavoie '13**.

The Jimmy Kuck Award for excellence in chemistry was merited by **Matthew J. Wolff '13**.

The Award for Excellence in Biology was merited by **Steven H. Stradley '15**.

The Paquette Family Award for excellence in French was merited by **Alexander J. Yacoubian**.

The Ubaldo Trelles Memorial Award for excellence in Spanish was merited by **Benjamin M. Young**.

The Susan & Garic Schoen Award for excellence in computer studies was merited by **Jordan M. Holmer**.

The Perfect Attendance Certificate & Medal, for the seniors who have not missed a single day of school or been tardy once since their admission to Jesuit High School, was awarded to **Andrew S. Barrett**.

The Philelectic Society Award for outstanding achievement in dramatics was merited by **Logan H. Breaux**.

The Culture of Life Award, given to the student who has shown exemplary leadership in the Jesuit Pro-Life Club, was merited by **David J. Scotton**.

The Giunio Socola Memorial Award, donated by Mrs. Anita Socola Specht for excellence in public debate in the Lincoln-Douglas senior division, was merited by **Zhen P. Huang '14**.

The Lea Naquin Hebert Memorial Award, donated by her sons F. Edward and Gordon Ray Hebert for excellence in debate in the Public Forum senior division, was merited by **Logan M. Williams**.

The Felix J. Hebert Memorial Award, donated by his sons F. Edward and Gordon Ray Hebert for excellence in debate in the Public Forum junior division, was merited by **Ryan D. Mouton '13**.

The Aloysius J. Cahill Memorial Award for proficiency in oratory was merited by **Reuben A. Hogan '14**.

The John D. Schilleci Memorial Award for excellence in elocution in the senior division was merited by **Jacob J. Pritt**.

The Professor Michael Cupero Memorial Award for band leadership, donated by his grandson Hamil Cupero, was merited by **Evan A. Hartmann**.

The Reverend Francis A. Fox, S.J. Memorial Award, donated by Mr. Harry Morel, Sr., for proficiency in instrumental music was merited by **Ian K. Rohr '13**.

The Coach Edwin E. Toribio Memorial Award, presented to the senior who best combined scholarship and athletics, was merited by **Alexander J. Yacoubian**.

The Larry Gilbert Family Memorial Award for the best all-around athlete on the varsity teams was awarded to **John W. Pyburn**.

The Robert T. Casey Memorial Award for the varsity athlete with the best sportsmanship and spirit was awarded to **Christopher M. Hazlaris**.

The Coach Gernon Brown Memorial Award for the best all-around athlete of the junior varsity teams during the 2011-12 school year was awarded to **Joseph D. Hebert IV '14**.

The "Rusty" Staub Award for the senior baseball letterman who best exhibited leadership, sportsmanship, and spirit was awarded to **Matthieu P. Rob  rt**.

The Donald R. Ford Award for the outstanding football lineman was awarded to **Michael A. Gogreve**.

The Award for All-Around Athletic Ability was awarded to **Deion L. Jones**.

The William D. & Maybell Postell Award, donated by Mr. John Blake Postell '59, to the senior basketball player who best exhibited leadership, scholarship, and spirit, was awarded to **John W. Pyburn**.

The "Fighting Jaylet" Award, donated by Mr. Charles W. Heim, Jr. '59 in honor of the 1968 Fighting Jaylets, for the junior varsity basketball player who has demonstrated the highest quality of excellence as a student athlete was presented to **Brett G. Spansel '14**.

The Morris B. Redmann, Jr. Memorial Award for the outstanding senior football letterman who best combined scholarship and athletics was merited by **Paul M. Stanton**.

The Edwin F. Stacy, Jr. Wrestling Award, presented to the outstanding wrestler who made a major contribution to the team, excelled in academics, and exhibited exemplary leadership, was awarded to **Zachary J. Carmello**.

The Michael D. Conway Award for the most valuable player on the varsity soccer team was awarded to **Phillip A. Hicks**.

The Rodriguez Family Award for the most valuable swimmer was awarded to **Brennan C. Dorsey**.

The Chester M. Rieth Award for the senior track letterman who exhibited leadership, sportsmanship, and spirit was awarded to **Stefan C. Oddo**.

The Stanley Ray Award for the most improved track letterman for the current year is merited by **Eric W. Prestenburg**.

The Most Valuable Golfer Award, presented to the golfer who made a significant contribution to the team, exhibited exemplary leadership, and performed in an outstanding manner in tournament play, was awarded to **Taylor J. Billings**.

The Most Valuable Tennis Player Award, presented to the senior tennis player who made a significant contribution to the tennis program, exhibited exemplary leadership, and performed in an outstanding manner in tournament play, was presented to **Nicholas C. Braud**.

The Christopher Morgan Memorial Award for the cross-country letterman who best exemplified courage, leadership, sportsmanship, and spirit was awarded to **Neal S. Fitzpatrick '13**.

The Joseph Michael Worley Memorial Award, presented to a senior who, by his unselfishness, sportsmanship, and spirit during his career at Jesuit, enhanced the athletic program as a player, manager, trainer, or student, was awarded to **Taylor J. Billings**.

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View the photo gallery of awards night: [www.jesuitnola.org/academics](http://www.jesuitnola.org/academics).





The 262 graduates who comprise Jesuit High School's Class of 2012 move on to more than 50 different universities.

In addition to their Jesuit education and all that comes with it, our newest Blue Jay alumni have pocketed a collective \$23,611,428 worth of scholarship offers.

Congratulations to Jesuit's Class of 2012!

# Off They Go!



**Donald Brennan Abadie**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Patrick Hugh Abry**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Thomas Herman Abry**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Oluwatomi Olamigoke Akingbola**  
**University of Southern California**

*Also accepted to* Tulane University; Louisiana State University; Xavier University of Louisiana; University of Miami; University of Michigan

*Scholarships offered* — University of Southern California Tuition Exchange Award; TOPS Performance Award

**Joshua Paul Allwein**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Bingham Cushman Stewart Scholarship; TOPS Performance Award

**Matthew Nathan Anjier**  
(National Merit Finalist)  
**University of Virginia**

*Also accepted to* Sewanee University of the South; Washington and Lee University; Tulane University (Honors Program); Wake Forest University; Vanderbilt University  
*Scholarships offered* — Sewanee: The University of the South Provost's Scholarship; Tulane University Presidential Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Ray Carl Ansardi III**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* University of Alabama; Loyola University New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Recognition Award; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Charles Woodard Applewhite III**  
**Loyola University New Orleans**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; University of New Orleans

**Evan Michael Arceneaux**  
(National Merit Finalist)

**Valparaiso University** (Honors Program)  
*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana Federation of Music Clubs Mildred Bevell State Piano Award and Past Presidents State College Award; Loyola University Jesuit Identity Scholarship; National Merit Valparaiso University Scholarship; Valparaiso University Board of Directors' Scholarship; Forte Music

Scholarship, and Oliver W. & Emma W. Allen Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**John Blackman Ariail III**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Benjamin Thomas Bagwill**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Jeremy Scott Baldassaro**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* Auburn University (Honors Program); Baylor University; Spring Hill College; Fordham University

*Scholarships offered* — Auburn University Academic Heritage Scholarship; Baylor University President's Gold Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Spring Hill College Presidential Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Award; TOPS Honors Award

**William Mather Baldwin III**  
**Rhodes College**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; St. John's University; Millsaps College; Huntingdon College

*Scholarships offered* — Huntingdon College Mary Elizabeth Stallworth Scholarship and Huntingdon College Endowed Scholarship; Millsaps College Millsaps Award; St. John's University Catholic High School Scholarship and Academic Achievement Award; TOPS Performance Award

**Tierron Yon Baptiste, Jr.**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors Program)

*Also accepted to* Oglethorpe University  
*Scholarships offered* — Oglethorpe University Merit Scholarship

**Brian Joseph Barbera**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Jeffrey Nicholas Barbera**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Stephen Daniel Bardot**  
(National Merit Program Commended Student)  
**Texas A&M University**

*Also accepted to* Sewanee University of the South; University of Alabama; Rhodes College  
*Scholarships offered* — Rhodes College Diehl Scholarship; Sewanee: The University of the South Merit Scholarship; University of Alabama Presidential Scholarship

**Andrew Shawn Barrett**  
(National Merit Finalist)  
**University of Georgia**

*Also accepted to* University of South Carolina; Tulane University; Texas A&M University; Louisiana State University; University of Texas; University of Dallas; Oklahoma University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; National Merit University of Georgia Scholarship; Texas A&M University National Merit Scholarship; Tulane University Founder's Scholar Award; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; University of Oklahoma National Merit Scholar Award; University of South Carolina McKissick Scholars Award; University of Texas at Dallas McDermott Scholars Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Grant Christopher Barrilleaux**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Texas Christian University  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Chad Joseph Bender**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**André Thomas Benoit**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Taylor Joseph Billings**  
(Class of 2012 Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist)

**University of Notre Dame**  
*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College); University of Virginia; Boston College (Honors Program Carroll School of Management)  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Chancellor's Alumni Scholarship and Chancellor's Future Leaders in Research Award; National Merit Sponsored University of Notre Dame Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Benjamin Joseph Birdsall IV**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Oglethorpe University; King's College; The University of Mississippi; Tulane University; Fordham University; Southern Methodist University; College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University; Florida State University; University of Miami; Texas Christian University  
*Scholarships offered* — Florida State University Merit Scholarship; Fordham University Jogues Scholarship; King's College Moreau Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Oglethorpe University Presidential Scholarship; College of



Saint Benedict & Saint John's Catholic High School Scholarship, President's Scholarship, Recognition Scholarship, and Saint John's Abbey Scholarship; Southern Methodist University SMU Distinguished Scholar Award; University of Mississippi Academic Excellence Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Hans Christian Bisgaard**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* University of Alabama; Louisiana Tech University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Louisiana Tech University Presidential Scholarship; University of Alabama Presidential Scholarship and Engineering Leadership Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Borna Matej Bjeliš**  
**University of Zagreb (Croatia)**

**Andrew Christopher Blasini**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* University of Miami; Spring Hill College; University of Alabama; Loyola University New Orleans; Texas Christian University; Millsaps College; Louisiana Tech University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholar Award; Millsaps College Annual Merit Scholarship; Spring Hill College Portier Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Michael Anthony Bordlee**  
*(National Merit Program Commended Student)*  
**Hofstra University** (Honors Program)

*Also accepted to* Loyola Marymount University (Honors Program); Tulane University; Loyola University New Orleans (Honors Program); University of Massachusetts Lowell; Ithaca College; Elon University  
*Scholarships offered* — Hofstra University Presidential Scholarship; Ithaca College Academic Scholarship; Loyola University New Orleans Dean's Scholarship and Music Scholarship; Loyola Marymount University Jesuit High School Scholarship; Tulane University Academic Achievement Award; University of Massachusetts Lowell Academic Council Scholarship; University of New Orleans Audubon Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Nicholas James Boustany**  
**University of New Orleans**

**Matthew James Braquet**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* Rhodes College (Honors Program); Tulane University; University of Miami; Fordham University; Loyola University Chicago; Loyola University New Orleans; St. Louis University; Seattle University; DePaul University; St. Edward's University; University of San Diego; University of San Francisco  
*Scholarships offered* — DePaul University Presidential Scholarship; Fordham University Fordham Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; Loyola University Chicago Loyola Scholarship and Jesuit Heritage Award; Loyola University New Orleans Dean's Scholar Award; Rhodes College Honors Scholarship; St. Edward's University President's Achievement

Scholarship; Saint Louis University Dean's Scholarship and Jesuit High School Award; Seattle University Trustee's Scholarship; Tulane University Merit Scholarship; University of Miami UM Endowed Gift Award; University of San Diego Presidential Scholar Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Matthew John Braud**  
**Tulane University**

*Also accepted to* Spring Hill College (Honors Program); Millsaps College; Loyola University New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — Burger King Scholars Program Scholarship; Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholarship; Millsaps College Millsaps Presidential Scholarship; Spring Hill College Presidential Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Award; Tulane University Louisiana Legislative Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

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**Logan Henry Breaux**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana Bankers Education Council's Freshman Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Martin Joel Breen**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Jason Paul Britsch**  
*(Class of 2012 Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist)*  
**University of Dallas**

*Also accepted to* University of Notre Dame; Boston College (Honors Program); Fordham University; Franciscan University at Steubenville; Spring Hill College (Honors Program); Louisiana State University (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Fordham Scholarship; Franciscan University of Steubenville Chancellor's Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; Spring Hill College Presidential Scholar Award and SHC







Service Scholarship; University of Dallas UD National Merit Finalist Scholarship and Classics Scholarship; University of Notre Dame Provost's Scholarship and University Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Gregory David Brousse, Jr.**  
**Tulane University**

*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans; Spring Hill College; Louisiana State University (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Loyola University New Orleans Dean's Scholar Award; Spring Hill College Presidential Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Scholarship; Tulane University Founder's Scholar Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Scott Ferguson Buhler**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* University of Southern Mississippi  
*Scholarships offered* — University of Southern Mississippi Regional Scholarship; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Kevin Joseph Bukaty**  
*(National Merit Program Commended Student)*  
**Tulane University** (Honors Program)

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College); Boston University; Elon University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award;

Tulane University Distinguished Scholar Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Nicholas Patraic Burgess**  
**University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

*Scholarships offered* — University of Louisiana—Lafayette Pride of Acadiana Housing Award

**Nicholas Joseph Burke**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Cory Paul Cacamo**  
**Tulane University**

*Also accepted to* Southern Methodist University; Texas Christian University; Loyola University New Orleans; Trinity University; Spring Hill College  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Dean's Scholar Award; Southern Methodist University SMU Provost's Scholarship; Spring Hill College Presidential Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Scholarship; Texas Christian University Faculty Scholarship; Trinity University Trustee's Scholarship; Tulane University Louisiana Legislative Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Joshua Michael Caluda**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Evan Gerald Camus**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Honors Award

**Max Clifford Cannon IV**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Zachary Joseph Carmello**  
*(National Merit Finalist)*  
**University of Alabama** (Honors Program)

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College); Georgia Institute of Technology; Colorado School of Mines; Tulane University; United States Merchant Marine Academy  
*Scholarships offered* — Colorado School of Mines Presidential Scholar Award; Tulane University Founder's Scholar Award; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; United States Merchant Marine Academy Appointment; TOPS Honors Award



**Patrick Steven Carpenter****Louisiana State University** (Honors College)*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award**David Fahey Joseph Celentano, Jr.****University of Louisiana at Lafayette** (Honors Program)*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award**Michael Mario Ceraso***(Class of 2012 Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist)***Fordham University** (Honors Program)*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College); Catholic University of America (Honors Program); Boston College (Honors Program); Baylor University (Honors Program); Emory University/Oxford College; Case Western Reserve University; Tulane University (Honors Program); Franciscan University of Steubenville  
*Scholarships offered* — Baylor University President's Gold Scholarship; Case Western Reserve University Michelson-Morley Scholarship; Catholic University CUA Scholarship; Fordham University Fordham Scholarship and National Merit Fordham University Scholarship; Franciscan University of Steubenville Chancellor's Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Tulane University Presidential Scholar Award; TOPS Honors Award**Bradley J Chauvin, Jr.****Tulane University***Also accepted to* University of South Carolina; University of Georgia (Honors Program); Louisiana State University (Honors College); Texas Christian University (Honors Program); Auburn University (Honors Program); Southern Methodist University (Honors Program)  
*Scholarships offered* — Auburn University Academic Heritage Scholarship and Chemical Engineering Freshman Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Southern Methodist University Lyle Engineering Fellows Scholarship and SMU Provost Scholarship; Texas Christian University Deans Scholarship; Tulane University Founder's Scholar Award; University of South Carolina McKissick Scholars Award and Joseph Biedenbach Engineering Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award**Christopher Rabih Chedid****Tulane University** (Honors Program)*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans (Honors Program); Louisiana State University(Honors College); Louisiana Tech University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Louisiana Tech University Presidential Scholarship; Loyola University New Orleans Dean's Scholar Award; Tulane University Founder's Scholar Award; TOPS Honors Award**Milad Rabih Chedid****Loyola University New Orleans***Also accepted to* Tulane University; Louisiana State University; Louisiana Tech University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana Tech University Outstanding Student Scholarship; Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholar Award; TOPS Performance Award**Felix Joseph Ciolino****Louisiana State University***Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award**Justin James Clark****Spring Hill College***Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans; Louisiana State University; University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Honors Program)  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Recognition Award; Spring Hill College Ignatian Jesuit Leader Award and SHC Service Award; TOPS Opportunity Award**Blake Joseph Cookmeyer***(National Merit Finalist)***Louisiana State University** (Honors College)*Also accepted to* University of Alabama; Auburn University; St. Louis University; Washington University in St. Louis  
*Scholarships offered* — Auburn University Academic Heritage Scholarship; Baylor University President's Gold Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; New Orleans Firemen's Federal Credit Union's "Reaching New Heights Education Grant Program" Scholarship; St. Louis University Vice Presidents' Scholarship and Jesuit High School Award; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award**Adam Joseph Coote****Louisiana State University***Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award**Kyle Gerard Corvers****Louisiana State University***Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award**Bryan Joseph Costanzo****Louisiana State University***Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award**Austin Martin Courregé****University of Southern Mississippi***Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans; Spring Hill College; Northwestern State University in Louisiana  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Recognition Award and Visual Arts Scholarship; Northwestern State University Outstanding Student Scholarship and Presidential Honors Award; Spring Hill College Gautrelet Jesuit Award and SHC Service Award; University of Southern Mississippi Regional Scholarship; TOPS Opportunity Award**Kyle Joseph Crabtree****Louisiana State University***Also accepted to* University of Alabama; Loyola University New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholar Award; TOPS Performance Award**Robert Paul Cronvich****Loyola University New Orleans***Also accepted to* Louisiana State University  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholar Award; TOPS Honors Award**Thomas Fowler Crumley***(National Merit Program Commended Student)*  
**St. Edward's University***Also accepted to* Sewanee University of the South; University of Miami; College of Charleston; Fordham University; St. Louis University; Tulane University; Loyola University New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Jogues Scholarship; Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholar Award; Sewanee: The University of the South Ecce Quam Bonum Award; St. Edward's University President's Achievement Scholarship; St. Louis University Dean's Scholarship and Jesuit High School Award; Tulane University Presidential Scholar Award; University of Miami Presidential Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award**Frank Curtis Cummings****University of North Texas***Also accepted to* University of New Orleans; University of Louisiana at Lafayette; University of Alabama  
*Scholarships offered* — University of New Orleans Privateer Merit Award; University of New Orleans Jackson Scholarship; University of North Texas Distinguished Freshman Award; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Jarod Thomas Cusimano**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Nicholas Alexander D'Antonio**  
**United States Naval Academy**

*Also accepted to* United States Air Force Academy; Texas A&M University; Louisiana State University (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Award; United States Air Force Academy Appointment; United States Naval Academy Appointment; TOPS Honors Award

**Alec René Daher**  
**University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

*Also accepted to* University of New Orleans; Louisiana State University  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Armand Paul Daigle III**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Marshall John David III**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Edward Hunter Dawson**  
**Baton Rouge Community College**

*Also accepted to* The University of Mississippi  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Dylan Floyd del Corral**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Baylor University; St. John's University; The King's College; Mississippi State University  
*Scholarships offered* — Baylor University BU Merit Scholarship; King's College Moreau Scholarship; St. John's University Academic Achievement Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Quinn Paul del Corral**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Clemson University; Purdue University; Tulane University  
*Scholarships offered* — Clemson University Out-of-State Academic Scholarship; Tulane University Founder's Scholar Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Turner Stuart DeBlieux**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Mississippi State University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Mississippi State University Entering Freshman Academic Excellence Scholarship and Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Christian Laurence DeBuys**

*(Class of 2012 Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist)*

**Texas A&M University**

*Also accepted to* Tulane University; University of Alabama; Georgia Institute of Technology  
*Scholarships offered* — Georgia Tech University National Merit Finalist Scholarship; Texas A&M University National Merit Recognition Award & National Merit Finalist Scholarship, President's Endowed Scholarship, Aggeland Bound Scholarship, Mechanical Engineering Scholarship, Opportunity Award Scholarship, and Non-Resident Tuition Waiver; Tulane University Presidential Scholar Award; University of Alabama Academic Elite Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; and Engineering Leadership Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Alexander René DeRojas**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans; Spring Hill College; Flagler College; University of Southern Mississippi  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholar Award; Spring Hill College Portier Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Award; University of Southern Mississippi Golden Opportunity Scholarship and Regional Scholarship; TOPS Performance Award

**Keith Patrick Delaune**  
*(National Merit Finalist)*

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Alumni Association's Global Leaders Scholarship, Chancellor Future Leaders in Research Award, LSU Flagship Scholars Resident Award, Chancellor's Student Aide Award, and National Merit Louisiana State University Scholarship; Tulane University Presidential Scholar Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Austin James Delery**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Francis Otway Denny IV**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* University of Georgia; University of Alabama; University of Mississippi; Clemson University  
*Scholarships offered* — Clemson University Out-of-State Academic Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; University of Alabama Presidential Scholarship and Engineering Leadership Scholarship; University of Mississippi Academic Excellence Scholarship and Academic Excellence Non-Resident Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Donald Moise Dey, Jr.**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* University of Mississippi; University of Southern Mississippi  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; University of Mississippi Academic Excellence Scholarship and Academic Excellence Non-Resident Scholarship; University of Southern Mississippi Academic Excellence Scholarship and Regional Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Ryan Thomas DiMaggio**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Honors Award

**Cameron Braxton Dobbins**  
**Mississippi College**

*Scholarships offered* — Mississippi College Achievement and Leadership Scholarship

**Sean Michael Donovan**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* St. John's University; Spring Hill College  
*Scholarships offered* — Spring Hill College Ignatian Jesuit Leader Award and SHC Service Award; St. John's University Merit Scholarship; TOPS Performance Award

**Ashton Michael Dorsey**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Brennan Collins Dorsey**  
*(National Merit Finalist)*

**Tulane University**

*Also accepted to* Catholic University of America; Fordham University; Loyola University New Orleans; Boston College; Spring Hill College (Honors Program); University of Miami; University of Hawaii at Manoa; Centenary College of Louisiana; Louisiana State University (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — Catholic University CUA Scholarship; Centenary College President's Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Loyola University New Orleans Dean's Scholar Award; Spring Hill College Presidential Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Award; Tulane University Founder's Scholar Award and National Merit Tulane University Scholarship; University of Hawaii at Manoa Centennial Scholarship; University of Miami Dean's Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**William Bradford Downer**  
**Louisiana State University**

**Austin Duplain Duncan**  
**Hamline University**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; University of Alabama; Morehouse College; Baylor University; Mississippi College; Rhodes College; Millsaps College



*Scholarships offered* — Hamline University Athletic Scholarship; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Matthew Joseph Dupre**

*(National Merit Program Commended Student)*

**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* Franciscan University of Steubenville (Honors Program)

*Scholarships offered* — Franciscan University of Steubenville Chancellor's Scholarship and Fr. Michael Scanlan Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Brian Christopher Dupree, Jr.**

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Honors Award

**Kyle Joseph Eccles**

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Benjamin Miller Elmer**

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Ronald Lawrence Faia III**

**Loyola University New Orleans**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; Tulane University

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Michael Lee Falba**

**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* University of Miami; Fordham University; Syracuse University

*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Jogues Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Syracuse University Scholars Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Alexander Presson Farmer**

**University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

(Honors Program)

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; University of Southern Mississippi; Mississippi State University

*Scholarships offered* — University of Southern Mississippi Regional Award; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Sean Michael Fiegel**

**Louisiana State University**

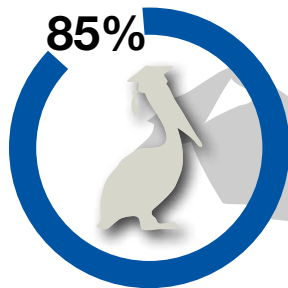
*Also accepted to* Southeastern Louisiana University; University of Mississippi; University of Southern Mississippi; University of Alabama; University of Tennessee

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; Southeastern University Honors Scholarship and Housing Scholarship; University of Mississippi Academic Excellence Scholarship and Non-Resident Scholarship; University of Southern Mississippi Academic Excellence Scholarship and Regional Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

## WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

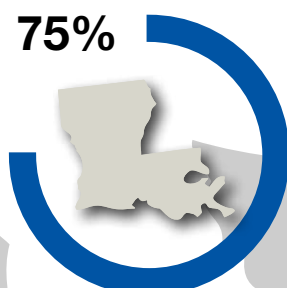
## Class of 2012

85%



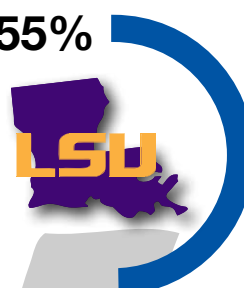
of the class (232 grads) were awarded one of the three TOPS scholarship designations (Honors, Performance, or Opportunity) to attend a Louisiana college.

75%



The majority of the grads, some 196, plan to stay in Louisiana and enroll in one of 11 institutions, including a seminary.

55%



The largest contingent — 144 Blue Jays (an increase of 33 from the Class of 2011) — is destined for Louisiana State University.

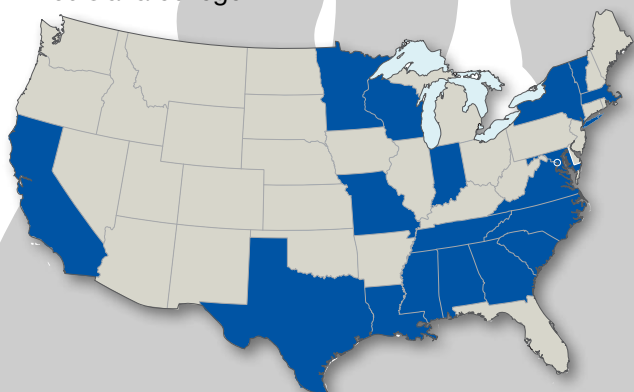


This year's "long distance award" goes to one Blue Jay who is traveling 5,470 miles to attend the University of Zagreb in his home country of Croatia.

**Blue Jays are heading to college in 18 states, including Louisiana and the District of Columbia. Some of the out-of-state institutions Blue Jays plan to attend are:**

University of Alabama (7)  
Fordham University (5)  
Spring Hill College (4)  
University of Southern Mississippi (4)  
Boston College (3)  
Harvard (2)

Ole Miss (2)  
Rhodes College (2)  
University of Notre Dame (2)  
U.S. Naval Academy (2)  
Washington University in St. Louis (2)



**Alan Mark Flake**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Recognition Award; TOPS Opportunity Award

**John Paul Fleming, Jr.**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Southern Methodist University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Zenen Uriel Flores**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans; University of New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Recognition Award; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Stephen Graham Forcier**  
**Southeastern Louisiana University**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; University of Louisiana at Lafayette; University of New Orleans; Loyola University New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Ralph Carroll Freibert IV**  
**United States Military Academy**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; University of Southern Mississippi; University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
*Scholarships offered* — United States Military Academy Appointment; TOPS Performance Award

**Colin Edward Fulham**  
*(National Merit Program Commended Student)*  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors Program)

*Also accepted to* Fordham University; Texas Christian University; Loyola University New Orleans (Honors Program); Tulane University (Honors Program); University of Denver (Honors Program); Case Western Reserve University; Trinity University San Antonio  
*Scholarships offered* — Case Western Reserve University CWRU Scholarship; Fordham University Dean's Scholarship; Loyola University New Orleans Dean's Scholar Award; Louisiana State University LSU Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Texas Christian University Deans Scholarship; Trinity University Murchison Scholarship; Tulane University Presidential Scholar Award; University of Denver Chancellor Scholar Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Maxwell Eberhard Garrison**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Emerson Robert Gibbs**  
**Tulane University**

*Scholarships offered* — Tulane University Full Athletic Scholarship; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Andrew Michael Giorlando**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Ryan Joseph Glaviano**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Michael Anthony Gogreve**  
**Southeastern Louisiana University**

*Also accepted to* University of New Orleans; Nicholls State University; University of Southern Mississippi

**James Gray Goudeau**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Millsaps College; Spring Hill College; University of Southern Mississippi; Loyola University New Orleans; Hendrix College  
*Scholarships offered* — Hendrix College Hendrix Academic Scholarship and Odyssey Distinction Award; Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholar Award; Millsaps College Second Century Scholarship; Spring Hill College Ignatian Jesuit Leader Award and SHC Service Award; University of Southern Mississippi Golden Opportunity Scholarship and Regional Scholarship; TOPS Performance Award

**Samuel Jay Grace**  
**Spring Hill College**

*Scholarships offered* — Spring Hill College Gautrelet Jesuit Award and SHC Service Award

**Nicholas Adam Griffin**  
**Loyola University New Orleans**

*Also accepted to* University of New Orleans; Louisiana State University  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholarship; TOPS Performance Award

**Hall Winters Guarisco**  
**Boston College**

*Also accepted to* Fordham University; College of Charleston; Tulane University  
*Scholarships offered* — College of Charleston Presidential Scholarship; Fordham University Loyola Scholarship; Tulane University Founder's Scholar Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Richard Frank Guidry**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* Boston University; Fordham University; University of Georgia; Southern Methodist University (Honors Program);

Tulane University; University of Alabama Birmingham; University of San Diego; University of California Santa Barbara; University of Miami  
*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Jogues Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Southern Methodist University Provost's Scholarship and Engineering Fellows Scholarship; University of Alabama at Birmingham Blazer Elite Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Darcy Guo**  
*(National Merit Finalist)*  
**Washington University in St. Louis**

*Also accepted to* Tulane University (Honors Program); Vanderbilt University

*Scholarships offered* — Tulane University Distinguished Scholar Award; Washington University in St. Louis Thomas H. Eliot Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Michael Jules Guste, Jr.**  
**Louisiana State University**

**Matthew Paul Hahn**  
**University of New Orleans**

*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans

*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholarship; University of New Orleans Carondelet Scholarship and Privateer Merit Award; TOPS Performance Award

**Sean Robert Hannan**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Dean's Scholar Award; Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award, Chancellor's Student Aide Award, and Manship Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Evan Michael Hart**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Evan Anthony Hartmann**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Adam Luke Haydel**  
*(National Merit Finalist)*  
**University of Notre Dame**

*Also accepted to* University of Texas Austin; Georgia Institute of Technology; University of Alabama (Honors Program); Louisiana State University (Honors College)

*Scholarships offered* — Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship; Future Farmers of America & the Cargill Corporation Scholarship; Georgia Tech University GT Scholarship for Undergraduates; Louisiana State University



LSU Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Burger King Scholars Program Scholarship; National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; Pelican State Credit Union Scholarship Award; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; University of Notre Dame University Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Christopher Michael Hazlaris**

*(National Merit Finalist)*

**Fordham University**

*Also accepted to* Pepperdine University (Honors Program); Georgetown University; Colgate University  
*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Fordham Scholarship; Georgetown University GU Scholarship; Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund Award; National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; Pepperdine University Seaver Scholars Scholarship

**Alexander Patrick Priola Hebert**

*(Class of 2012 Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist)*

**University of Alabama** (Honors Program)

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College); Auburn University (Honors Program); Millsaps College; Tulane University (Honors Program); University of Virginia; Fordham University (Honors Program)  
*Scholarships offered* — Auburn University Academic Presidential Scholarship; Fordham University Fordham Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Millsaps College Millsaps Presidential Scholarship; National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship and Engineering Leadership Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Steven Clement Helmstetter**

**Louisiana Tech University**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University

**Mason Eliot Kang Helt**

**Boston College**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College); University of Massachusetts Amherst

*Scholarships offered* — Boston University Dean's Scholar Award; Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Scholarship and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; University of Massachusetts Amherst Chancellor's Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Oscar Aquiles Hernandez, Jr.**

**Parsons The New School for Design**

(New York City)

**Jonathan Robert Hess**

**University of Alabama** (Honors Program)

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University



(Honors College); Tulane University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Scholarship and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Tulane University Founder's Scholar Award; University of Alabama UA Scholar Scholarship, President's Cabinet Engineering Supplement, and Engineering Leadership Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Phillip Alexander Hicks**

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Scholarship and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Royce Alexander Hocke**

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Scholarship and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Ronald Daniel Hoefeld III**

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Jordan Matthew Holmer**

**Marquette University**

*Also accepted to* Illinois Institute of Technology; University of Illinois Chicago; Purdue University; Louisiana State University  
*Scholarships offered* — Illinois Institute of Technology Henry T. Head Scholarship, IIT Housing Scholarship, and STEM+ Scholarship; Marquette Jesuit University Half Tuition Scholarship and Magis Award; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Chad Anthony Hopkins**

**University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Nicholas Joseph Hourguettes**

*(National Merit Finalist; National Hispanic Scholar)*

**Washington University in St. Louis**

*Also accepted to* St. Louis University; Fordham University; University of San Diego; Texas A&M University; Baylor University; Clemson University (Honors Program); University of Alabama (Honors Program); Auburn University (Honors Program); Louisiana State University (Honors College); University of Miami

*Scholarships offered* — Auburn University Academic Heritage Scholarship; Baylor University President's Gold Scholarship; Clemson University Out-of-State Academic Scholarship; Fordham University National Merit Semifinalist Scholarship; Louisiana State University LSU Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; Saint Louis University Presidential Finalist Award and Jesuit High School Award; Texas A&M University President's Endowed Scholarship, Non-Resident Tuition Waiver, and National Merit Recognition Award; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; University of Miami Dickinson Scholarship; University of San Diego Alcala Award; Washington University in St. Louis Thomas H. Eliot Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Kyle Jacob Hymel**

**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* Tulane University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Scholarship and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

## Haider Iqbal

**University of New Orleans** (Honors Program)

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; Tulane University; Loyola University New Orleans

*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University Recognition Award; TOPS Opportunity Award

## Ibtisam Ismail

**Xavier University of Louisiana**

*Scholarships offered* — Xavier University XU Scholarship; TOPS Performance Award

University LSU Academic Scholars Resident Scholarship and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; St. John's University Presidential Scholarship; St. Louis University Vice Presidents' Scholarship Jesuit High School Award; TOPS Honors Award

## Denis Don Joachim

**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; Tulane University Founder's Scholar Award; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; University of Miami Trustee Scholarship; University of Mississippi Academic Excellence Award; University of Texas Academic Competitive Scholarship and In-State Tuition; TOPS Honors Award

## Blair Fitzgerald Kern

**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Arizona State University; College of Charleston

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

## Raymond Carl Kleefisch III

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Honors Award

## Ian Werner Konrad

**Spring Hill College**

*Also accepted to* University of New Orleans

*Scholarships offered* — Spring Hill College Gautrelet Jesuit Award and SHC Service Award

## Jeremy Adam Kozel

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

## Cade Robert Landeche

**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Spring Hill College

*Scholarships offered* — Spring Hill College Portier Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Award; TOPS Performance Award

## Andrew Michael Landry

**The University of Southern Mississippi**

*Also accepted to* Spring Hill College; University of Mississippi

*Scholarships offered* — Spring Hill College Gautrelet Jesuit Award and SHC Service Award; University of Southern Mississippi Regional Scholarship

## Zachary Stuart Lee

**University of New Orleans**

## John Thomas Lindsey, Jr.

**Georgetown University**

*Also accepted to* University of Notre Dame; Louisiana State University (Honors College); University of Georgia (Honors Program)

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award



## Todd Anthony Jacquet

(National Achievement Scholarship Finalist; National Merit Program Commended Student)

**Tulane University**

*Also accepted to* Arkansas State University; Florida International University; Kansas State University; University of Houston; University of Louisiana at Lafayette; University of Southern Mississippi

*Scholarships offered* — Tulane University Full Athletic Scholarship; Arkansas State University Full Athletic Scholarship; Florida International University Full Athletic Scholarship; Kansas State University Full Athletic Scholarship; University of Houston Full Athletic Scholarship; University of Louisiana at Lafayette Full Athletic Scholarship; University of Southern Mississippi Full Athletic Scholarship; TOPS Opportunity Award

## Alex Bradford Janzen

**Fordham University**

*Also accepted to* St. John's University New York (Honors Program); Louisiana State University (Honors College); St. Louis University; University of Georgia

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State

## Deion Leandrew Jones

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Full Athletic Scholarship

## Adam Patrick Kehoe

(National Merit Finalist)

**Middlebury College**

*Also accepted to* University of North Carolina at Asheville; Tulane University; Oberlin College; Pitzer College; Bates College

*Scholarships offered* — National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; Oberlin College John Frederick Oberlin Scholar Award; Tulane University Presidential Award; University of Texas at Dallas National Merit Scholar Award; TOPS Honors Award

## Dylan Hall Kennedy

(National Merit Finalist)

**The University of Texas at Austin**

*Also accepted to* University of Miami; University of Georgia; Tulane University; University of Alabama (Honors College); Louisiana State University (Honors College); University of Mississippi

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State



**James Hugh Lynch**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Colton John Lyon**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Also accepted to* Spring Hill College; Baylor University  
*Scholarships offered* — Spring Hill College Gautrelet Jesuit Award and SHC Service Award; TOPS Performance Award

**Jeffrey Louis Madere**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Honors Award

**Mark Thomas Madura**  
*(National Merit Finalist)*  
**The University of Texas at Austin**  
 (Cockrell School of Engineering Honors Program)  
*Also accepted to* Georgia Institute of Technology; University of Massachusetts (Honors College); Johns Hopkins University; Washington University in St. Louis; Vanderbilt University  
*Scholarships offered* — National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; University of Massachusetts Amherst Chancellor's Scholarship; University of Texas at Austin Engineering Scholarship

**Cody Alexander Maffei**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Stephen Michael Maggio**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Charles Thomas Mansour**  
**Rhodes College**  
*Also accepted to* Millsaps College; Spring Hill College; St. Louis University; Centre College; Sewanee: The University of the South; Santa Clara University; Louisiana State University; University of San Diego; Furman University  
*Scholarships offered* — Centre College Alumni Award; Furman University Paladin Award; Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; Millsaps College Presidential Scholarship; Rhodes College Diehl Scholarship; Saint Louis University Dean's Scholarship and Jesuit High School Award; Sewanee: The University of the South *Ecce Quam Bonum Award*; Spring Hill College Presidential Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Award; University of San Diego Torero Pride Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Michael Hugh Marquis, Jr.**  
**Louisiana Tech University**  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Royce Ehret Martin**  
**Spring Hill College**  
*Also accepted to* University of Mississippi; Loyola University New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — Spring Hill College Gautrelet Jesuit Award and SHC Service Award

**Jeffrey Paul Mauras**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Also accepted to* Tulane University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Tyler Christian McCaffery**  
**University of New Orleans**  
*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans; University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Louisiana State University; Spring Hill College  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Recognition Award; Spring Hill College Gautrelet Jesuit Award and SHC Service Award; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Grant James McClure**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Peyton Michael McGaha**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Also accepted to* Tulane University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**William Anthony McMahon**  
**University of Louisiana at Lafayette**  
 (Honors Program)  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Mason Reed McManus**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Nicholas Taylor Meilleur**  
**University of Louisiana at Lafayette**  
*Also accepted to* University of Southern Mississippi

**Charles Nicholas Mentz IV**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Also accepted to* The University of Mississippi  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Blair Anthony Milano**  
**University of New Orleans**

**Cody John Mitchell**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Trey Nicholas Moffatt**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Also accepted to* University of Alabama; Tulane University  
*Scholarships offered* — University of Alabama UA Scholar Scholarship; Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Tulane University Academic Achievement Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Javier Andres Molina**  
*(National Merit Finalist)*  
**Fordham University**  
*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; Colorado State University  
*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Jogues Scholarship; Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Daniel Charles Moore**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Also accepted to* Boston College; Fordham University  
*Scholarships offered* — Boston College Onward Transitional Excellence Scholarship; Fordham University Gabelli Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Philip Thompson Murray**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Also accepted to* The University of Mississippi  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Honors Award

**James Vu Nguyen**  
**Loyola University New Orleans**  
*Also accepted to* Xavier University of Louisiana; University of New Orleans; Louisiana State University  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholarship; University of New Orleans Privateer Merit Award; Xavier University Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Jonathan Van Nguyen**  
*(Class of 2012 Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist)*  
**Tulane University** (Honors Program)  
*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College); Fordham University (Honors Program); Loyola University New Orleans (Honors Program)  
*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Fordham Scholarship; Louisiana State University Flagship Scholars Resident Award, Alumni Association's Global Leaders Award, and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Loyola University New Orleans Jesuit Identity Award; National Merit Tulane University Scholarship; Tulane University Dean's Honors Scholarship

and Valedictorian Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Eric O'Neal North**

*(National Merit Program Commended Student)*

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Travis William Noto**

**Mississippi State University**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Athletic Foundation Student Scholarship; Mississippi State University Academic Excellence Scholarship and Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Jordan Joseph Nuss**

*(National Merit Program Commended Student)*

**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Tulane University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Tulane University Presidential Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Stefan Christopher Oddo**

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Honors Award

**Bradley Scott Parent**

**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Christian Brothers University; Loyola University New Orleans; Franciscan University of Steubenville  
*Scholarships offered* — Christian Brothers University Presidential Scholarship; Franciscan University of Steubenville Dean's Scholarship; Louisiana State University Tiger Resident Award; Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Jacob Mark Pazos**

**New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**

**Brady Michael Pechon**

**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* University of New Orleans; University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Louisiana Tech University; Loyola University New Orleans; University of Southern Mississippi  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Matthew Christopher Perque**

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**John Simon Pharis**

**Texas A&M University at Galveston**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; University of New Orleans; State University of

New York Maritime College

*Scholarships offered* — Texas A&M University at Galveston Freshman Global Scholarship; University of New Orleans Jackson Scholarship and Privateer Merit Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Scot McMillan Pilié**

**Mississippi State University**

*Also accepted to* University of Louisiana at Monroe; Louisiana State University  
*Scholarships offered* — Mississippi State University Academic Excellence Scholarship and Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship; University of Louisiana at Monroe Academic Excellence Tier I Scholarship, Campus Job Award, and Housing Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Henry James Pittman**

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Matthew William Pivach**

**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* University of Georgia  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Charles Milton Ponder IV**

*(National Merit Program Commended Student)*

**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* University of Georgia; University of Alabama; Ohio State University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana Clerks of Court Association Scholarship; Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; The Ohio State University Provost Scholarship and National Buckeye Scholar Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Justin Joseph Poole**

**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Tulane University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; Tulane University Presidential Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Jared Daniel Prados**

**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Tyler Michael Prange**

**The University of Mississippi** (Provost Scholar Program)

*Also accepted to* Florida State University; Auburn University; Texas Christian University; University of Alabama (Honors Program); University of New Orleans; Louisiana Tech University; University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
*Scholarships offered* — Auburn University Miles and Mary Stephens Endowed Scholarship; Louisiana Tech University

Outstanding Student Scholarship; Texas Christian University Founder's Scholarship; University of Mississippi Academic Excellence Scholarship; University of New Orleans Jackson Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Eric William Prestenburg**

**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* University of Miami; Texas A&M University at Galveston  
*Scholarships offered* — Chevron REACH Scholarship; Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; University of Miami Trustee Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Christopher Michael Prieur, Jr.**

**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans; Spring Hill College; University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Tulane University; University of New Orleans; Millsaps College; University of Southern Mississippi  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Jacob Jude Pritt**

*(Class of 2012 Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist)*

**Harvard University**

*Also accepted to* Princeton University; Dartmouth College; Brown University; The University of Chicago; Duke University; Amherst College; Middlebury College; The University of California Berkeley; University of California Los Angeles; Fordham University (Honors Program)  
*Scholarships offered* — Amherst College Harry de Forest Smith Scholarship in Greek and Amherst College Scholarship; Fordham University Fordham Scholarship; National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; University of California Los Angeles Achievement Scholarship; University of Chicago University Scholar Award

**James Owen Puente**

*(National Hispanic Scholar)*

**University of Alabama** (Honors Program)

*Also accepted to* University of Miami; Texas A&M University; University of Texas  
*Scholarships offered* — Texas A&M University CB Recognition Award and Non-Resident Competitive Scholarship Tuition Waiver; University of Alabama UA Scholar Scholarship, President's Cabinet Engineering Supplement and Engineering Leadership Scholarship; University of Miami Trustee's Scholarship

**Gregg Allen Putnam, Jr.**

**University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; Southeastern University; University of New Orleans



*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**John Warner Pyburn**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Merlin Anthony Ramsey, Jr.**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Rockhurst University  
*Scholarships offered* — Rockhurst University Loyola Scholarship and Community Scholarship; TOPS Performance Award

**Michael Adam Rebstock**  
**Southeastern Louisiana University**

*Also accepted to* University of New Orleans; Our Lady of Holy Cross College  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Richard Pius Redmann III**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans; Millsaps College; Spring Hill College; University of Alabama  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholarship; Millsaps University Dean's Scholarship and Second Century Scholarship; Spring Hill College Portier Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Award; TOPS Performance Award

**Rhett Michael Reynolds**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship; Great American Rivalry Scholarship; Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Tyler Jean Richier**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Centenary College of Louisiana; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; University of Louisiana at Lafayette

**Kyle Donahue Ritter**  
**Louisiana Tech University**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana Tech University Outstanding Student Scholarship; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Matthieu Poché Robért**  
**George Washington University**

*Also accepted to* Texas Christian University (Honors Program); Tulane University (Honors Program); University of San Diego; Louisiana State University (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — The George Washington University Baseball Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Alexander Charles Romaine**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Auburn University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Tyler James Rooney**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans; Spring Hill College; Millsaps College  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholarship; Millsaps College Merit Scholarship; Spring Hill College Portier Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Award; TOPS Performance Award

**Mikel Alan Rosenberry, Jr.**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans; Loyola University Chicago; Fordham University; Stetson University; University of New Orleans; University of Louisiana at Lafayette; University of North Florida; Spring Hill College; Catholic University of America; University of Miami; Tulane University  
*Scholarships offered* — Catholic University of America CUA Scholarship; Fordham University Jogues Scholarship; Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Loyola University Chicago Dean's Scholarship and Jesuit Heritage Award; Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholarship; Spring Hill College Portier Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Award; Stetson University Faculty Scholarship; University of Louisiana at Lafayette Academic Scholarship; University of New Orleans Audubon Scholarship; University of North Florida Blue and Silver Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Alexander James Roy**  
**University of Mississippi**

*Also accepted to* University of Alabama; Loyola University New Orleans; Spring Hill College  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Recognition Award; Spring Hill College Gautrelet Jesuit Award and SHC Service Award

**Ryan Christopher Roy**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* Belmont University  
*Scholarships offered* — Belmont University General Academic Merit Scholarship; Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**John Gilbert Rubadue**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* St. Louis University; Baylor University; Ohio State University; University of Alabama  
*Scholarships offered* — Baylor University Provost Gold Scholarship; Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; Saint Louis University Ignatian Scholarship and Jesuit High School Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Corey Matthew Rye**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Spring Hill College  
*Scholarships offered* — Spring Hill College Portier Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Jeffery Lee Sanches, Jr.**  
(National Merit Finalist; National Hispanic Scholar)

**Tulane University** (Honors Program)  
*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College); DePaul University (Honors Program); Colorado State University (Honors Program); Vermont University (Honors Program); Oklahoma University (Honors



Program); Sewanee: The University of the South  
*Scholarships offered* — Colorado State University Presidential Scholarship; DePaul University Presidential Scholarship; Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; National Merit Tulane University Scholarship; Sewanee: The University of the South Ecce Quam Bonum Award; Tulane University Mayoral Scholarship; University of Vermont Presidential Scholarship and Green Mountain Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Joseph Francis Sansone**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Nicholas Alexander Scandurro**  
**California Polytechnic State University**  
*Also accepted to* California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; California State University, Chico; San Jose State University; San Diego State University  
*Scholarships offered* — California Polytechnic State University Cal Poly Outreach Scholarship and Leopold Edward Wrasse Scholarship

**Austin Joseph Schillaci**  
**Copiah-Lincoln Community College**  
*Also accepted to* University of New Orleans; Austin Peay State University  
*Scholarships offered* — Copiah-Lincoln Community College Golf Scholarship

**Nicholas Anthony Schiro**  
**University of New Orleans**  
*Also accepted to* University of Mississippi; University of Southern Mississippi; University of South Alabama; University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Louisiana Tech University  
*Scholarships offered* — University of Southern Mississippi Regional Scholarship; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Benjamin Ross Schwehm**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**David James Scotton**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Also accepted to* St. Louis University; Baylor University; Oglethorpe University  
*Scholarships offered* — Saint Louis University Ignatian Scholarship and Jesuit High School Award; TOPS Performance Award

**Daniel Irwin Senentz, Jr.**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Also accepted to* Nicholls State University; University of New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Alexander Dean Sherry**  
*(Class of 2012 Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist)*  
**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

*Also accepted to* Boston College (Honors Program); University of Virginia (Honors Program); Vanderbilt University; Southern Methodist University (Honors Program); Washington University in St. Louis  
*Scholarships offered* — National Merit University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Scholarship; Southern Methodist University Founder's Scholarship and Mustang Scholar Award

**James Andrew Shoemaker**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Ahmad A. Azeem Siddiqui**  
**Xavier University of Louisiana**  
*Also accepted to* University of New Orleans; Louisiana State University  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Alec James Simonson**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Benjamin Thomas Sketchler**  
*(Class of 2012 Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist)*  
**Tulane University** (Honors Program)  
*Also accepted to* Georgetown University; Boston College (Honors Program); University of Virginia; Vanderbilt University; Rice University; Fordham University (Honors Program); Louisiana State University (Honors College); Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Fordham Scholarship; Louisiana State University Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; National Merit Tulane University Scholarship; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal Scholarship; Tulane University Presidential Award and Valedictorian Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Ethan Joseph Slawson**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Philip William Smith**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Travis William Smith**  
*(National Merit Finalist)*  
**United States Naval Academy**  
*Also accepted to* University of Notre Dame; Auburn University (Honors Program); Louisiana State University (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — Auburn University American Heritage Scholarship; Louisiana State University Flagship Scholars Resident Award, Alumni Association's Global Leaders Award, and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; United States Naval Academy Appointment; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; University of Oklahoma National Merit Scholarship; University of Texas at Dallas Eugene McDermott Scholars Program; TOPS Honors Award

**Cristian Miguel Soler**  
*(National Merit Finalist)*  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)  
*Also accepted to* Spring Hill College (Honors Program); St. Louis University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; Saint Louis University Vice Presidential Scholarship; Spring Hill College Presidential Jesuit Scholar Award, SHC Service Award, and Alum Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Christian Alexander Songy**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Kyle Patrick Springmann**  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Also accepted to* University of the Pacific  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Collin Paul Stansberry**  
*(National Merit Finalist)*  
**Boston College**  
*Scholarships offered* — National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; University of Oklahoma National Merit Scholarship; University of Texas at Dallas National Merit Scholarship

**Paul Michael Stanton**  
**Harvard University**  
*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship; Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences Scholarship; Italian-American





Athletic and Academic Scholarship; Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Rodney Henry Stieffel, Jr.**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Adam Michael Stierwald**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Tulane University; Auburn University; University of Mississippi; University of Alabama  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; Tulane University Presidential Award; University of Alabama Dean's Engineering Scholarship; University of Mississippi Academic Excellence Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Gage Cullen Talbot**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Evan Bernard Tassin**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Christopher Kearny Tebo**  
*(National Merit Program Commended Student)*  
**Sewanee: The University of the South**  
*Also accepted to* College of Charleston

**Cody Matthew Todd**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Zachary Bryce Tosh**  
*(National Merit Finalist)*  
**University of Alabama**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; Clemson University; Auburn University  
*Scholarships offered* — Auburn University National Scholars Presidential Scholarship; Clemson University Scholarship; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Bryce Aaron Touns**  
**Southeastern Louisiana University**

*Also accepted to* University of New Orleans

**Christopher Morgan Touns**  
*(National Merit Program Commended Student)*  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Fordham University; Boston University; University of Alabama at Birmingham; University of Colorado Boulder; Tulane University  
*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Scholarship; Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; University of Alabama at Birmingham Blazer Elite Scholarship; TOPS Honors

**Dao Chanh Tran**  
**Xavier University of Louisiana**

**Kevin Richard Tully**  
**College of Charleston**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University; Millsaps College; Spring Hill College; Stonehill College; Fairfield University; University of San Diego; DePauw University; Butler University  
*Scholarships offered* — Butler University Fairview Scholarship; DePauw University Old Gold Honors Award; Fairfield University Xavier Scholarship; Millsaps College Second Century Scholarship; Spring Hill College Ignatian Jesuit Leader Award and SHC Service Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Michael Joseph Veters**  
**Loyola University New Orleans**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Recognition Award; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Alexander Aaron Villarejos**  
*(National Merit Finalist; National Hispanic Scholar)*

**University of Alabama** (Honors Program)  
*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College); Fordham University  
*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Fordham Scholarship; Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Kevin Quoc Binh Vo**  
**Tulane University**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College)  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Tulane University Founder's Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Austin Thomas Vollman**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Opportunity Award

**Jacob Hadley Volpi**  
**University of Southern Mississippi**

**Dean Dufour Vosloh**  
*(National Merit Program Commended Student)*  
**Louisiana State University**  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Thomas Vu**  
**Xavier University of Louisiana**

*Also accepted to* Loyola University New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholarship; Xavier University Scholarship; TOPS Performance Award

**Joshua Paul Waller**  
**University of Southern Mississippi**

*Scholarships offered* — University of Southern Mississippi Regional Scholarship

**Steven Warren Weisler, Jr.**  
**University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

**Fritz Nicholas Westenberger**  
**Loyola University New Orleans**  
*Scholarships offered* — Loyola University New Orleans Recognition Award; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Michael Charles Wible, Jr.**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Erik Robert Wientjes**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Eric Mathanuel Williams II**  
**Louisiana State University**

**Gerald Michael Williams II**  
**Northwestern State University of Louisiana**

*Scholarships offered* — Directed Initiative for Youth Rising Stars Scholarship; LOJ International Young Leadership Award; TOPS Opportunity Award

**Logan Mark Williams**  
**Louisiana State University** (Honors College)

*Also accepted to* Tulane University; Fordham University (Honors Program); University of San Francisco  
*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Jogues Scholarship; Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; University of San Francisco Jesuit Scholars Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Kyle Edward Wilson**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* University of Mississippi; University of New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Performance Award

**Stuart Braithwaite Wilson**  
(National Merit Finalist)  
**Fordham University**

*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College); University of California Los Angeles; University of Alabama  
*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Fordham Scholarship; Louisiana State University Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; National Merit Sponsored Scholarship; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; University of California Los Angeles Regents Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Christian Dean Woodin**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Tulane University  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Bryant Stephen Woods**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* University of New Orleans  
*Scholarships offered* — Louisiana State University Tiger Excellence Resident Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Christian Thomas Worrel**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* University of North Carolina Asheville  
*Scholarships offered* — TOPS Honors Award

**Keith Faustin Wright**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Spring Hill College; University of Mississippi  
*Scholarships offered* — Spring Hill College Gautrelet Jesuit Award and SHC Service Award; TOPS Performance Award

**Howard Hai Wu**  
**University of New Orleans**

**Wade Anthony Wyckoff**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* University of New Orleans; Spring Hill College  
*Scholarships offered* — Spring Hill College Presidential Jesuit Scholar Award and SHC Service Award; University of New Orleans Jackson Scholarship and Privateer Merit Award; TOPS Honors Award

**Alexander John Yacoubian**  
(National Merit Program Commended Student)  
**Washington and Lee University**

*Also accepted to* Dickinson College; Fordham University; University of Georgia; College of

the Holy Cross; Rhodes College; University of Richmond; Louisiana State University (Honors College)

*Scholarships offered* — Allstate Sugar Bowl Scholarship; Dickinson College John Montgomery Scholarship; Fordham University Loyola Scholarship; Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Rhodes College Honors Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Benjamin Matthew Young**  
**Louisiana State University**

*Also accepted to* Culinary Institute of America  
*Scholarships offered* — Culinary Institute of America Dean Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award

**Matthew Edwin Young**  
(National Merit Finalist)

**University of Alabama** (Honors Program)  
*Also accepted to* Louisiana State University (Honors College); St. Louis University; Fordham University  
*Scholarships offered* — Fordham University Loyola Scholarship; Louisiana State University Flagship Scholars Resident Award and Chancellor's Student Aide Award; Saint Louis University Vice Presidents' Scholarship and Jesuit High School Award; University of Alabama Presidential National Merit Finalist Scholarship; TOPS Honors Award







## STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS

# Focus on the Journey

On May 4, 2012, the Class of 2012 enjoyed Senior Day, which is set aside for the almost-Jesuit alumni to share each other's company in meaningful ways before final exams and graduation. Senior Day is designed as a stress-free Friday, and it begins when they arrive at school dressed in fashionable suits and sports jackets with ties instead of khaki uniforms. Their final Assembly is also special, highlighted by the "State of the School" address, which was delivered by student council president Matt Dupre.

Today — May 4, 2012 — is a key milestone in our journey together. The 2011-12 year has been marked by many accomplishments and by much success.

Jesuit won six state championships. The senior class achieved 32 National Merit Finalists. This year we opened John Ryan Stadium, our first off-site sports facility, all within the inaugural year of Jesuit's fifteenth president, Father (Raymond) Fitzgerald.

However, even failure and loss can be considered as landmarks within our lives, as well as the memories that have been formed this past year — memories like giving that box of food to the needy family during the Thanksgiving drive, cheering at the locker room during half time at the soccer state tournament, or waiting to cheer for bowling results that never came.

All of these are significant to each of us. All of these are milestones. While reflecting on *what* was significant about the year is important, we must reflect on *why* those events in our lives were significant, and what have we learned from our experiences.

Our experiences in our lives were significant because they helped to reveal who we were and they taught us something about ourselves. They were meaningful because they gave us a means to learn about and shape ourselves.

They gave us a compass, so to speak. And what do these compasses look like?

These compasses are the competence, conscience, and compassion that have

been instilled in us at Jesuit. Competence guides our intellect towards knowing and understanding our vocation. Conscience, molded by the virtues, guides our character and enables us to recognize God and respond to Him. And compassion guides our soul and enables us to love as Christ loved.

We have our compasses but where are they leading us? What is the destination? They are leading us down the path that God has chosen for each of us and for which we are created, journeys that can be filled with goals or dreams to be the best and brightest in the future.

However, success is not measured by how many of our goals we attain. It is measured by what we take away from those events that enable us to move closer and more in line with the path God has called us to.

When we realize that the significance lies in the journey, not the destination, it is then that our path plans and God's plan become one and the same path in the same direction.

Success comes when we have the satisfaction of knowing that we gave our all for the greater glory of God, win or lose. That is when the milestone in our journey becomes significant.

So May 4, 2012, seniors, we leave this place having been given our compasses. I look forward to seeing all of you at the 20-year reunion. In 2032 I hope to see the doctors and lawyers and politicians, of

course, and as well, the athletes, the actors and the religious. But more importantly, I hope and I pray to see good men that have courageously embraced the challenges that will be on their paths.

To the underclassmen, whatever grade you are, you still have plenty of time. Find your compasses. Whatever significant events occur, reflect on what you have learned about yourself and what you were given. God always teaches us something through the joy and the heartache. You still have an opportunity to make the milestones of your journey here at Jesuit. Use your compasses to direct yourselves towards the path that God has called you on. And that destination I was talking about, that destination is nothing less than the salvation that awaits us all in heaven.

I have had the greatest honor and pleasure to serve you as president this year. Thank you, thank all of you for your participation, your willingness to step outside yourselves, and for your zeal. It has been an amazing experience that I have been able to share with each and every one of you. It is another milestone on our journey together.

It is with the deepest pride and respect that I can call each of you my brother, my friend, and my fellow traveler on the journey to salvation.

Thank you and God bless. ■

— Matt Dupre  
Student Council President  
Class of 2012

# Class of 2012 Encouraged to Seek the Greatest Good for the Most People in the Shortest Time

It should come as no surprise that, year after year, Jesuit executes a plan laden with intricate details and logistics to safely transport downtown 262 seniors on eight school busses to and from the Commencement Luncheon, which was held May 4 at the Sheraton Hotel on Canal Street. The Class of 2012 arrived punctually as did this year's alumnus speaker, New Orleans mayor Mitch Landrieu '78, who defied traditional mayoral tardiness and actually showed up before the seniors marched into the Armstrong Ballroom.



The guests of honor processed into the ballroom on cue, accompanied by the familiar (and endless) looped instrumental version of the Fight Song. The applause from 250 Blue Jays, many of whom were the fathers, brothers, uncles, and cousins of the honorees, created an enthusiastic and festive atmosphere on a special day that officially ushered the seniors into the ranks of the Jesuit Alumni Association.

Senior class president Matt Rob  rt introduced Mayor Landrieu before the packed ballroom. His unscripted remarks were delivered in typical off-the-cuff style and featured candid observations, reminisces, and healthy doses of sage advice for the seniors of 2012.

*Here are edited excerpts of Mayor Landrieu's address at the 11<sup>th</sup> Commencement Luncheon.*

## Home

I am really overjoyed to be here for many different reasons. As I look amongst this crowd and reflect on the conversations I had with these incredible young men, I am amazed how much of my life is sitting before me. You seniors really are sitting amongst the people who will be with you for the rest of your life. This was brought home to me a couple of weeks ago when I helped cut the ribbon on your brand new John Ryan Stadium. It was a beautiful night and I was standing on the field with **Rusty Staub ('61)** when I hear this yelling coming from the stands. This fan screaming was just obnoxious. It reminded me when I played on Jesuit's eighth grade basketball team and **Buddy Lazare ('43)** was in the stands yelling at me. I'm 51 now, and Buddy Lazare is still yelling at me. It brought home to me, at that moment and then again today as I look around this room, you graduates should take to heart how Jesuit will always be with you. You will realize later in your life, after it seeps into your DNA, that Jesuit is not just a place you are passing through.

Jesuit is your home and it will be your home for the rest of your life. And you will need it, by the way.

## Leadership

The Jesuits are good about repetition and that you understand. But understanding is not the same as *appreciation*. What the Jesuits really teach is to be a man for others. They form you into a man who serves and who leads. In good times, leadership is easy. And, quite frankly, it is not hard to serve when everybody else wants to help. People who find themselves in leadership positions know well that when things get hard, leadership gets lonely. What will you do when nobody is looking, not when everybody is cheering for you? What is the moral code you follow? Would it be okay not to tell the whole truth because nobody would know? Will you lead in a direction where nobody else wants to go? When they tell you that you are wrong and you know you are right, will you do it anyway? Your character, which is being formed every day, helps you figure it out.

## Fundamentals

Why do we have to show up for class on time when that bell rings? Why do we have to go to PH? Why can't I just be me? Why can't I be creative? Why do I have to do it the way everybody else does it? Because Jesuit says it is important to first get the facts and the fundamentals right before moving on. You will find that as you move on in your life, when things really get hard, that the foundation that Jesuit taught you will be the thing that gets you through. If you ever have any concern about what you should do in your life, you just need to ask the question that should be ringing in your ears every day — what helps the greatest number of people in the shortest amount of time? Where can I be of service to other people and how can I make things happen? That is what leadership is about.

## Confrontation

When I was at Jesuit, I was in the Philelectic Society and in a lot of plays. In my junior year, **Fr. (Harry) Tompson**, who was the principal at the time, and Fr. (Paul) Schott, who was president, suggested that I run for



senior class president. I said I did not want to be class president, that I had friends who wanted to be class president. And they said, "Look, we think you have it. This school has given you a lot and you owe it to step up. Qualifying is next week and we would like you to think about it." Well, I was in play practice at the time. I never made it over to Room 312 to sign up and qualifying closed. When I was a senior and rehearsing for a play in the Auditorium, Fr. Tompson came over to the stage one day. He put his finger in my chest and said, "You let Jesuit down. You didn't do what you were supposed to do. You had a decision to make and you made a decision that was selfish. You should have done something because this school needed you. And I am disappointed in you." Now, for those of you who knew Fr. Tompson, the conversation wasn't just like that. It was more boisterous, robust, and, as I recall, somewhat more colorful.

### Message

In any event, Fr. Tompson's message stuck in my ear. When I was lieutenant governor and the City of New Orleans was dying after Katrina, people came to me and said, "You really ought to run for mayor." And I said, "Who in their right mind would run for mayor? The City of New Orleans is 18 feet under water. Nobody gets along with anybody. It's gone to hell in a hand basket. Why would anybody want to do that?" And Fr. Tompson's words rang in my ears. So I went to Manresa, which I do frequently, and there was a priest from Chicago whose retreat was about discernment — who are you, what are you doing, why are you making the decisions that you're making in life, and what are you supposed to be doing? The Jesuit way is to keep all your stuff, so I went looking through my retreat books. I found a 1980 retreat book Fr. Tompson gave a year after he yelled at me. And I remember his message coming back to me loudly and clearly. What you are supposed to do in your life, wherever it happens to be, is go to the place where you can help the most people in the shortest period of time. No matter how hard it is, just go do it, and everything else will be fine.

### Character

Every one of you in this room would not be graduating from Jesuit if you were not smart. Not many kids in the country are smarter than everybody in this room. Those who were on the baseball team, the basketball team, the soccer team, the Philelectic society, the debate team have developed skills that most people in this country don't have and may never have. But that is not important. What is in your spirit and what is in your soul is most important. Essentially it comes down to a matter of character. As mayor, I make choices about who will work with me. If I have to choose between skill and character, I always go with character. People with good character will find a way to do it right. People with good character will always be there to make the decision about what is the right thing to do and what would be the wrong thing to do. And at the end of the day, as long as the person with character has a certain level of competence, character trumps skill. That really is the most essential thing that Jesuit attempted to teach you. And whether you know it or not, Jesuit actually succeeded in doing that otherwise you would not be sitting here today.

### Commitment

If you are committed and use your character to make this city one of great character, then the opportunities here will be fantastic. You

could justifiably choose to walk away and take your skills and talents to New York, Chicago, San Francisco, down the road to Baton Rouge, or wherever. If you did that, that would be fine. But if you stayed and stepped up to the plate — even when you thought it was impossible, even when people told you that you could not do it, even when you knew it was hard because you asked the question, "Where can I serve the greatest number of people in the shortest period of time?" — the future of New Orleans is bright, not only for you, but also for the rest of the people of America.

### Diversity

It is very important for you to understand that diversity is a strength, not a weakness. The more people who are creating and bringing to the table their best will result in a richer and more authentic New Orleans, as will be your life. Jesuit taught you how to follow your heart, mind, and soul and not be afraid to do so. What am I supposed to do? Where am I going? How am I supposed to act? Here is the question: *Where can I go and do the greatest good for the most people in the shortest period of time?* You will know the answer. ■

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*An edited audio version of Mitch Landrieu's Commencement Luncheon speech is posted on the Alumni Home Page: [www.jesuitnola.org/alumni](http://www.jesuitnola.org/alumni).*



# The A-Team's Top 10



## Jesuit High School's 2011-12 Administrative Team

Kathleen Juhas – Academic Assistant  
Principal  
Peter Kernion '90 – Assistant Principal for  
Student Affairs  
Lary "Top" Abshire – Prefect of Discipline  
Mat Grau '68 – Alumni Director  
Mike Giambelluca '82 – Principal

Dave Moreau – Athletic Director  
Mike Prados '83 – Director of Student  
Activities  
Mollie Roberts – Director of Guidance  
Jack Truxillo '73 – Director of Admissions  
Malcolm Villarrubia '66 – Director of  
Professional Development

The Jesuit High School Administrative Team (A-Team) has workshops to start and end every school year. A segment at the closing workshop involves sharing the "Top 10" highlights of the school year. It is an eye-opening experience for me every year to read these highlights recalled by the 10 members of the A-Team. The collection of these fondest memories truly encapsulates the blessings from God that we have enjoyed as a school community in the given year.

The summary of the Top 10 for 2011-12 coalesced into five categories: new events, faculty professional development, "oldies but goodies," facilities, and the legacies of three individuals.

### **New Events**

While Jesuit preserves those traditions that connect us to all the "best" from our past, we do not shrink from embracing the "new" when we see a reason to do so. The "new" category won the prize for the largest number of submissions.

For the first time in memory, Jesuit had an in-service specifically for coaches about how athletics should impact Jesuit's mission for the better.

The first "student planner" was a great organizational tool for students and teachers.

Email notifications about PH informed

parents and helped them keep their sons better "organized."

The Exploration of Semester Exam Committee did good work in researching and discussing whether students might be better served in taking semester instead of quarter exams. While the committee did conclude that our quarter exam structure should continue, it recommended ways that could maximize instructional time.

Jesuit hosted an iPad conference in January to help determine how we might begin to integrate this type of technology into the classroom.

The A-Team had its inaugural mid-year workshop to help assess how we might maximize the second part of the school year.

While teachers were engaged in two days of professional development, the guidance department held its first in-service "for counselors only" that focused on their impact on student life.

Alumni director **Mat Grau '68** and **Br. Billy Dardis, S.J. '58**, who serves as director of special projects, did fine jobs in presenting a "History of the School" series at several faculty meetings; and teachers learned many things about Jesuit's past.

Jesuit participated in its inaugural Geography Bee competition that happily ended with eighth grader **Anthony Stoner** (photo, right) claiming the state

championship and a top 10 national finish.

The end of the school year brought two events — one completely new and one with a new "twist." The "completely new" event was a Kairos retreat reunion following the return of a Kairos retreat group to campus. That reunion saw many alumni who attended Kairos retreats return to campus. Several A-Team members also mentioned how powerful it is for them to attend a Kairos retreat every year. The new "twist" event was the faculty-staff party at the end of the year that featured a live band playing great music.

### **Faculty Professional Development**

"Faculty professional development" received numerous highlights from the





A-Team, which convened in early August in Ocean Springs, MS for the annual beginning-of-year workshop. These two and a half days together helped us plan the coming year to make it the best that it was.

Jesuit's involvement with RBT (Research for Better Teaching) continues to pay dividends in the classrooms where we see teachers becoming more effective in engaging students cognitively in the tasks at hand.

While it is no secret that Jesuit always has a bevy of teachers able to elicit the most from their students, we are excited about our five-year plan for focused professional development based on the "Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm." Our reinvigorated Ignatian Identity Team has created the plan, which was unveiled at the August 13 faculty in-service. With the solid pedagogy advanced by RBT, we look forward to this five-year plan translating into even more learning successes for our students.

Those faculty members who experienced great success with their students this year were nominated by their colleagues to receive one of the four *Profile of a Jesuit Teacher Awards*. This fifth year of the *Profile Awards* brought the most nominations and the four winners were announced at the end-of-year faculty party. (Read the article on page 48).

Although Operation Upgrade has been around Jesuit since the early 1970s, many faculty member were not aware of the program's extent and success in reaching out to academically capable, yet educationally disadvantaged, elementary school students. Theology teacher **James Michalik**, who is Operation Upgrade's director, made a presentation at a faculty meeting and helped everyone understand its excellence.

Jesuit's testing calendar is supposed to guard against students having more than three tests in one day. However, the reality is that situation is not always prevented. At the final faculty meeting in May, teachers openly offered productive comments about the testing calendar issues that will hopefully remedy conflicts as much as possible.

### Oldies but Goodies

Some areas of school life do not need any remedies, and these fall into the category of "oldies but goodies." As a school community, we are simply blessed year after year to experience these successes. Team members mentioned numerous athletic and non-athletic co-curricular highlights. But what "floated to the top" were the successes of our football, baseball, soccer, tennis, rugby, and lacrosse teams, as well as the achievements of our mock trial, quiz bowl, and debate teams. Also notable were the extremely cooperative and positive parents supporting their sons and the school throughout the athletic seasons.

The Jesuit-Holy Cross football game being part of the Great American Rivalry Series continues to shine and grow as an event.

The LHSAA passage of the classification play-up proposal will hopefully find the traditional Catholic League schools once again competing in a single district beginning in 2013-14.

The experiences of our students attending World Youth Day and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to San Antonio continue to be powerful, formational, and fun.

Other notable events this year were the Commencement Luncheon that featured Mayor **Mitch Landrieu '78** addressing the Class of 2012, graduation itself, and "Senior Week," a newer tradition experienced by the seniors during their final "regular" week at Jesuit.

### Facilities

One of the most significant events in the history of Jesuit High School occurred this year — the grand opening of John Ryan Stadium, our first-ever off-campus athletic facility. We are so blessed to have such a fine facility made possible by the hard work and generosity of so many individuals. Having all of those people together to celebrate the opening weekend (March 2-4, 2012) made for a truly memorable event.

Back at Carrollton and Banks, work began this summer on the first significant upgrade to the Roussel Building since it was completed in 1985.



### Legacies

The A-Team highlighted several individuals whose lives touched our community in a special way. The year began with Jesuit having a new president after **Fr. Anthony McGinn's** 19-year tenure. Obviously, the school community had become accustomed to excellence with Fr. McGinn, and **Fr. Raymond Fitzgerald, S.J.** has already grabbed that torch from Fr. McGinn in a major way. The beginning of Fr. Fitzgerald's tenure as president made every team member's Top 10 list. We look forward to many years of Fr. Fitzgerald's steady, strategic, and compassionate leadership of the Jesuit High School community.

In late September 2011, the entire student body, as well as faculty and staff, lined both sides of the north-bound lane of Carrollton Avenue to pay their respects to **Archbishop Philip Hannan** as his funeral procession solemnly made its way through Mid-City towards St. Louis Cathedral. We were fortunate as a school community to participate in such a memorable way in honoring Archbishop Hannan for his decades of shepherding the faithful of New Orleans.

**Bonnie DeLatta**, a beloved faculty member who shepherded her Spanish classes at Jesuit for 20 years, passed away in early March after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Jesuit was able to celebrate Bonnie's life throughout her battle and after her death in ways that touched not only Bonnie and her family, but also her students and our faculty and staff. *Requiescat in pace.*

AMDG ■

— Mike Giambelluca '82

# The Origin of JAYSON



When John Ernst '58 was a pre-freshman in 1954, he won the contest to name the new Blue Jay mascot "Jayson."

The mascot of Jesuit High School is that ubiquitous and enigmatic Blue Jay — a cartoonish and transmutable bird with an inflated chest that matches outsized feet and a chirpy beak with vague duck-like characteristics.

A closer look reveals a majestic plume, a sassy tail of two feathers, a solo round eye accompanied by a single subtle arched eyebrow, its head topped with a scruffy tuft. In place of wings, arms of stout stumps protrude, the ends of which are clenched into fists that feature those weird three-fingers-plus-thumb hands belonging to characters in a comic strip. The bird assumes a fighting stance, but not in any hostile, antagonistic, or destructive sort of way. On the contrary, this bird appears to be clever, astute, patient, plucky, and perspicacious.



How and when did this Blue Jay come to be the eminent mascot of Jesuit High School? The answers to these nagging questions are found in the archives of *The Blue Jay*, beginning with the February 26, 1954 student newspaper that carried a front page article with the headline: "Pogo Joins Staff as Work on Book Starts."

*There's quite a difference between a mild-mannered possum and a sassy blue jay, but cartoonist Walt Kelly managed to take it in stride. The famous creator of "Pogo" was faced by*

*such a change when he agreed to draw a blue jay for our annual.*

*When the art staff began mapping plans for the magazine, they decided to use a cartoon theme. To get a cartoon blue jay into the book, they contacted Mr. Kelly and asked if he would create a blue jay. To everyone's pleasure, Mr. Kelly agreed to do so, and said he would soon visit New Orleans.*

*Finally, on February 8, Steve Collins '55, assistant editor (he is the student in the photo watching Kelly put the finishing touches on his Blue Jay masterpiece), received the drawing from Mr. Kelly at the Times-Picayune plant. The whole affair was climaxed when it got front-page publicity in the Times-Picayune, Pogo's local publisher.*

*"They told me it was a fighting Blue Jay," said Mr. Kelly pointing to his drawing, "so I put him in a fighting pose."*

*Blue Jay staff artists will copy Mr. Kelly's drawing and adapt it in different poses throughout the magazine.*

Kelly signed his original undated sketch, which appears to have been drawn with black ink:

Best Wishes to Jesuit High  
from Pogo and Walt Kelly

In a separate story in the same 1954 issue, under the headline "Staff Starts Contest to Name Pogo's Pal," the editors of *The Blue Jay* sheepishly confessed that in the excitement generated when Walt Kelly completed and delivered his original sketch, the realization dawned on them that the school's new mascot lacked a name.

*How would you like to go through life called "that guy" or "hey, you!"? Well, as things stand, that's the fate of our*







own school cartoon mascot.

*The story of how the staff contacted Mr. Walt Kelly, the famous cartoonist, and asked him to create a cartoon personifying our Blue Jay is told on page one. But recently it was noticed that during all the work, and even the ensuing publicity, no one ever thought to name our bird. So now we're asking all of you to help us.*

*Here are the rules of the contest:*

*The boy handing in the winning name will be awarded a prize of merchandise from the school bookstore.*

*Each boy may hand in only one name.*

*Each name must be handed in to the moderator of the paper or to the "Blue Jay" room with the entrant's name and class before 4:00, Friday, March 4 (1954).*

*Names will be chosen for originality and aptness. In case of duplication, the earlier entry will get the prize.*

The winning entry was submitted by a pre-freshman, **John Ernst III** of S-1, who was inspired to write the name "Jayson" on a piece of paper which he turned in to the editors of the paper, then promptly forgot about it. The contest coincided with his class studying Greek mythology, particularly the story of a well known mythological hero, Jason, who with his Argonauts, were in search of the Golden Fleece.

"I thought the name 'Jayson' was fitting because Jason was a courageous warrior and hero," recalls Ernst 58 years later as he gazed at the original Kelly sketch behind dirty glass in a flimsy frame. "I added a 'Y' to 'Jason' to make it 'Jayson' and turned it in. I really didn't think any more about it. From what I remember, there were not a lot of guys who sent in names. A couple of my friends talked about submitting 'Sluggo' and 'Poindexter,' but they were just joking. I don't believe the contest generated much competition."

Ernst was unaware that he won the contest because he missed reading the brief announcement that was published in the March issue of *The Blue Jay*. Instead, he learned in typical New Orleans word-of-mouth fashion. Upon climbing aboard the Carrollton bus one Friday afternoon on his way home, the driver happened to be the father of one of Ernst's classmates.

"The bus driver asked me, 'Aren't you the student who named the Blue Jay mascot?' I was very surprised and found out that he read I had won the contest after my friend brought home a copy of the newspaper," says Ernst, adding that he is "always stunned" on the rare occasions when an alumnus mentions the little known fact that he was the Blue Jay who named Jayson.

Ernst graduated from Jesuit in 1958 and became a doctor specializing in internal medicine. Today he actively maintains a practice in the uptown area.

The editors of the *Annual* were true to their word and adapted the original Jayson to reflect the 1954

yearbook's cartoon theme. The imaginative Jayson illustrations on these two pages are some of the almost 20 that were conceived specifically for the 1954 soft-cover *Annual*. It includes the amusing drawing (below) depicting a Blue Jay editor — an indolent Jayson reclining in a chair with his feet propped up on a desk, cutting a strip of paper humans with scissors, a lit cigarette clenched in his beak. (Jayson kicked the habit not long afterwards.)

Walt Kelly's invention of Pogo, a possum with wit, was his ticket to fame. Pogo first appeared as a comic strip on October 4, 1948 and was soon syndicated in hundreds of newspapers. Kelly died in 1973, almost 20 years after he presented his gift of a mascot to Jesuit High School.

Meanwhile, the original Blue Jay sketch of Jayson that Kelly generously gifted to Jesuit has been temporarily removed from the hallway outside St. Ignatius Hall where it has been on display for at least 20 years. The work of art is being restored and reframed to preserve what is one of Jesuit's most distinct and recognizable cultural pop art icons.

(Read more about Walt Kelly and Pogo on their official web site: [www.pogopossum.com](http://www.pogopossum.com).)





# Grad Years 2 & 7 Celebrate Reunions

The 2012 reunion season saw Blue Jays from grad years ending in “2” and “7” come together to celebrate their bond as sons of Jesuit High School. While social media have enhanced class connections, nothing surpasses a handshake, a face-to-face chat, or a group laugh to renew the Blue Jay Spirit. Reunions provide just that opportunity.



**1947** chose a mid-May Saturday evening for their 65<sup>th</sup> year celebration. Class leader **Louie Larue** worked with **Brother Billy Dardis, S.J. '58** to organize a Mass and dinner in St. Ignatius Hall on the school's campus. **1952** also came back to Banks on a Saturday in early May for a couples' Mass and dinner. As usual, **Bob Armbruster** and **Erwin Caswell** took the lead in creating the festivities for the '52 Jays and their guests. **1957** kicked off the reunion season with a mid-March event. **Al Demarest** and his committee organized a stag gathering in Jesuit's Student Commons and a couples' cocktail reception at **Arthur Renaudin's** beautiful Maison Montegut in the French Quarter.

View the photo galleries of the 2012 class reunions, as well as archived reunions dating back to 2002, on Jesuit's website: [jesuitnola.org/alumni/reunions.htm](http://jesuitnola.org/alumni/reunions.htm).







**1962** Thanks to **Claiborne Perrilliat** and his committed committee, all was golden for the Class of 1962 as they celebrated 50 years of being alumni. On Friday, May 18, these Jays gathered at the Acme Oyster House for a seafood feast. The ladies joined their Blue Jays on Saturday night for cocktails and buffet dining at the Southern Yacht Club, but not before many had attended Mass and enjoyed a tour at Carrollton and Banks. **1967** **Tony Milazzo** and his committee chose the first weekend in June for their celebration. On Friday night the guys enjoyed a crawfish boil in the Commons while couples met on Saturday night at Ralph's on the Park for a reception.



**1972** Thanks to **Nick Viviano's** leadership, these Blue Jays enjoyed two nights of partying on May 11-12. On Friday night it was guys-only at the Monkey Hill Bar. On Saturday wives and dates joined the Jays at Zea's on St. Charles Avenue for a buffet reception. **1977** closed out the reunion season on the last weekend in June with events planned by **Mike Riley** and **Craig Smith**. The Hard Rock Café was the location of Friday's stag party (featuring a case of wine straight from the Zichichi Family Vineyard and delivered by **Steve Zichichi** himself). The couples went cruising on Saturday night on Craig Smith's Creole Queen. **1982** celebrated 30 years with a Friday evening stag reception in the Commons and a Saturday night cocktail party at the Westin Plimsoll Club, all organized by **Bryan Wolff** and his committee.



## REUNIONS



**1987 John McMahon** took the lead in putting together the June celebration for the Silver Anniversary Class. On Friday night Blue Jays made their way to the Ernst Café Chicory Room for a stag celebration. On Saturday couples enjoyed a buffet feast at Metairie Country Club.



**1992 Johnny Hughes** and **Marc Bonifacio** changed things up a bit with a Friday night couples' party at Rock 'n Bowl followed by a Saturday night stag at Hard Rock Café. **1997** celebrated in May with two events organized by **Bill Wynne**: a stag get-together in the Commons on Friday night and a couples' party at Rock 'n Bowl on Saturday night. **2002** celebrated 10 years as alumni with a June guys-only event. **Trey Fury** and his committee hosted over 100 Jays who turned out for the seafood extravaganza at the Acme Oyster House. **2007** celebrated their very first reunion with a great turnout of 139 Blue Jays at the Red Eye on the last Saturday of June. **Ian Gunn, Patrick Stoudt**, and the other committee members worked their class Facebook page to stir interest and go for the record of 148 set by 2004 three years ago. Still, the strong attendance foreshadows great things to come from the Class of 2007.





# Blue Jays Put Some English Turn in Their Golf Classic



It didn't take home a trophy; but the foursome of strong volunteer leadership, a more temperate date on the calendar, a top-flight course, and improved amenities played like a champion.

The **2012 Jesuit Golf Classic** sold out in less than a week, and the 144 golfers who participated loved every hole of it. The event, which was presented by **Iberia Bank**, was held on Friday, April 13 at English Turn. It included grilled burgers and chicken for lunch; gumbo, pasta, shrimp remoulade, raw and charbroiled oysters on the course; and hot-boiled crawfish and jambalaya at Jayson's 19<sup>th</sup> Hole.

And although it didn't rain, there was plenty of "hydration."

"When our golfers told us they would prefer not to play in the heat of summer and that a nicer course and additional amenities might make sense, we listened," said **Rocky Daigle '85**, who served as chairman of the committee that planned this year's event. "Plus, Jesuit's Alumni Steering Committee requested that we keep the tournament affordable. We did it all."

Daigle worked with Jesuit's Office of Institutional Advancement and a top-flight volunteer group of alumni, parents, and

parents of alumni to revision the event. That group included **Beth Bares, Anne Barnes, Paul Briuglio, John Faherty '53, Eddy Hayes '90, J.P. Escudier '95, and Mike Rodrigue '71**.

Rodrigue, who played on Jesuit's golf team as a student, coordinated with some of the city's most popular restaurants, including his own (Acme Oyster House) to provide food before, during, and after the tournament.

"I am so grateful for the work this group put in to upgrading what has always been a wonderful event of Blue Jay connection and camaraderie," said Jesuit president **Fr. Raymond Fitzgerald, S.J. '76**. Hayes will lead the 2013 tournament planning effort, which is already underway. Due to demand, the committee is leaning toward adding a morning flight in 2013. The date for next year's tournament is **Friday, April 19**.

The inaugural *Blue Jay Class Champion Golf Cup*, which recognizes the first place foursome from the same class, was won by **Marc Bonifacic, Wiggins Edrington, Geoff Smith, and Roland Waguespack** of the Class of 1992. Their names and class year are engraved on the

Cup, which is on permanent display in the hall outside Fr. Fitzgerald's office.

The overall champions who finished with a 59 (13-under par) were **Tommy Bartlett '89, Dr. Tim Finney '77, Ross Gatti '88, and Bob Talbot, Jr. '80**.

Jesuit thanks everyone who generously donated their time and services to the 2012 tournament, including:

**Iberia Bank** (Karl Hoefer '76)

**Acme Oyster House** (Mike Rodrigue '71)

**Banner Chevrolet** (Rick Flick '82)

**Cooking Crew of '69** (Wally Landry '69, David Latham '69, Julio Torres '69, Bob Funck '75)

**Crescent Crown Distributing** (Nick Hazard '84)

**Delta Southern Catering** (Bobby Suggs '90)

**Drago's Seafood** (Tommy Cvitanovich, Jesuit parent)

**Massage Envy** (Brian Grenrood '86)

**Mr. Mudbug**

**NATCO Food Service** (Anne and Michael Babin '85)

**Pelican Ice** (Arthur Renaudin '57)

**Republic Beverage**

*(View the photo gallery of the tournament in the 2011-12 Alumni Archives on Jesuit's web site.)*



**Sam McNeely '31** celebrated his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 24 which makes him one of Jesuit's most senior alums. Fluent in four languages, Sam specialized in international education as a professor at Tulane University before his retirement. He has published three poetry collections, the most recent — *Mind at Play* — in 2004. As an education officer in occupied Japan, his interest in the history and fine arts of the country earned him election to the Order of the Rising Sun by the Imperial Government. He served as an interpreter in World War II. Sam now lives in an assisted living home in Pensacola where his wife Betty helps care for him.



**Jimmy Fitzmorris '39** was recognized by the Louisiana State Senate with a special birthday resolution commending him for celebrating 90 years: "Jimmy Fitzmorris sets a solid benchmark for a long life rich with experience; he remains active; he

savors all that life offers; and he serves as a reminder that every day is a gift from God neither to be wasted nor squandered, no matter what length of time one is allotted."

**Richard McNeely '40** and his wife Margot are enjoying retirement on their 33-acre spread in Covington, where they breed Great Danes and lovingly tend their chickens.

**Peter Finney '45**, whose first story in the *Times-Picayune* was published 67 years ago, was inducted into the United States Basketball Writers' Hall of Fame during that organization's annual meeting in New Orleans in April. Introducing Pete at the ceremony, fellow *TP* sports writer Jeff Duncan said, "New Orleans is a big-event town, and it demands a distinctive voice for those big events. For more than six decades, no one has done it better than Peter Finney." While at Jesuit, Pete continued the "Flying with the Jays" sports column that was originally created by **Hap Glaudi '36**. Incidentally, Pete's first sports story for the *TP* — about a summer league baseball game featuring the Blue Jays — appeared on June 22, 1945, just a few weeks after he received his Jesuit diploma.

**Pat Browne '50** became permanently blind in a 1966 auto accident. But that has not stopped him from leading a full life and achieving his goals. Pat was an all-state basketball player at Jesuit before enjoying a stellar collegiate career in golf and basketball at Tulane. He practiced law for 18 years before becoming president, CEO, and chairman of the board of Hibernia Homestead Bank. After his accident, Pat overcame the challenges of blindness to win the U.S. Blind Golf Association National Championship an incredible 23 times. Pat and his wife Joanie were the co-chairs of the eighth annual Pat Browne/WRBH Radio for the Blind Golf Tournament held in May.

**Paul Radelat '51** snatched the top prize in his age group (75-79) at the World Powerlifting Championships in Riga, Latvia in November 2011. Paul, a competitive power lifter for the last

several years, was successful in his raw bench press of approximately 182 pounds at the Riga event. His efforts won him a world championship and a gold medal in his division, in the process setting a new world record. "This was a first for me and probably the first time in the history of the world that a graduate of 4A competed successfully in athletics at the international level," writes Paul, somewhat facetiously. When Paul isn't lifting weights and working out, he is a pathologist. He lives in Houston.

**Dr. Melvin G. Bourgeois '53** has completed about eight months of a two-year term he was elected to as president of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. Melvin, who is a family physician in Morgan City, was originally appointed to the board in 2000 by then-Gov. Mike Foster, who re-appointed him in 2002. Then-Gov. Kathleen Blanco re-appointed him in 2006, and Gov. Bobby Jindal re-appointed him in 2010, with his final term expiring December 31, 2013. He was St. Mary Parish's first physician to be appointed to the board. Bourgeois and his wife, Geri, have six children.

**Sam LeBlanc '56** and his wife Noelle are enjoying retirement in their dream home of Roussillon in St. Francisville. The story of how Sam and Noelle came to design Roussillon as they did is featured in the May/June 2012 issue of *Louisiana Life Magazine*. Sam retired in 2002 as a senior partner at the law firm of Adams and Reese.

**John Conway '57** retired on July 1, 2011 from George Washington University and the next day he and his wife Ann departed for a three-month stay at the little house in France they bought in 2002. "It's just a one-bedroom cottage, but it sits on top a cliff overlooking the ocean in a remote part of Brittany, surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery we have ever seen," writes John. "I continue to be involved in mathematics and just had my ninth book accepted for publication by the American Mathematical Society. Our son Blich has lived for 13 years in St Petersburg, Russia with his Russian wife and our grandson. He teaches history at the Anglo-American School. We see them twice a year — once at our home in Fairfax, VA and again at some agreed upon city in Europe. Last year was Paris, this year will be Rome."

**Ron Jung '58** and fellow Blue Jay **Jack Saux, Jr. '59** were among the 231 laypersons who received the *Order of St. Louis IX Medallion* in recognition of their dedication and years of service to the Catholic Church. Ron's wife Sandra also was among those honored. Archbishop Gregory Aymond presented the Medallion to the honorees in a ceremony held in May at the St. Louis Cathedral. The award was established more than 40 years ago to honor members of the laity who have contributed their time and talents to the church.

**Jack Dardis '59** was the 2012 recipient of Loyola University's *Adjutor Hominum Award*, the highest honor bestowed by its Alumni Association. Each year, Loyola recognizes an outstanding graduate whose life demonstrates the values and philosophy of a Jesuit education — namely moral character, service to humanity, and unquestionable integrity. A 1963 graduate of Loyola, he is the chairman of Jack Dardis and Associates, Ltd., a financial services and insurance services company in Metairie. Jack, a long-time member of Jesuit High School's President's

Advisory Council. He was Jesuit's 1986 Alumnus of the Year.

**Michael D'Antonio '60** is enjoying his second year as a board member of the Memorial Hall Foundation of the Civil War Museum on Camp Street in New Orleans. Michael serves as vice president of M.A. D'Antonio's Quality Foods and also has practiced law for the past 40 years.

**Rusty Staub '61** was recently inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. Known as *Le Grande Orange*, Rusty played for the Montreal Expos for just under four seasons during his 23-year Major League career. Rusty is still a beloved figure north of the border, especially in Montreal, the city that gave him the French nickname — because of his red hair — that has stuck with him through life.

**Victor Howell '62** is vice president of preparedness health and safety services for the national American Red Cross, responsible for field operations across the U.S. He still resides in Baton Rouge, but spends the majority of time in Washington, D.C. or traveling to the Red Cross's division offices.

**Maurice LeGardeur '62** lives on the Northshore where he also maintains a legal practice. In 2009, he wrote and published a hardcover coffee table satire, *Carnival in New Orleans: A Fantasy*, which was favorably reviewed and is available in bookstores. "I've also written and published five poetry books, the most recent titled, *So Much for the Mountains*, which I am selling in western North Carolina," writes Maurice. "Last November my wife Meg and I opened Three Rivers Gallery on East Boston Street in downtown Covington. The gallery features 17 local artists along with their fine art, photographs, pottery, and jewelry."

**Alvin Rouchell '62** is *chairman emeritus* of the psychiatry department at Ochsner and works part time.

**Michael Songy '62** and his wife Barbara live in Tampa, where he was an active volunteer at their sons' alma mater, Jesuit High. Mike was so active that Jesuit Tampa honored him by creating an annual award in his name. Each year the Dads' Club at Jesuit Tampa bestows the *Michael G. Songy Award* on a student's father for his significant achievements in the volunteer arena. A severe stroke changed Mike's life in 2007, but Barbara reports that he is doing much better and would love to hear from his classmates. E-mail: msongy@tampabay.rr.com.

**Creed Brierre '64** has been elected chairman of the board of Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana.

**John DiLeo '64** continues to practice anesthesiology at South Lake Surgery Center in LaPlace. John writes: "My off time is occupied by long solo cross country motorcycle rides on my trusty BMW steed, Stella; by photography and writing; by my family that now includes seven grandchildren; and, some sleep here and there."

**Glenn Gennaro '66** has been named interim president of Ursuline Academy for the 2012-13 school year, where he will oversee school operations and administration, including academic progress and ongoing facility construction. Glenn is a 40-year veteran of Catholic and public education in the New Orleans area and has previously served as principal



of the Jefferson Community School, St. Clement of Rome School, and Pope John Paul II High School. He also served as director of guidance at Jesuit.

**Frank Maselli '68** presided as Grand Marshall in the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Louisiana Irish-Italian Parade which rolled through Metairie last March.

**Greg Glowacki '69** was voted best pediatrician in the Opelousas area and presented an award for his 30 years of service to the community.

**Mike Valentino '69** reigned as King at the 2012 Hermes parade.



**John Meunier '69** plays bass guitar in Al "Carnival Time" Johnson's band. When he is not gigging on stage with this Mardi Gras and Jazz Fest icon, John leads the quiet life of a sales representative for Louisiana Office Products.

**Terry Fugetta '70** was the 2012 recipient of the *Distinguished Service Award* given by the Louisiana Dental Association at its annual meeting in May. The award is the loftiest honor the association bestows on a member who exemplifies the highest standards of professional conduct in dentistry and makes extraordinary contributions to dentistry and the community. Terry has a general dentistry practice in Metairie. He and his wife Cecelia have three daughters — Darah, Erin Adams, and Allison.

**Cliff Hurndon '71** is chair of the counselor education programs in the College of Behavioral Social Sciences at Southeastern University in Lakeland, FL. "In this role I oversee the graduate programs in professional and school counseling, and prepare mental health professionals with an overt Christian faith to serve others in various locations in their communities," writes Cliff. "It is a blessing."

**Gary Wadge '73** is a mechanical and managing engineer in the New Orleans office of EDG, Inc., an international consulting firm serving the oil and gas and industrial markets. Wadge has shared international assignments with his nephew, **André Toujas '01**, a mechanical engineer who also works at EDG. (Read his separate entry in *Where Y'at*.) Together, they have worked on international projects in Angola, Africa, where Gary spends a fair amount of his time. When not traveling, he and his wife Barbara breed, raise, and show boxers under the business name Bargary Boxers. They also own and operate a UPS franchise store on Brownswitch Road in Slidell.

**Peter Knecht '74** is a CPA in private practice who still finds time to play competitive basketball, a passion since graduating from Jesuit. He and his wife Julie remain active in St. Philip Neri Parish in Metairie. They have been married

27 years and have four children.

**Barry Obiol '74** was recently promoted to the deputy regional supervisor for the Office of Environment in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), an agency in the Department of the Interior that oversees all aspects of the development of energy resources on the Outer Continental Shelf of the U.S. Barry's family has expanded to include three sons, three daughters, and six grandchildren, all of whom currently live in Louisiana. "I am very fortunate to be given the family I have and to be afforded this great opportunity to be a part of our country's energy program," says Barry, adding that his youngest daughter is only seven years old and "retirement is far away, so it is good that I really enjoy my work."

**Michael O'Dwyer '74** has built a new office for O'Dwyer Realty in Pass Christian. Michael and his wife Rebecca have a daughter, Avra. He throws out the welcome mat and invites Blue Jays who are in the Gulf Coast region to stop by and visit the new digs.

**Roger Schroeder '74**, a lawyer by trade, is doing quite well as a screenwriter in Los Angeles. Roger recently snagged an *Emmy Award* for writing the NBC daytime soap *Days of Our Lives*.

This was Roger's first year writing for the show, his first Emmy nomination, and, of course, his first win, but probably not his last. *A Boyfriend for Christmas*, which Roger wrote, is a Christmas staple on the Hallmark Network.

**Tim Rice '75** is embracing a new cause that, as he says, "has had a tremendous impact on both my heart and my life." Tim's 3-year old nephew Jonathan Rice, son of **Sean Rice '90**, has been diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. "As I searched for meaning in all this confusion, the passion to 'DO' something was overwhelming," said Tim, who decided to participate in the "Because I Can" program, which sponsors hikes to raise awareness of the disease and financial support for research towards a cure. Tim plans to trek 500 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. Check out Tim's web site: [bit.ly/whereyat-rice75](http://bit.ly/whereyat-rice75).

**Chip Pendleton '76** works as an electrical engineer with the LSU system in Baton Rouge. He and his wife Sharon have eight children, five of whom are LSU Tigers.

**Gordon Wadge '76** is the president and CEO of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, an umbrella agency with 42 programs and three affiliated ministries delivering health and human services to the poor and vulnerable in eight parishes located in southeastern Louisiana. He joined the agency in 1979 and spent the first 10 years in ministry with abused, neglected, and delinquent teenagers. He and his wife Mary became grandparents in 2011.



**Ralph Pausina '77** has returned to New Orleans from Houston and has opened Café Ralphie in Metairie. Ralph is serving many of the dishes he made popular at Restaurant Barataria several years ago.

**Dr. Gerald Cvitanovich '78** is the new coroner of Jefferson Parish. He succeeded another Blue Jay, **Robert Treuting '55**, who retired after 24 years as Jefferson's second longest serving coroner. As the new deputy coroner of Jefferson Parish, **Dr. Granville Morse '89** will be working alongside Gerry.

**Scott Mattson '78**, who retired as a Major from the Air Force in June 2011, teaches courses in U.S. history and government at Cheyenne South High School in Wyoming. "The school just finished its second year, so this coming year (2013) marks the first class of graduating seniors," writes Scott. "It's been real exciting."

**Kyle Sherman '78** lives in Manhattan Beach, CA with his wife Lori and daughters Courtney and Sarah. Kyle writes: "For the past 14 years, I've been at FOX Sports where I am the executive vice president of Home Team Sports, which has advertising representation of every home team in the U.S. in MLB, NBA, and the NHL. I also have USC Sports properties in the company portfolio, which contradicts my purple and gold LSU blood."

**Glen Wadge '78** has been sending things into outer space since 1984. He has spent his career in the aerospace industry with Lockheed Martin and the space shuttle program. Glen is planning his next great space adventure! He and his wife Belle have two children and reside in Slidell.

**Alan Donnes '79** is the president of National Lampoon, Inc. He now leads the company that brought us such classic comedies as *National Lampoon's Animal House* and *National Lampoon's Vacation*. For several years Alan has been associated with National Lampoon, producing several of the company's movies. In his new position, he must rebuild a business and a brand that have fallen on hard times.

**Vergil Smith '79** lives in Warsaw, Poland, where he teaches "conversational English."

**Keith Cavanagh '82** has been elected president of the Dads' Club at Cabrini High School. He succeeds **Pat Gaffney '76** in that position.

**Dan Crumb '82** is the chief financial officer of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs. Previously Dan was the CFO of the New Orleans Hornets. In both New Orleans and Kansas City, he has been an active member of the community



serving on numerous boards of charities and philanthropic organizations such as the Salvation Army and Catholic Charities. He and his wife Janet have two children. On the morning of his Class of 1982 reunion, Dan spoke to the Jesuit students at assembly.

**Otha Sandifer '83** has been promoted to the position of Commander at the New Orleans Police Department, with the responsibility of leading the NOPD Training Academy. The newly created rank of commander is the third-ranking position in the department.

**Tim Morales '84** celebrated his 10-year anniversary as general manager of Louisiana Garment Silkscreeners.

**Sherif Ebrahim '85** was one of 11 people honored at the White House in March as a "Champion of Change." An adjunct professor at Tulane, Sherif was commended for his contributions as an entrepreneurial mentor and for business training in the community. He is president and CEO of Strategic Management Group and managing partner of SMG Capital, both nationally recognized private equity and health care firms based in New Orleans. Sherif also is an instructor for Interise, a Boston non-profit network of teacher who help small business owners.

**John Neyrey '85** is an adjunct instructor at the Lester E. Kabacoff School of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Administration at the University of New Orleans.

**Brian Sevin, Sr. '85** has joined the law firm of Perrier & Lacoste as special counsel. Brian and his wife Kimberly have five children, including Brian of Jesuit's Class of 2014.

**Jorge Bravo '86** completed his first year as an assistant professor of classics at the University of Maryland, College Park.

**Jim McCormick '86** hit #1 on Billboard's Hot Country Singles Chart on July 10 with Brantley Gilbert's "You Don't Know Her Like I Do," which he co-wrote with the artist. Jim is a frequent guest lecturer at music schools and conferences around the world and is a current governor on the Recording Academy's Memphis Chapter Board.

**Stephen Mitchell '88** is middle school dean

of community life at Rutgers Preparatory School in Somerset, NJ. He has lived in the New Jersey area for the past 12 years.

**David Lafranca '89** recently married Lisa Bogard in a ceremony at St. Anthony of Padua Church. He is a regional field manager for ICA Claims Adjusters. David and Lisa live in Golden, CO.

**Shawn O'Brien '89** has joined Mayer Brown's Tax Controversy practice as a partner in the Houston office. Previously, Sean managed the Tax Controversy Practice Group in the Houston office of Jackson Walker, L.L.P., where he was a partner. Sean is part of the Jesuit Houston Alumni Chapter's leadership team.

**Peter Kernion '90** completed his first Iron Man Competition in May, and lived to tell about it. Peter, who is Jesuit's assistant principal for student affairs and head coach of the Blue Jays' Cross Country team, diligently trained for an entire year to whip his body into the requisite shape. When the day of competition arrived, Peter made it look all too easy as he zipped through the cycle of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2 mile run. Peter finished all three events in just over 14 hours.

**Jay '91** and **Mark '95 Duplass** have done it again, following up their first mainstream movie *Cyrus* with the critically acclaimed and wickedly funny *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*. There might be some classmates who think that they serve as the model for the slacker Jeff, who lives, loafs, and imbibes all day long in the basement of his mother's house while waiting for his epiphany. However, Mark says, "Jeff is not a classmate, though certainly an amalgam of people I've known." And now Mark is honing his acting chops starring in the cable series *The League* and the movie *Safety Not Guaranteed*. In July 2012, the brothers' latest comedy creation hit theaters, *The Do-Deca-Pentathlon*. Jay and Mark have two children each. (Read the *Where Y'at* entry for Steve Zissis '94.)



**Brad Fortier '91** is the president of Fortier Financial and the author of *Dear Kate: Reflections on Risk and Rewards after the Storm*. *Dear Kate* is Brad's story of his journey through personal loss and death and destruction toward a

discovery of what was truly important to him.

**Scott Roos '91** teaches classical languages at Stuart Hall High School in San Francisco. Stuart Hall is part of the national network of the Schools of the Sacred Heart.

**Jonathan Lartigue '92** recently earned his doctorate in software engineering from Auburn University.

**Craig Marinello '92** is the North Shore regional director of Catholic Charities.

**Bruno Prager '92** is a publisher/ franchisee of the New Orleans edition of Coastal Angler Magazine, one of the largest fishing, boating, and outdoor publications in the U.S. Bruno welcomes articles and photos dealing with fishing and boating in the Louisiana marshes and the Gulf of Mexico. Submissions may be made through the magazine's website: <http://coastalanglermag.com/new-orleans/>.

**Michael Vezina '92** has been a pilot for Southwest Airlines for 10 years. He lives in Mandeville with his wife Ashley and their two daughters Emma and Hailey. Michael also owns an aircraft brokerage business.

**William Nolan '93** is the executive chef at Eight K in the Viceroy Hotel in Snowmass, CO. Prior to the Viceroy, Will was the executive chef at the Palace Restaurant in Durango, CO and the Bourbon Orleans Hotel in New Orleans. Will was one of 10 nominees for Best New Chef in the southwest region in *Food and Wine Magazine*.

**Arthur O'Keefe '93** is the CFO of Coquelux, an online Brazilian luxury private sales club.

## MINER PAPAL ENCOUNTER

**Chad Miner '99**, his wife Stephanie, and their 11-month-old daughter Bronwyn Emilia came home to Old Metairie during the first week of August to visit parents, family, and friends who they have not seen in quite awhile. For the past year the Miners have been living in Rome, where Chad works as a political and economic officer in the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See.

Of course, there are certain perks that are naturally attendant with being a papal envoy for the U.S. State Department, as Chad relates in this story that he sent to *JayNotes*.

*Stephanie and I took our daughter Bronwyn Emilia — who was five-months-old at the time — to the Papal Mass on Ash Wednesday earlier this year. The Mass was celebrated at the "Basilica Sanctae Sabinae," also known simply as "Santa Sabina." This Basilica is high on the Aventine Hill next to the Tiber River, near the headquarters of the Knights of Malta.*

*We arrived just before Mass began and stood in the back corner where there weren't many chairs. We had some room to push the stroller back and forth and Bronwyn slept through the first half of Mass.*

*When she awoke she didn't want to stay in the stroller, so I held her for the rest of the service. As the Mass was ending, an attendant pointed to us and told us to come over. We did. A minute later, Stephanie, Bronwyn, and I were waiting for Pope Benedict XVI to process down the church aisle.*

*After some waiting, I received the command to go forward a bit more. One of the Pope's men alerted him to turn around. When he did, right there in front of him were the three of us.*

*The Holy Father gave Bronwyn a big, warm smile, cupped her cheeks in his hands, leaned over, and kissed her on the forehead.*

*He then made the sign of the cross on her forehead with his thumb. In doing so, his Holiness left the faintest outline of a cross from the ash that was used earlier, traces of which were still on his thumb.*

*Bronwyn's second Mass ever and she received a Papal blessing! Like I told Stephanie as we were leaving the Basilica, "She's advanced."*

Chad, Stephanie, and Bronwyn will be in Rome for one more year. Then it's back to Washington, D.C. for eight months to prepare for his next two-year assignment: Quito, Ecuador. Chad speaks fluent Russian, Romanian, and Italian, and adding Spanish to his list of mastered languages should be *muy fácil*.





His background is in computer engineering, nuclear submarine operations, and hedge funds. He spent five years in the Navy as a nuclear trained submarine officer aboard the Trident Ballistic Missile Submarine USS GEORGIA located in Silverdale, WA.

**Trace Timkin '93** has been an air traffic controller (ATC) for the past 10 years at the Atlanta Enroute Center. "Atlanta is the busiest ATC facility in the world," writes Trace. "We handle more than 8,000 planes per day on average across six states. I'm a representative on the Safety Council at my facility, where we implement changes to the National Airspace System to enhance the safety of the flying public. If you've ever flown over the Southeast U.S., chances are I have been responsible for guiding your aircraft. Being an ATC is viewed as the most stressful job on earth, and I can definitely attest to that. But I wouldn't change a thing about it."



**Brian Landry '94** is the executive chef and co-owner of the new Restaurant Borgne in the renovated Hyatt Regency Hotel adjacent to the Superdome. Borgne was awarded a rare "four beans" by the *Times-Picayune's* food critic. Brian

was previously executive chef at Galatoire's.

**Steve Zissis '94** continues to pad his acting portfolio with significant roles in the films produced and directed by his Jesuit buddies, the Duplass Brothers. Steve had a small role in *Cyrus*, a bigger role in *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*, and he shares the lead in the brothers' *The Do-Deca Pentathlon*. Steve lives in Los Angeles.

**Sean Fitzwilliam '95** finished fifth in the New Orleans Rock 'n Roll Mardi Gras Half-Marathon with a time of 1:10:54.

**Henry Guste '95** has opened HuckleBerry's, a full service, casual restaurant located on Hickory Avenue in Harahan. Henry invites all Blue Jays to visit and "treat yourself to an oyster loaf or a bone-in ribeye, or come relax at the bar after a hard day's work."

**Andrew Higgs '95** is a partner in the Costa Mesa office of Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard, & Smith L.L.P., where he works in the products and professional liability group. He and his wife Molly and their daughter Hannah live in Orange County, California. Andrew confesses: "I seriously need to visit New Orleans soon."

**James Waldron '95** has been elected partner at the Frilot Law Firm where he represents entities across the spectrum of the healthcare industry, including hospitals, physicians, and other healthcare providers, in all aspects of their practice including, medical malpractice and premises liability cases. James is an associate member of the Sugar Bowl Committee and on the board of directors of the Irish Channel St. Patrick's Day Committee.

**Walt Leger '96** is an attorney with Leger & Shaw in New Orleans, where his focus is civil, commercial, complex, and admiralty and maritime litigation. One year after joining the firm in 2006, he was elected to serve as the state representative for District 91 in New Orleans. He was re-elected without opposition in 2011 to his second term. In January 2012, Walt was unanimously elected as the *speaker pro tempore* of the Louisiana House of Representatives. Walt says that he is proud to serve in the Legislature alongside fellow Blue Jays and state representatives **Cameron Henry '94** and **Nick Lorusso '85**. Walt is engaged to Danielle Doiron, who is originally from Houma. The couple hopes to marry by the end of 2012.

**Scott Delacroix, Jr. '97** and his wife Sunny are celebrating their first year of marriage and their return to New Orleans. Scott has completed a three-year program in urologic surgical oncology and robotic surgery at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He recently began the next phase of his career which is director of urologic oncology and assistant professor of urology at the LSU School of Medicine. Scott received his medical degree from LSU in 2004 and completed his residency training in urology through LSU and Ochsner in 2009.



Two of his new partners at Ochsner are **J. Christian Winters '80** and **Stephen Lacour '90**.

**John Clay Leech '97** is a host of "The Sports Throwdown" talk radio show heard on Saturday morning at 10 on WIST-690 AM. He lives in New Orleans.

**Stephen Pesce '97** has been elected partner at Flanagan Partners LLP in New Orleans, where his practice focuses on energy, insurance coverage, admiralty, construction, and commercial matters.

**Christian Weiler '97** has joined the law firm of Weiler & Rees, L.L.C. Christian's practice includes all areas of tax law, estate, and business planning, with an emphasis in tax controversy and tax litigation matters. He is a board certified tax law specialist certified by the Louisiana board of legal specialization. He volunteers with several charitable and civic organizations, including Greater New Orleans Chapter of Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, Children's Neuromuscular Foundation of Louisiana, and the Louise T. Fein Memorial Foundation.

**Danny White '98** has been named the athletic director of the University of Buffalo. He is 32 and the youngest athletic director in the Football Bowl Subdivision ranks. He most recently held the position of senior associate AD at Ole Miss. is working to complete a doctorate in higher education. He and his wife Shawn have three children: Aiden, Molly, and Caitlin.

**Michael Balch '99** and his wife Amanda moved from San Diego back to New Orleans in 2010. He is a project engineer for a local company. (Read their entry in the Bib List.)



**Michael D'Aquila '99** ran this year's Boston Marathon wearing his Jesuit Cross Country tank top. He finished in 3.5 hours, but it must have seemed like 23.5 hours with the record heat (temperatures in the 90s) that prompted 4,500 runners skip this race. The Boston event marked Michael's fourth marathon, two of which he ran in Chicago. The other was the New Orleans Mardi Gras Marathon, which Michael finished in 3:05, a time that qualified him for the premiere run in Boston. His wife Genevieve, who snapped the photo above, writes: "During the race, he came across another Jesuit alumnus who was from the Class of 1986. I don't think he had enough time to get that guy's name, but they did exchange a 'high five.'" Michael is a field director and wealth management advisor affiliated with Northwestern Mutual in Chicago, where he and Genevieve reside.

**Corey Jambon '99** is a business consultant for Postlethwaite & Netterville, APAC. Corey married Katy Bowman in April 2012.

**Edward Persand '99** is a corporate account manager with Cook Medical, Inc. Eddie recently married Christina Marcianti.

**Chris Rholdon '99** is a college administrator in the institutional research and effectiveness department at Fletcher Technical Community College in Houma. Chris earned his Doctor of Education degree in organizational leadership from Northcentral University in January 2012.

**Christopher Graham '01** graduated from the LSU School of Medicine in May 2012. After an internship at LSU in New Orleans, Chris will head north to Ohio State University to undertake his radiology residency.

**Gavin Guillot '01** specializes in admiralty and maritime litigation at Johnson, Johnson, Barrios & Yacoubian, APLC. He recently married Jenny Summers.

**Johmyrin Johnson '01**, a teacher at Advocates for Science and Math, is working on a degree in pharmacy at Xavier University.

**Billy Neilson, Jr. '01** is an associate attorney at Weiler and Rees, L.L.C. where his experience includes researching tax issues and drafting opinions on such issues as collection due process hearings, TEFRA partnerships, reasonable compensation, and capital gain exclusion on sales of personal residences. He served as an attorney advisor to Judge Joseph Goeke of the U.S. Tax Court in Washington, D.C. Billy recently married Elizabeth Brugge.

**Mark Scioneaux '01** is developing a nice career as a writer and editor of horror fiction when he's not an industrial hygienist in Baton Rouge. Mark has published a novel, several novellas, and numerous short stories. He recently assembled an anthology entitled *Horror for Good*, featuring 32 stories from several of the top authors in the horror genre. All proceeds from sales of the anthology go to The Foundation for AIDS Research, amfAR. "The authors contained within these pages are a mix of some of the brightest stars and some of the most promising new talent in horror," said Mark. "They have donated their stories, consisting of rare reprints, personal favorites, and brand new, never-before-published tales." Mark also has established his own publishing company, Nightscape Press, and already has a few authors under contract.

**André Toujas '01** is a mechanical engineer who works with his uncle, **Gary Wadge '73**, on international engineering projects with EDG, Inc. When André is not working in Africa or elsewhere, he is traveling the world. André has visited almost every continent and has experienced cliff diving in South Africa, glacier climbing in Argentina, swimming with the sharks in Australia, back packing across Europe, and exploring Vietnam and South Korea.

**Chris Edmunds '02** is a free-lance performer with several New Orleans bands. His traditional jazz band, The New Orleans Moonshiners, performed at this year's Jazz Fest.

**Sparky Martin '02**, who is the sales and marketing director for the mediation firm MAPS, Inc., will marry Emily Schmidt on April 20, 2013. Sparky is an active member in the Rotary Club of Downtown New Orleans, which is the 12<sup>th</sup> oldest Rotary organization in the world.

**Wesley Muller '02** is a freelance writer for the satirical newspaper *New Orleans Levee* while attending UNO, where he is studying journalism and English. Wesley graduates this fall and intends to enter the Masters degree program at the university. He writes that he is already "swimming in student-loan debt."

**Yancy Tiblier '02** is a sales representative with Liberty Mutual Insurance in Baton Rouge. He recently married Samantha Sagona.

**Joseph Vaccaro '02** married Lindsey Barbera on March 24, 2012.



**Brad Borne '03** is doing more awesome things with gaming on the Internet (check out [bornegames.com](http://bornegames.com)). Not that he has been living under a rock in Squiggleville. In April 2012, his

latest *Fancy Pants Adventures* game, *World 3*, was released and became an instant addictive hit with the gaming community. Millions of people have played the three versions of *Fancy Pants*, which features Fancy Pants Man, a two dimensional stick figure with spiky, choppy hair, wearing only a pair of colored triangular-shaped pants. Brad speaks at gaming conferences and is often interviewed by journalists. He is one of the more popular speakers at Jesuit's Career Day. He and his wife Jenna Galle welcomed a different kind of Fancy Pants to the family. (Read their entry in the *Bib List*.)

**Steven Broschovsky '03** and his sister opened The Yogurt Experience in 2009 in Round Rock, TX. In June 2012, they took their store on the road, opening The Yogurt Experience mobile trailer in the brand new North Austin Trailer Yard.

**Michael Lillis '03** married Stephanie Anne Hiltferty on March 24, 2012.

**Kenny Belou '04** is a civil engineer with Meyer Engineers, Ltd. in Metairie where he is involved in several fun projects, including the creation of a children's playground and dog park at the Bonabel boat launch. Kenny is a competitive athlete and a huge sports fan who can be found courtside at most New Orleans Hornets home games.

**Justice Buras '04** married Miranda Paine-Jesam in April 2012. Justice is the band director for Abita Springs Middle School and has begun working toward a master's degree in education administration.

**Stephen Carroll '04** is a veterinarian whose practice focuses on caring for race horses in Bossier

City and New Orleans. Stephen earned his doctor of veterinary medicine degree from LSU in May 2012.

He has a bachelor's degree in animal science and technology from LSU.

**Adam Ganucheau '04** has been named campus minister at Cabrini High School. He joins fellow Blue Jays **Ardley Hanemann, Jr. '61**, who is president, and teachers **Rudy Horvath '86**, **Todd Schrenk '89**, and **Maxwell Wheeler '91** at the all-girls Catholic school located on Esplanade Avenue.

**Mark Hill '04** joined the law firm of Waits, Emmett, & Popp, L.L.P. as an associate specializing in maritime defense litigation.

**Graham Ryan '04** is an associate attorney at the New Orleans law firm of Jones Walker. He recently joined the board of directors of Hands On New Orleans, a non-profit that has mobilized more than 32,500 volunteers since



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Hurricane Katrina. Hands On is the official volunteer organization for the City of New Orleans. Graham, who served as online editor for the Louisiana Law Review, received his *juris doctor* from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU in 2011.

**Gordon Wadge '04** is attending LSU Medical School in New Orleans. In April 2011, Gordon married Brianne Bordes, an anesthesiology resident at Ochsner who he met while volunteering with LSU Camp Tiger, a program for children with special needs. Gordon and Brianne hope to practice medicine in New Orleans.

**David Dietz, Jr. '05** and **Dale Hanan '05** both work at Ochsner teaching physicians the new electronic medical record program called Epic. Dale received his MBA from UNO in May 2012.

**Christopher Johnson '05** was promoted to branch manager of Fidelity Homestead in Lakeview and also joined the board of directors of Hands On New Orleans. Christopher is engaged to Audrey McIntosh who he will marry in January 2013.

**Bryan Whalen '05** has earned his CPA designation and is practicing with the Metairie accounting firm of Wegmann Dazet & Company, APC. Bryan graduated from LSU in 2009 with dual degrees in finance and accounting.

**John Worrel '05** is chief human interaction officer for College District, an online college apparel company based in Baton Rouge. The company's web site says this about him: "John is loud and obnoxious. He runs the marketing for College District. So if you interact with us on Facebook, Twitter, or our Blog, you are most likely interacting with John. In his spare time he attempts stand-up comedy wherever they allow him." And here is what John says about John: "I am loud and obnoxious. Oddly enough, though, I'm a fantastic listener. I run the marketing for College District and love every minute of it. Well every other minute of it. So I basically love it half the time." John does digital marketing consulting for Socially Awkward, L.L.C. and in his spare time hosts a comedy show "Let's Just Be Facebook Friends."

**Stephen Sewell '06** is a staff operations intern in the corporate headquarters of the United States Automobile Association. Stephen is in the LSU Flores MBA Program and expects to graduate in the Class of 2013.

**Rob Barrios '07** graduated from LSU in civil



engineering and works at Entergy's nuclear plant in St. Francisville.

**Kyle Bradford '07** graduated magna cum laude from Spring Hill College in Mobile with degrees in finance/economics and computer information systems. He is currently pursuing a Masters of Public Health at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

**Ryan Ebberman '07** graduated from UNO in 2011 with a degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism and is working for the Hyatt Corporation, managing its restaurant, The Whole Hog Café, in the Entergy Building.

**Ian Gunn '07** is currently pursuing his law degree at Tulane University Law School. Ian graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia in May 2011 with degrees in philosophy and psychology.

**Mark Johnson '07** is an instructor of guitar for The New Orleans Academy of Music, L.L.C. "I have 20 students whom I meet with weekly," writes Mark. "I am also in The Acadias, a New Orleans folk pop band. We released our first full length album in January 2012." The album is available on The Acadias' web site and Amazon.

**Connor Martinez '07** graduated from New York University with a BA in music business. He is employed in the live music entertainment industry. He recently married Madeline Foster in a ceremony at the Jesuit Immaculate Conception Church on Baronne Street. Connor and Madeline live in Berkeley, CA.

**Wade Trosclair '07** is on the fast track. It took only three years for Wade to receive his BA in history from LSU. In May 2012, he earned his MA in history from LSU.

**Stephen Collura '08** was selected as a member of LSU's "Tiger Twelve" class. Each year LSU recognizes 12 outstanding seniors who contribute positively to the life of the campus and surrounding community as members of the Tiger Twelve. The award is the highest honor the university bestows on any senior class member. Stephen also was recognized as "Greek Man of the Year" at LSU, the highest honor for a fraternity brother. Stephen graduated from LSU in May with a degree in accounting. He will continue at LSU Law School this fall.

**Cullen Doody '08**, a standout distance runner at LSU, was recognized by the Southeastern Conference as the recipient of the 2012 Brad Davis SEC Community Service Leader of the Year Award. Selected by a committee of faculty athletic representatives from the league's 12-member institutions, Cullen will receive



a \$10,000 post-graduate scholarship provided by the SEC. Cullen is only the third LSU student-athlete to win the award. In May he earned his B.S. degree in biological sciences. Cullen is a two-time recipient of the Wally Pontiff, Jr. '99 Academic Excellence Award at LSU, as well as a Chancellor's Award winner from 2009-11. He is a three-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll while maintaining a 3.93 GPA in biological sciences. As a three-year member of LSU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Cullen played a primary role in the SEC's "Together We Can" food drive, as well as Habitat for Humanity projects in Baton Rouge. He is a familiar face to the children at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital and Delmont Elementary School. Cullen helped LSU host children and families at "Thanksgiving with the Tigers" and is a volunteer campus leader in the "Geaux Givers" community service program. Cullen was twice named LSU's Cross Country Runner of the Year in 2009 and 2011, while also serving as team captain during his senior season in 2011. He has been accepted to medical school and plans to pursue a career in dermatology.

**Kevin Fitzgerald '08** was recognized for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Fordham University. For the second time, he was named to the 2012 Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference Team for men's indoor track and field. Kevin was honored for winning the 1000-meter race at this year's Atlantic 10 Indoor Championships. His 4 x 800 relay team set an Atlantic 10 Conference record by winning the race in a fast time of 7:38.31. For his accomplishments, Kevin was named Fordham's 2011-12 Men's Indoor Track & Field MVP.

**Mason Katz '09**, who just completed his junior year on the LSU baseball team, was selected the Greater New Orleans Amateur Athlete of the Month for March. During that month, Mason batted .304 with four home runs, 15 RBIs, and 17 runs scored as the Tigers went 14-4. Mason is a second team All-SEC selection for the 2012 season.

**Briggs Barrios '10**, a member of the Green Wave baseball team, was named Male Scholar Athlete of the Year at Tulane University for the 2011-12 school year. Briggs is a double major in finance/management, has a 3.978 GPA, and has received the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal (3.75 GPA and above) for his



first three semesters at Tulane. Briggs was one of the valedictorians of Jesuit's Class of 2010.

**Warren Bondi '10** is the regional sales manager of Green Team Landscaping and Voodoo Glass, an automotive window repair company.

**Jarvis Harris '11** recently completed his freshman year at Harvard, where he is working towards a degree in biomedical engineering. Competing on the Harvard Track Team, Jarvis won several events during the season. He set a new school record at the Battle of Beantown, where he clocked in at 8.11 seconds in the 60-meter hurdle. In the Ivy League Indoor Meet, Jarvis took fifth in the triple jump (14.34m) and ninth in the 60-meter hurdles (8.56). In June he competed in the USATF Junior National Championships in Bloomington, Indiana. Jarvis writes, "This past year has enriched me with an eclectic body of experiences from learning from renowned professors, meeting and befriending many people from almost every corner of the world, smashing school records running on the Varsity Track & Field Team, and even performing in a huge fashion show!"



## Alumni News & Notes

City Business has announced its 2012 Leadership in Law honorees, recognizing 50 legal professionals who helped move the legal community forward with energy, innovative ideas, achievements, and a commitment to excellence. Eight Blue Jays were recognized: **Charles Booker '88, Lawrence Chehardy '71, Justin Chopin '98, George Fowler '95, John Glas '87, Stephen Hanemann '95, Martin Landrieu '81, and Kermit Roux '87.**

The United States Marine Corps has announced that five Blue Jays will be promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel for fiscal year 2013. They are Majors **Justin Ansel '91, Brandon Gregoire '91, Donny Hasseltine '93, Craig Himel '91, and Ross Parrish '92.**

**Bart Bacigalupi '00, Brian Hoerner '04, and Scott Ponoroff '05**, attorneys with Phelps Dunbar, were honored by the Pro Bono Project of New Orleans, whose mission is to provide free, quality civil legal services to the poor.

The list of deceased members of the Jesuit High School Community represents information received from January 1 – June 30, 2012. For current announcements, check the “In Memoriam” page on Jesuit’s web site. † This symbol indicates the individual is deceased.

## ALUMNI... (By Class Year)

Nicholas J. **Compagno**, Sr. '33  
 Peter G. **Vidal**, Jr. '34  
 Gerard M. **Dillon** '35  
 Anthony J. **Accardo** '37  
 James H. **Wetzel**, Sr. '37  
 James P. **Caire** '38  
 Michael S. **Power**, Jr. '39  
 William J. **Virgets**, Jr. '39  
 J. William **Earle**, Jr. '40  
 Thomas A. **Fromherz** '41  
 Stanley E. **Turegano** '41  
 Edwin J. **Williams**, Jr. '42  
 Charles A. **Achee**, Jr. '43  
 Charles J. **O'Shell** '43  
 William K. **Christovich** '44  
 James A. **Cobb** '44  
 Lt.Col. Lyle J. **Garitty**, Jr. '45 (Ret)  
 Alfred G. **Wiedemann**, Jr. '46  
 Frank J. **D'Aquin** '47  
 Roy B. **Fontenelle** '47  
 Frederick J. **Otis** '49  
 Henry L. **Vandrell**, Jr. '50  
 Allen J. **Ecuyer** '55  
 J. Earl **Pedelahore**, Jr. '55  
 Odom B. **Heebe** '56  
 Robert A. **Adams**, Sr. '58  
 Marshall L. **Klein** '58  
 David J. **Guglielmo** '60  
 J. Allan **Michelet** '60  
 Leonard N. **Bouzon** '64  
 Eugene H. **Lillis**, Jr. '65  
 Albert M. **Charlton**, Jr. '67  
 Richard E. **Hartenstein** '69  
 John P. **Dugan** '70  
 Michael P. **McCaffery** '70  
 Thomas J. **Tiblier**, Jr. '70  
 Thomas E. **Zahn** '71  
 Forrest G. **Kontomitras** '81  
 Jason N. **Treigle** '93  
 Jack D. **Hines** III '00

## WIFE OF... (By Last Name)

† Albert F. **Backer**, Jr. '41  
 Harold R. **Ballina** '36  
 † James J. **Brothers** '49  
 † John M. **Bruce** '33  
 Thomas R. **Bush** '67  
 Ronald R. **Campagna** '58  
 † John D. **Cieutat** '43  
 † Hugh A. **Cogan** '30  
 † Alfred F. **Correnti** '38  
 † Alwynn J. **Cronvich** '36  
 † Bernard F. **Danton**, Jr. '37  
 Willard A. **Eastin** '59  
 † Richard J. **Ecuyer** '45  
 † Richard L. **Fagot**, Sr. '48  
 † John J. **Fenerty**, Jr. '35  
 Stephen C. **Hartel**, Jr. '63  
 Odom B. **Heebe** '56  
 † Augustus H. **Jelks**, Jr. '44  
 † Theodore F. **Kirn**, Jr. '34  
 † Daniel E. **Knowles**, Jr. '47  
 Paul M. **Lapeyre** '57  
 † Edmund L. **Leckert**, Jr. '37  
 † Joseph M. **Lichtenstein**, Jr. '47  
 † Rene J. **Lorio**, Jr. '51  
 Gordon J. **Lousteau** '47

John R. **May** '47  
 William A. **McGarry**, Jr. '72  
 † Edward H. **McGinty**, Jr. '31  
 John T. **Moore** '48  
 Robert R. **Quintana**, Jr. '55  
 William F. **Rachal**, Jr. '86  
 † William J. **Waguespack** III '47  
 † Alfred G. **Wiedemann**, Jr. '46  
 † Warren O. **Weilbaecher** '30  
 Harold J. **Zeringer**, Jr. '38

## FATHER OF...

Robert A. **Adams**, Jr. '91  
 Stephen F. **Barcia** '81  
 Donald S., Jr. '90 & Charles O.

**Berry** '96

Patrick M. **Bollman** '09  
 Billy F., Jr. '87 & Michael F.  
**Booty** '08

John E. **Brown** III '88  
 Randall C. '74 & Stephen N.  
**Chesnutt** '79

Chris V. **Clement** '70  
 Michael V. **D'Aquila** '99

Mark L. **D'Aquin** '81  
 Brian A. '77 & Andrew A.  
**Dalio** '81

Walter A. **Dupeire** III '65  
 Gilmer W. III '82 & Edward E.

**Engelhardt** '88

Joseph **Foto** '84  
 Peter J. **Fortier** '70  
 John K. '84 & Soren E.

**Gisleson** '88

Todd P. **Golemi** '95  
 James H. '84 & Thomas A.

**Grady** '88

Cary L. **Guglielmo** '95  
 John J. IV '83 & Nicholas P.

**Hazard** '84

Wallace R. '69 & Robert J.  
**Jeanfreau** '73

Patrick S. **Johnson** '92

Noel R. **Kammer** '00  
 William J. '67, Lee A. '76, Stephen M.  
 '81, & Peter C. **Kelley** '83

Michael R. **Koenig** '95  
 Joseph J. III '82, Timothy W. '84, &

David A. **Lafranca** '89

William J. **Lahners** '87  
 David M. '69, † John F., Jr. '72,  
 William B. '79, & Mark D.

**Latham** '80

Michael E. **Lillis** '03  
 Taylor R. '92 & Ian T.

**McCaffery** '96

Colin L. '66 & Barry D.

**McCormick** '70

Arthur M. **Mora** '91

Ryan P. **Neal** '97

Justin H. **O'Rourke** III '85

Melvin L. **Parnell**, Jr. '68

Louis J. **Pedelahore** '81

Brady G. '92 & Chad E.

**Perniciaro** '95 (stepfather)

Michael T. '73, Timothy M. '78,

Gary J. '79, & Kevin P. **Power** '80

Terrence A. **Riedl** '71

Kenneth G. '65, Mark D. '78, &  
 Paul G. **Schott** '82  
 James E., Jr. '71, Jason L. '73, &  
 Craig W. **Smith** '77  
 R. Shelton **Spangenberg** '00  
 James J. **Spadaro**, Jr. '69  
 Robert S. **Speyrer** '07  
 Arthur G. **Tribou** '75  
 Tom L. '89 & Christopher B.

**Trumble** '94

Mark A. **Turegano** '72

Dino E. **Viera** '77

† James H. **Wetzel**, Jr. '65

John J. **Weigel**, Jr. '79

## MOTHER OF...

Barry M. '62, Ronald E. '68, &  
 Wilbur J. **Babin**, Jr. '74

Brodrick M. **Bazanac** '16

Frank A., Jr. '61 &

Edmond K. **Birdsong** '68

Thomas J. '69 & Harry M. **Block** '72

Lee F. **Boutte**, Jr. '62

Martin J. **Breen** '12

Martin L. **Broussard**, Jr. '68

Daniel C. **Browne** '12

David M. '62 & Gregory J.

**Bruce** '68

Rodney L. **Cambre**, Jr. '77

James C. **Cowie** '07

Chris V. **Clement** '70

David S., Jr. '83 & Paul F. **Cressy** '87

Richard E. '75 & Paul C.

**Deichmann** '89

Brian R. **DeLatte** '96

Christopher **Drew** '74

Robert J. **Durand** '73

Leonard E. II '84 & Allen C.

**Enger** '88

Richard B. **Farmer** III '60

John J. III '66, Thomas '72,

Kevin T. '79, & Joseph P.

**Fenerty** '81

Kevin M. **Glampion** '87

Emory T. **Gonzales** '69

Louis G. **Gruntz**, Jr. '65

Robert D. **Haskins**, Jr. '79

William J. '67, Lee A. '76,

Stephen M. '81, & Peter C.

**Kelley** '83

Richard J. **Kernion**, Jr. '85

Theodore F. III '64 &

Terrence G. **Kirn** '68

Daniel E. **Knowles** III '71

Gregory G. **Lacour** '88

John P. **Latour** '94

Edmund L. **Leckert** III '76

Salvatore G. '81 & George S.

**Lovecchio** '83

Harold D. **Marchand** '69

Francis **Mayer** '63

William P. **McCarthy**, Jr. '68

Jack H. **Meehan** '14

Noel A. **Monjure** '65

Christy A. '70, Joseph O. III '77, Leo

J. '79, Walton J. '79, & Roy C.

**Montegut** '81

† Thomas E. **Motto**, Jr. '61

† Gregory L. **Ray** '66  
 David M. **Rieder** '77  
 Michael G. **Rivas**, Jr. '84  
 James M. **Robinson** '69  
 Charles G. **Schibler** '57  
 Henry C. '57 & J. Cressend  
**Schonberg** '61  
 Harold F. **Smith**, Jr. '61  
 Jeffrey J. **Teachworth** '76  
 A. Scott '70, Michael K. '72, &  
 Jefferson R. **Tillery** '79  
 Dominic C. '77 & Guyton H.  
**Valdin**, Jr. '81  
 Webster J. **Veade**, Jr. '74  
 Paul F. **Wartelle** '68  
 Mark R. '70, Brian D. '72, &  
 Eric P. **Zeringer** '75

## BROTHER OF...

† Charles A. **Accardo** '32

Arthur R. **Adams** '44

Robert W. **Bouzon** '69

Harry G. **Caire** '41

Andre P. **Constantin** '56

† Richard J. '54 & Lawrence J.

**Ecuyer** '61

Leon A. **Flettrich** III '75

George J. **Flick**, Jr. '58

Wayne J. **Fontana** '69

† Werner J. **Hagen** '45

† Marvin G. **Heebe** '61

Larry B. **Hoffman** '54

† James D. **Huck**, Jr. '25

† William B. **Landry** '45

† George J. **Malochee** '33

Leonard J. **McCaffery**, Jr. '60

† Frank J. **Moore** '64

† Martin G. **Power** '44

† Joseph S. **Reynaud** '32

David G. **Schellhaas** '79

Douglas M. **Schmidt** '68

† Terrence J. **Smith** '36

Marc R. **Spangenberg** '69

Louis A. **Vinterella** '57

Thomas D. '42, Donald C. '46, &

† George J. **Wetzel** '39

Lawrence W. **Wiedemann** '49

Albert J. **Zahn**, Jr. '69

## SISTER OF...

† Angelo A. '42, † Frederick P. '44,

& † George H.

**Boudousquie** '48

† Rev. Joseph L., C.S.S.R. '30,

† William S. '36, & † Frederick J.

**Buhler** '37

† Ernest A., Jr. '33, † John F. '37, &

† Richard J. **Carrere** '40

Louis F. **DeGruy** III '59

† Robert J. **Fontaine**, Jr. '64

† Jose L. II '71 & Antonio J.

**Garcia** '77

Donald I. **Geier** '51

Augustus A. **Harmon**, Jr. '53

† John M. **Holahan** '49

† Andrew J. **Kikas** '53

Joseph D. '56 & Lawrence T.

**Kirn** '58



Andrew L. '76 & David J.

**Lukinovich** '77

† Adam A. Muhleisen, Jr. '37  
Beauregard J., Jr. '59 & Clifford W.  
**Parent** '63

† Louis A. Pilié '41

† Kent, Jr. '48, † George R. '52, &

† Robert J. Satterlee '56

Philip J. Schoen IV '66

James L. Trinchard '74

† Frank J. Tripoli '47

Lawrence R. Zummo '59

#### SON OF...

† Lloyd F. Azcona '25

† Etienne D. Cambon, Jr. '42

† L. Sidney Charbonnet, Jr. '25

† Alfred Dyer, Sr. '28

Gilmer W. Engelhardt III '82

Daniel J. Falk '72

Leon A. Flettrich, Jr. '52

† Maxime E. Gourgeot '27

† Joseph W. Hecker, Jr. '37

† Carol J. Hooper '38

† Leonard J. McCaffery '38

† Allan N. Peirce III '39

† Clement F. Perschall, Sr. '27

Joseph M. Pilié, Jr. '66 (stepson)

Donald P. Schellhaas '51

Richard B. Spangenberg '43

† Thomas J. Tiblier, Sr. '41

#### DAUGHTER OF...

Herbert F. de Buys '25

Kyle F. Graffagnini '91

John G. Schoen, Jr. '63

† Philip J. Schoen III '36

#### GRANDFATHER OF...

David E. Amrock '05

Cameron D. Armand '16

Austin M. Ashburn '16

Michael O. Babin, Jr. '85

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**Mr. and Mrs. Brad Borne '03**, on the birth of their son, Joseph Henry "Seth" Borne, in October 2011.

**Mr. and Mrs. Shane Simoneaux '05** on the birth of their son, Maddox M. Simoneaux, March 24, 2011. Maddox is the nephew of Nicholas Simoneaux '97.

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# Remembering Mr. Lademan

## Let the Punishment Fit the Crime

by Stanley McDermott, Jr. '46



McDermott in his senior year photo.

In 1942, as a nervous 13-year-old newly enrolled at Jesuit, I was assigned to Class 1G, along with about 25 classmates. As we sat there not knowing what to expect, our home room teacher came into the class. He was tall, about six feet, three inches, with wavy, chestnut hair, 24 or 25 years old, trim, and moved with an athletic grace. His name was Mr. William D. Lademan, S.J., a Jesuit scholastic, working toward his ordination as a Jesuit priest. He had an air of confidence about him and he tried to instill this trait in us.

We had heard that he had been a high school basketball star in Milwaukee and he showed us that this was true. Occasionally, he would tuck the hem of his cassock under his belt and join us in pickup basketball games during the lunch recess. He taught us the nuances of the game – not to telegraph a pass, how to screen, and how to block out under the basket.

And he was an excellent teacher. It is no exaggeration to say we were in awe of Mr. Lademan. To us just-become-teenagers, he was hero and icon wrapped up in one.

A few weeks before that freshman year ended, “Joe Brown” (the name has been changed to protect the guilty), whose desk was next to mine, discovered that he could chew paper to just the right consistency to form a spitball. When Mr. Lademan’s back was to the class, Joe flipped the spitball up to the ceiling where there it would stick like a forbidden piece of Wrigley’s gum under a desk.

Joe launched several spitballs that day and the rest of us were puzzled that our heretofore savvy teacher did not even notice. For about a week, Joe, emboldened by his perceived lack of detection, added about a dozen more spitballs to his ceiling collection. Still Mr. Lademan gave no indication he had observed him.

Finally, on a warm Friday, Mr. Lademan entered the class after the lunch break, went to his desk, looked directly at Joe, and said,

“Mr. Brown, I will see you at 3:00 o’clock.”

These were buzz words to any Jesuit student and we could barely keep our minds on our assignments for the next two hours.

At long last, the 3:00 bell rang. The rest of us left the classroom, leaving only Joe and Mr. Lademan. We gathered in the hall outside the classroom to hear or see what lay in store for Joe.

Mr. Lademan stood up from behind his desk and strode over to the door leading to the hallway. Ignoring the audience, he reached behind the door for an oleander branch that had been stripped of its leaves.

He handed the branch to Joe, and simply said, “Get them down.”

The branch was not quite long enough and this forced Joe to stand on the seat of his desk. His hands firmly gripped the thick end of the branch and his arms were extended fully upward. The flexible, whip-like end of that oleander branch barely brushed the spitball-peppered ceiling.

Given his only cleaning tool, Joe went at it, either encouraged or embarrassed by the occasional cat call coming from the hall. Whenever he succeeded in detaching one of his spitballs, someone would shout, “Way to go, Joe!”

After about 30 minutes in that hot, pre-air-conditioned room, Joe succeeded in dislodging every single spitball which he had propelled to the ceiling. Exhausted, he slumped over with his head down on his desk. His hair was wet and sticky. His uniform shirt was soaked as if he had showered in it. He was still holding the oleander branch upright in his right hand, the thick end touching the floor, appearing very much like an elderly bishop supporting himself by leaning on his *crozier*.

All the while that Joe had been “sweeping” the ceiling, Mr. Lademan sat quietly at his desk, pre-occupied with tests and papers. He scarcely glanced at Joe but somehow knew that the ceiling had been restored to its pre-spitball look. Gathering his papers and textbooks, Mr. Lademan walked over to Joe’s desk and took the branch out of his hand.

“Have a good weekend, Mr. Brown,” said Mr. Lademan. Without another word,



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our teacher left the classroom and walked right between us gawkers and down the hall towards the rectory. He carried that oleander branch with him and none of us that day ever saw it again.

I would like to report an epiphany awakened me to the full import of what I had just witnessed that stifling hot day back in 1943, but I was too young and immature.

Throughout my adult years, though, whenever I hear the maxim, “Let the punishment fit the crime,” I think of Mr. Lademan, and give him an appreciative thumbs-up.

About one month after this incident, Mr. Lademan resigned from the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and enlisted in the U.S. Navy immediately after learning that his brother had been killed in action. ■

*Stanley McDermott, Jr. graduated from Jesuit High School in 1946. He is an attorney and partner in the New Orleans-based law firm of Montgomery Barnett, L.L.P. McDermott is the father of two Blue Jays — Stanley III '71 and Kevin '73.*

**Editor’s Note:** Mr. William Duero Lademan was born April 11, 1918 in Milwaukee, WI. In 1937, he graduated from St. John’s Cathedral High School and joined the Society of Jesus. He was a scholastic when assigned to teach religion, English, Latin, and history at Jesuit High School to McDermott and his freshman classmates.

Mr. Lademan was at Jesuit for only one year. The Blue Jay newspaper of September 21, 1943 reported that Mr. Lademan had enrolled in Spring Hill College to complete his studies in philosophy and would not be returning to Jesuit. The “rumor” that McDermott and other freshmen had heard proved true. Mr. Lademan did, in fact, resign from the Society to join the Navy after learning that his brother Jerome, a signalman 3 in the Navy, had been killed in the war. After the war, Mr. Lademan completed his studies at Fordham University, where he met his future wife. They both became college professors (he stuck to philosophy) and they taught at several universities in Hawaii and Connecticut, and even at a Ukrainian seminary.

The couple had five children. Mr. Lademan died from Alzheimer’s on November 22, 1995 in Annapolis, Maryland. He was 77.

# Chris Hannan's Parallel Universes of Law and Poetry

**Chris Hannan '00** was the grand prize winner of the second annual poetry contest sponsored by the Tennessee Williams/ New Orleans Literary Festival. His winning poem, *The Nephilim*, chronicled his return to his grandmother Zelda's flooded home in Chalmette following Katrina. It was judged by Louisiana's *poet laureate* Julie Kane to be the best among all the entries.

When Hannan is not writing and publishing poetry, he has a day job as a maritime attorney in the New Orleans office of Baker, Donelson.

After he graduated from Jesuit in 2000, Hannan received a bachelor of arts in the Classics from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. He received his juris doctorate in 2008 from Loyola University College of Law.

"That classics background shows up in his gorgeous poetry, with its rich mythic overlay and concern for form," wrote former *Times-Picayune* book critic Susan Larson, who interviewed him for the Tennessee Williams Festival's web site.

In the interview, Hannan talked about his background and the experience of winning the 2012 poetry competition, pocketing a \$1,000 award in the process. Hannan, his wife Emily, and their son Jack William (and two cats) live in Mid-City, not too far from Carrollton and Banks, where he first discovered a taste for the classics and poetry.



Chris Hannan and his grandmother Zelda

## *What does your New Orleans background contribute to your life as a poet?*

The fact that I am from New Orleans does not just contribute to my life as a poet — it is the very bones, blood, and breath of my life as a poet. I come from a family that has been in New Orleans for generations. My family has stood on the same corner for Mardi Gras since before my dad was born. All my aunts, uncles, cousins, second cousins, fake aunts, and uncles — they all still live here. As a result, my life has always been deeply, fundamentally tied to this area, its environments, and its culture. Along the same lines, family and traditions are as much a part of the landscape of New Orleans and southeast Louisiana as bayous and marshes — whether it's fishing spots handed down from father to son, recipes from mothers and grandmothers, or Saints games on Sunday. In many ways, family and place are inextricably bound in my work.

## *You draw from our musical heritage in your work, don't you?*

I was blessed to have parents who exposed me early and often to New Orleans music. I grew up on Professor Longhair, the Neville's, Ernie K-Doe, Irma Thomas. Anyone from here can fill in the rest of the list. A part of this musical culture that always intrigued me, even as a child, was the immense mythology of Louisiana music, peopled by characters such as John Henry, Stag O'Lee, and countless others. I went to college in Massachusetts, majored in classics, and started seriously focusing on my poetry. Somewhere along the way, I realized that all the mythic personalities in the music I grew up with were the mythology of America, or at least the Deep South. With that, I embarked on an ongoing series of poems that connect the mythic characters of Louisiana's musical heritage with the myths of ancient Greece, using the meters and rhyme schemes of the songs themselves to reinterpret both the stories of the characters in the songs and the ancient myths that, in my mind, are echoed in their lyrics. My intent with these poems is to evoke the idea that while the characters may have different names, and while Stag O' Lee's

dice playing may not on the surface seem to have anything to do with Achilles in the *Iliad*, the underlying motifs and meaning of their stories are connected.

## *The Nephilim, the poem cycle that was the winner, has a special place in your work and family history, doesn't it?*

*The Nephilim* poems are probably the most important poems I have ever written, in my mind. They tell the story of returning to my grandmother's flooded house in Chalmette after Katrina, and trying to find her wedding ring in ruins. I didn't write the cycle until 2010 — five years after the storm — because it took me that long to figure out what the experience had meant to me and to my family. I knew when we were shoveling mud in the 100 degree heat and the unearthly silence of the flooded house that something very important and deeply human was happening. It just took me several years to figure out what it was and how to say it.

*The Nephilim* poems were my attempt to recreate and distill what we felt on that day. These poems were meant as a tribute to and a relic for my family — and particularly my grandmother — of that profound experience. As a result, I was overwhelmingly humbled when they were selected as the grand prize winner in the Tennessee Williams Festival poetry contest.

## *Would you tell us a bit about the reading at the Festival? You had a very special audience member!*

The reading was a fantastic experience, and I did have a very special guest — namely, my grandmother, who is in some sense the central character in the poems, and to whom the poems are dedicated. Given that *The Nephilim* was really meant as a sort of gift to her and my family, the fact that she was able to hear them read at the festival was wonderful.

## *You write very intricate, formal poems that are still lovely and accessible, a wonderful combination of qualities. Who's influenced you? What teachers?*

I think that for a very long time — and arguably with good reason



— readers in general have come to view poetry as some arcane and totally abstract form that only a select few can understand — a sort of literary philosopher's stone. This goes against everything I believe about poetry.

At one time (think Homer, Gilgamesh, Beowulf, etc.) poetry was the most popular, most accessible, and most democratic art form known to man — all you needed was a mouth to compose it and ears to listen. Somehow, this aspect of poetry has been lost to a large extent in modern poetry, and most people on the street would tell you that poetry is for the most part like a foreign language to them. In my own poetry I strive first and foremost to make sure that everything I write is accessible — that is, I try to make sure that anyone who comes to one of my poems can read it once and say “this is what this poem is about.”

At the same time, I also strive to write poems that are layered and dense, so that a second or third reading may stir up meanings, images, or themes that may not have been apparent in a casual first reading. But ultimately, if there were one adjective that I would hope could be applied to my poems, it would be accessibility — because without accessibility, the act of writing is nothing more than a shout echoing in an empty cave.

I have been influenced profoundly by my friend, fellow poet, and poetic mentor John Freeman, who has fostered my writing for the better part of 10 years now. Likewise, professor Stephen Pearce, my high school Latin and Greek teacher, instilled in me a love for the classics, which resonates to this day in nearly everything I write.

#### *Which poets do you read for pleasure?*

I have a copy of Robert Penn Warren's selected poems on my nightstand. He is, in my opinion, the exemplar in modern poetry for depth of vision combined with accessibility...

I make it a point to read Louisiana poets as well as poetry by other young writers. Currently, I am enjoying former Louisiana poet laureate Darrel Bourque's selected poems (*In Ordinary Light*) as well as the fantastic Louisiana volume of the *Southern Poetry Anthology* — a must have for anyone in Louisiana who is serious about reading poetry. Finally, I have been reading and re-reading three collections of poems by an astoundingly good poet — and good friend — William Wright, whose most recent book *Night Field Anecdote* (Louisiana Literature Press) is starkly beautiful.

#### *How do you combine poetry with your day job? Most lawyers are trying to be the next John Grisham!*

This may sound odd, but in many ways I view legal writing and poetry to be very similar — in practice if not substance. When I write poems, I try to make sure that I am very clearly portraying my images and themes with language that is tight and syntactically interesting. When I am writing legal briefs, I strive for the same goals — clarity, tight language, and a flow that keeps the reader reading and (hopefully) understanding my arguments. There is a very long and rich poetic tradition of lawyer poets (Wallace Stevens is the one most people recognize), which bears out the idea that poetry and the law are not necessarily strange bedfellows. I wouldn't complain if my poems wound up on the bestseller shelf alongside the next John Grisham novel. ■

*The Nephilim*, a suite of five poems that won the grand prize in the 2012 poetry contest sponsored by the Tennessee Williams/ New Orleans Literary Festival. *The Nephilim* is an intensely personal and deeply moving poem about returning to a Katrina-devastated Chalmette where his grandmother's home was swallowed in the stark devastation of the flood.

“Nekuia”, which is a word found in Homer's *Odyssey* Book XI that describes a rite used to summon and question ghosts, is the fourth poem in the suite. In “Nekuia”, Hannan and his family are on a ghostly mission, desperately trying to salvage a single sentimental item from the ruins.

From *The Nephilim*

My Grandmother's Flooded House in Chalmette  
For Zelda

#### **Nekuia**

Before we can return home, we must spend time probing the dead minnows decomposing in the bedroom, shards of windows staring like lifeless eyes from the dimness, and the inescapable mud that sticks thick as old blood to everything in the house, searching for the wedding ring my grandmother left behind in the flood.

Below the oak-root bend of arthritic knuckles, she still bears the mark, rubbed smooth as a river bed, of wearing for fifty years this symbol of the man she loved, God, her family, and her home, now lost amid the remnants of rushing water and displaced earth. It is the only thing she hopes to take away from this place.

From the door of the bedroom where her jewelry box disintegrated in the rushing salt surge, we dig trenches one foot wide and deep, carrying the shovelfuls of spoil — mixed with bits and pieces of her clothes, earrings, shoes, and bed sheets — out to the front lawn. With no running water, we sieve it all through a window screen,

pouring Diet Coke from the trunk of her flooded car into the mud like a drink-offering of honey, milk, wine, and blood to the ghosts that slowly reveal themselves, as the dirt washes away, in flashes of silver and gold, speaking to us of past lives and the memories welling in her eyes with every necklace and earring we unearth.

We grasp at these apparitions before they slip through our hands and sink back into the blackness pooling like a Lethe below the screen, where the Coke and sludge smell of asphodel.

As the light fades, we begin to lose hope of finding this one thing she seeks in the destruction, that will bring her back to her life

before the flood. But then, the smiling curve of a plain gold ring swims up through the fetid bilge, reflecting the house and the faces of you, your father, and your cousins standing over the screen. And as she slides it onto her hand, her eyes shine with thanks and the streams of a different flood of salt no levees can contain.





## FISHING RODEO



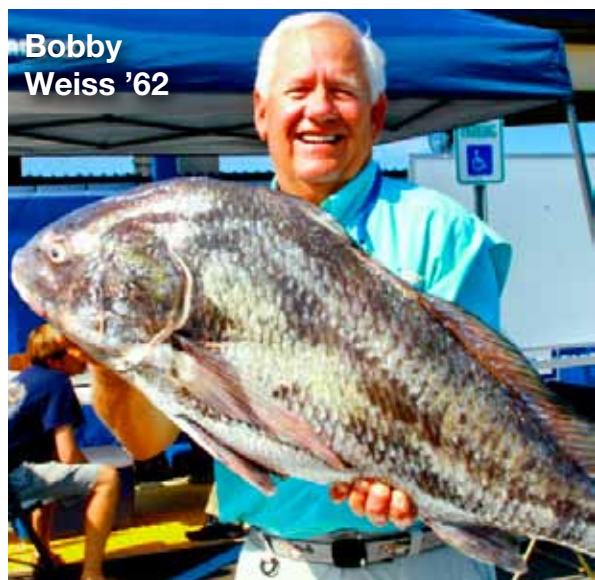
From left: Michael Veters '12, Chris Veters '07, Chris Trahant '09, Jude Trahant '80, and Ryan Veters '09.



Rusty Gros, an incoming Blue Jay pre-freshman displays his trophies for winning in the under-18 division.



Clockwise from far right: Michael Heier '05 and his father Steve, Mikey Elvir '17 and his father Mike '82; and, Brandon Ford '06.

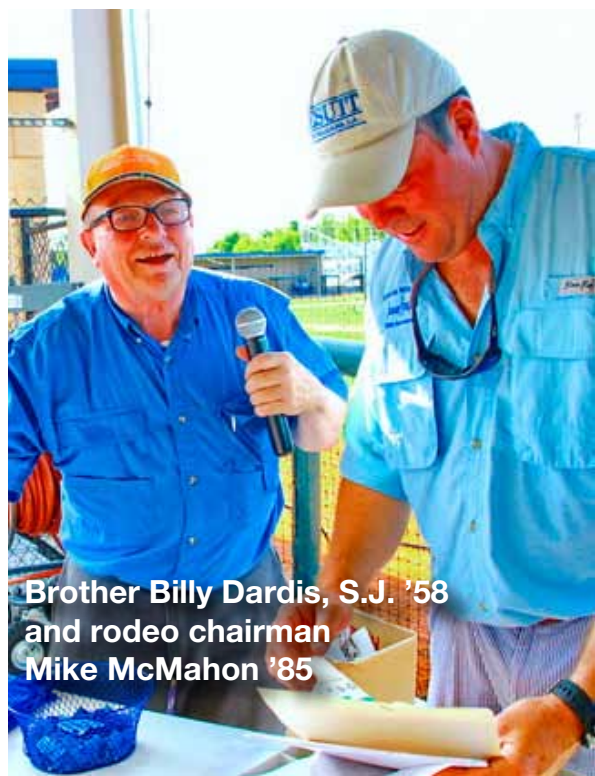


Bobby Weiss '62

## Blue Jays Hook a New Location for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fishing Rodeo

More than 150 Blue Jays and their friends attended the 20th Anniversary of the Fishing Rodeo on Saturday (June 23). For the first time (and certainly not the last), the weigh-in location was held under the Wally Pontiff, Jr. Pavilion at John Ryan Stadium. Despite the 12-foot waves offshore that thwarted the plans of gallant Gulf fishers, Blue Jays arrived at the weigh-in boasting impressive catches.

*(View the photo gallery of the rodeo in the 2011-12 Alumni Archives on Jesuit's web site.)*



Brother Billy Dardis, S.J. '58 and rodeo chairman Mike McMahon '85





## Jesuit Alumni Return for Career Day

Career Day on January 25, 2012 featured 40 Jesuit alumni who met with seniors and juniors to discuss the intricacies of 27 different occupations, including aviation, business, computers, education, engineering, finance, health, journalism, law, politics, sports administration, and tourism.

Career Day was moved up from its typical April date “primarily to give upperclassmen additional time to use what they learn when considering colleges,” said alumni director **Mat Grau '68**, who works with **Mollie Roberts**, Jesuit’s Director of Guidance, to host this annual popular event.

While juniors and seniors attended two 30-minute sessions of their choice, underclassmen assembled in the auditorium to hear Dr. **Ryan Thibodaux '92** recount how his Jesuit experience led to a dual career in dentistry and music. When Thibodaux finishes the daily grind of his dental office, he often totes his trumpet to a stage to join band mates in the Bucktown All-Stars. His other passions are long-distance running and bicycling.

*View the Career Day Photo Gallery in the 2011-12 archives on Jesuit’s alumni home page: [www.jesuitnola.org/alumni](http://www.jesuitnola.org/alumni).*

## Counseling for College



The Class of 2012 huddled in the Student Commons on the morning of April 10, 2012 to listen to practical and wise advice about college and money.

**Michael**

**Firmin** (center) and **Stephen Capella**, who graduated with the Class of 2011 and attend LSU, enlightened Blue Jays about the many twists in transitioning from high school to college. Financial adviser **Mason Couvillon '92** (left), who is president of Dardis Couvillon & Associates, spoke to the seniors about money matters. The morning event also included an overview of Jesuit’s Career Shadowing Program, which is directed by guidance counselor **Aurora Daigle**.

## A Salute to Mrs. Denise Dupuis



Each year the Jesuit Marine Corps JROTC selects a faculty member to honor for outstanding service to the school and its students. For the 2011-12 year, the Marine Corps paid tribute to Mrs. **Denise Dupuis**, an English teacher who completed 32 years of service at Jesuit. In the process she has guided more than 3,000 Blue Jays through the intricacies of

the English language. And she’s not done yet!

A proclamation that was read at the ceremony praised Mrs. Dupuis as a thorough and creative teacher, constantly striving to develop innovative and effective lessons that engage her students in the subject matter while encouraging original thinking.

“Mrs. Dupuis’ patient and sensitive approach to her students infuses her teaching with respect and kindness for all, even as she challenges them to excel,” the MCJROTC proclamation noted. “She is loving and nurturing not only to her students but also to her fellow faculty members. Mrs. Dupuis truly embodies the Ignation ideals of the *magis* and *cura personalis* and serves as an outstanding example of selfless service.”

Robert Bellarmine would have appreciated the scene: crammed into the richly appointed conference room of a Washington, D.C. thinktank, a small army of Jesuit High students fought eyelids, heavy from a long, cold day of marching across town at the 2005 March for Life. George Weigel, a leading Catholic intellectual and friend of Jesuit High School, stood at a podium, delivering a survey of recent events at the intersection of religion and politics.

Robert Bellarmine's outspoken defense of the Church in the wake of the Protestant Reformation embroiled him in controversy but eventually led to his election as a cardinal and ultimately to his canonization as a saint. Although known for his

intellect, Bellarmine's apologetics were driven by a deep faith persistently practiced, as evident in his spiritual writings and reputation for piety. In short, Bellarmine is a model of the prayerful, learned defender of the faith who is needed to take up arms in the war of ideas that challenge the foundation of western civilization today. Or more simply, he is the model of a Jesuit graduate.



## Robert Bellarmine, S.J. (1542-1622)

*by Brandon Briscoe '98*



### The Life of Robert Bellarmine

Bellarmino was born in 1542 in Montepulciano, about 100 miles north of Rome. Just eight years earlier, St. Ignatius and his companions took vows in Paris, beginning the Society of Jesus that would shape much of Bellarmine's life. Educated by Jesuits in his youth, Bellarmine entered the Society just shy of his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and four years after St. Ignatius's death. He studied philosophy in Rome, where his uncle, Pope Marcellus II, had recently served as Peter's successor for 22 days before succumbing to illness in 1555.

Bellarmino studied and taught in Florence and Padua, learning Greek along the way. His abilities in academic skirmishes and his zeal in preaching drew the attention of his Jesuit superiors who sent Bellarmine in 1569 to complete his theology studies at the

University of Louvain in Belgium — on the front lines of the Reformation.

The 26-year-old's talents were quickly appreciated in Belgium, too, where he was ordained a priest and developed a reputation as a powerful preacher who drew large congregations and won many converts. After just a year, he was appointed to a professorship and taught himself Hebrew to better employ Sacred Scripture in his engagement with Protestant theologians. The years of confrontation took their toll on Bellarmine, who once anticipated imminent martyrdom at the hands of an advancing Protestant army. He was recalled in 1576 to the Roman college founded by St. Ignatius (today's Pontifical Gregorian University) to restore his health and resume teaching as the Chair of Controversies. He used the time to pen his most famous work, *De Controversiis*, an index of Reformation heresies and a treatise on the Church's response to each.



The work was enormously influential throughout Europe.

In 1588 he became the spiritual father (and later rector) of the Roman college while assisting in the final edits of the new edition of the Vulgate commissioned by the Council of Trent. He administered last rites to the young (St.) Aloysius Gonzaga and later pressed his cause for beatification.

Pope Clement VIII appointed him papal theologian and elevated him to the College of Cardinals in 1592 over Bellarmine's strident objection. Cardinal Bellarmine oversaw the selection of new bishops and was a Consultor of the Holy Office, through which he played a minor role in the early stages of the Galileo affair by noting that the Church would accept heliocentrism if sound science could prove it.

Bellarmino narrowly escaped the papacy, participating in three conclaves and reportedly receiving votes. In his later years, he completed his service to the Church by penning several spiritual works, including *The Art of Dying Well*. He continued to live an ascetical, simple life, with one biographer recounting — with a dash of humor — that as a penance he eschewed fire, even in the winter months, preferring to save it for heretics. He died in 1622 at age 79 and was buried inside the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola (pictured). He was canonized in 1930.

### Bellarmino's Relevance Today

We don't employ the term *heresy* as often as in Bellarmine's day, although the same ideas Bellarmine refuted persist. Perhaps this is because the first heresy of the modern era is to deny any place for faith in public discourse. Those who in Bellarmine's time opposed the faith by attempting a coup from within now seek instead to establish a new, purely secular order, banishing all mention of Christ, His Church, and the natural law that governs creation. The old heresies purported to support the faith; today's "heresies" deny it altogether.

On the very day of this writing, in fact, a prominent Catholic politician speaking to public policy students (at a Jesuit University,



no less) argued against the Catholic bishops' attempts to interject faith into the discussion of public policy by voicing fundamental truths about God and His creation of the human person. The speaker instead advised the audience to consider others' opinions, but "in the end, to follow [their] own moral compass," as if each individual were the final arbiter of right and wrong.

Bellarmino knew better, condemning "those who...teach that rulers should care for the State and the public peace, but should allow everyone to think as he pleases and to live as he pleases, provided he does not disturb the public peace."

And we know better, too. We commit grave error in trying to order a world we did not create by a moral compass that points toward our personal whims and wants. Authentic freedom and the actual common good are found in eternal and frequently difficult truths, in the freedom to do as we ought, not merely as we want.

And Bellarmine knew that these fundamental truths that any healthy civilization must acknowledge can be accessed only in part by reason and science. Ultimately, faith and the spiritual life must play their parts and cannot be written out of the analysis. It is our relationship with the Author of creation, through prayer and the

sacraments, that teaches us how to live well in this life and prepares us for eternity in the next.

As Bellarmine solemnly noted, "[A]fter death, we shall have to give an account to God of everything we did, spoke, or thought of during our whole life... and that the devil being our accuser, our conscience a witness, and God the Judge, a sentence of happiness or misery everlasting awaits us."

Guided by the Holy Spirit, may we follow Bellarmine's heroic example in promoting eternal truths in our day and living a life of prayer so that we may ultimately join him in that everlasting happiness with God. ■



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*Friday, Brandon leads a traditional New Orleans Nine Churches tour.*

## Jesuit Teachers Honored by Their Peers

Four Jesuit High School teachers were honored by their peers with the school's prestigious *Profile of a Jesuit Teacher Award*. The 2012 recipients are, from left, **Jo Ann Schexnayder**, who has taught math for six years at Jesuit; **Patrick Benoit**, a nine-year French teacher and chairman of Jesuit's Modern Foreign Languages department; **Mary Favalora**, a guidance counselor for 11 years and, for the past five years, director of Jesuit's guidance office; and, **James Michalik**, who has served 16 years at Jesuit and is currently a theology teacher and director of Operation Upgrade, a summer academic program Jesuit hosts for disadvantaged minority students.

The *Profile Award* recipients are nominated by their fellow



teachers and are recognized for their outstanding accomplishments, service, talents, commitment, and leadership, both in and outside the classroom. The honorees are announced at Jesuit's faculty-staff dinner reception held annually to celebrate the end of the school year. Since the awards were created in 2008, a total of 20 Jesuit teachers have merited such distinction. The honorees each receive a handsome plaque, a \$2,500 check, and well-deserved recognition amongst their peers.



May 2, 1950 — March 3, 2012

## Bonnie DeLatte

Longtime Jesuit High School Spanish Teacher

*"We strive to make our students not just intellectually competent but also men of compassion, conscience, and faith. Our students truly become men for others. I would like to think that I have a small part in helping them become those things."*

— Mrs. Bonnie DeLatte

**M**rs. Bonnie DeLatte left her mark on more Blue Jays than she ever dreamed of, as evidenced by the number of faculty, students, and staff of Jesuit High School who had gathered in the Chapel of the North American Martyrs to bid her a final fond farewell at a Mass that joyously celebrated her life, which ended way too early at the age of 61.

A beloved Spanish teacher at Jesuit for 20 years, Mrs. DeLatte peacefully passed away on March 3 following a courageous battle with inflammatory breast cancer.

Mrs. DeLatte taught well over a

thousand students during her two decades at Jesuit, where her uplifting and perpetual smile graced hallways, classrooms, and faculty meetings and retreats. In addition to her skills as an educator, Mrs. DeLatte served as head of the Modern Foreign Languages Department for several years, and was the moderator of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. Her reputation embraced professional integrity, academic excellence, and Christian charity.

*"I would like to be judged by the success of my students in their lives,"* she once wrote in her own personal teacher assessment. *"I*

*hope by sharing my values and beliefs with my students I have given them the tools to succeed in life. It is always very gratifying to me to hear about a student's success."*

At the time of her death, she was surrounded by her loving family — David, her husband of 38 years, and their two children, Brian '96 and Laura. Her beautiful grandchildren — Taylor, Joshua, and Lucas — were "the lights of my eyes" and her sustenance for having waged such a ferocious and valiant fight to the end.





## Blue Jay Lacrosse Team Wins 1<sup>st</sup> State Title

The 2012 Blue Jay Varsity Lacrosse Team added a new entry in Jesuit's already voluminous athletic history book after the squad defeated the Wolves of St. Paul's (Covington), 7-5, to capture the school's first State Championship.

The victory was made even sweeter because the lacrosse Jays almost did not make it to the April 28 championship match. The Blue Jays had to dig deep to stage a thrilling come-from-behind win in the semifinal against St. Thomas More on the Cougars' home field in Lafayette. It looked bleak for the Jays, who trailed the Cougars, 5-1. But Jesuit embarked on a wild spree of eight unanswered goals to snatch the semifinal win, 9-5, from the jaws of the Cougars, the

defending state champions.

"Our final two matches of the season were unbelievably exciting," said **Michael Marquis '12**, who was honored as the tournament's *MVP* on offense. "To climb out of a 5-1 hole against last year's state champions was pretty special. To eliminate them from the tournament on their own field reflects our own team's arrival."

**Zack Tassin '13** — the *MVP* on defense — echoed his teammate. "We were exhausted after the match against the Cougars," said Tassin. "That win really pumped us up and our confidence levels soared. I'm glad the adrenaline followed us into the next day's championship match."

**Jorgé Abadin '14**, the Blue Jays' winning goalie in both matches, noted that the 2012 lacrosse team was relatively young, with seven seniors (now alumni) and 17 juniors.

"But we more than made up for it with commitment and team leadership," said Abadin.

"Instead of permanent captains selected for the entire season, the responsibilities were shared among as many players as possible," said **Mike Brantley**, who completed six years as Jesuit's head lacrosse coach. "It might seem like a minor change, but the fresh approach of rotating captains actually gave the players a greater sense of team ownership."

U.S. Lacrosse, the sport's national governing body, honored Jesuit defender **Antonio Scelfo '13** (above) as an *All-American* and also recognized Brantley as the 2012 *Louisiana Lacrosse Coach of the Year*.

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View the 2012 Blue Jay Lacrosse season on Jesuit's web site: [www.jesuitnola.org/extralacrosse.htm](http://www.jesuitnola.org/extralacrosse.htm).

# Flying With the Jays

## Baseball: The Longest Game

The Varsity Baseball Team made a herculean effort to defend its 2011 State Championship, but lost a tough game in the semifinals of this year's tournament to Barbe, the eventual winner. Still, the Blue Jays (27-8) had an exciting and memorable season, made even more special with the opening of John Ryan Stadium. At their new home, the Jays won 12 games and lost only one.

Tens of thousands of thrilling moments course through Jesuit's hallowed athletic history. And when future Blue Jays glance back at 2012, they will certainly stumble upon the 18-inning Jesuit-Rummel game that was played Friday, April 13 before a packed house at John Ryan Stadium. Not many fans left the four and a half hour game early.

Two prep pitchers who rank among the best in the country occupied the mound for a total of 25 innings. Jesuit's **Emerson Gibbs** (pictured), recipient of a Tulane University baseball scholarship, pitched a full 15 innings, giving up one run on six hits and striking out 13 Raiders before being relieved by junior **Andrew Mitchell**. Rummel's Mitch Seward, who will play for LSU, threw 10 innings before he was relieved. The 1-1 tie was broken in the bottom of the 18<sup>th</sup> when Jays' catcher **Matt Rob rt** doubled to left field. Junior **Michael Cusimano**, who was sent to second base as the courtesy runner, scored the winning run when third baseman **Spencer Miller** hit a big single. In the post-game meeting in right field, head baseball coach Joey Latino (the *Times-Picayune's* All-District 9-5A Coach

of the Year) had this to say to his players: "You were part of what could be one of the greatest high school games ever played, certainly in the Catholic League. Nothing else as a player or a coach measures up to this game. It was phenomenal... and winning makes it that much sweeter.

"Looking back on this game years from now, you will be able to tell your children and grandchildren that in the inaugural season at John Ryan Stadium — hopefully some of your sons and grandsons will be playing on this very same field —

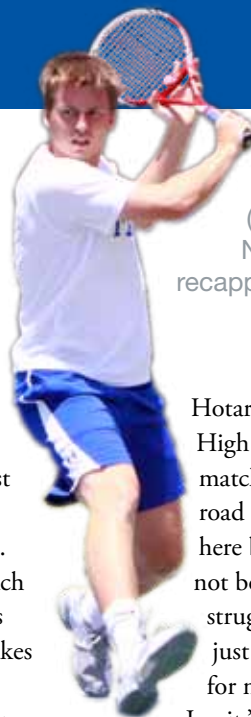
we went toe-to-toe with Rummel for 18 innings. Eighteen innings is amazing, absolutely amazing."

Meanwhile, Jesuit-based Retif Oil had a fantastic summer playing American Legion Baseball. Retif stayed undefeated in five games to win the Legion's State Tournament in Lafayette in late July. Retif brought its 32-6 record to the Legion's Mid-South Regional Tournament that opened August 9 in New Orleans.

(View Jesuit's post-season accolades on the Baseball home page: [www.jesuitnola.org/athletics/baseball.htm](http://www.jesuitnola.org/athletics/baseball.htm).)

## Tennis: High Five

The Varsity Tennis Team won a fifth consecutive State Championship, its 17th title over the past 18 years. Junior **Hobie Hotard**, despite a nagging back injury and the team having to travel to Monroe to play, won his third consecutive individual state title, keeping alive those dreams of center court at Wimbledon.



In previous *Jaynotes* (Fall/Winter 2011-2012; Vol. 38, Number 1), Flying With the Jays recapped the seasons of the football, cross country, and swimming teams.

Hotard held off Austin Compete of Byrd High (6-2, 6-4) in the championship match. "I play tournaments on the road most weekends and have played here before so being on the road did not bother me," Hotard said. "I was struggling with the back a little. I am just excited to get the win and proud for my school and proud to represent Jesuit." Juniors **James Sampognaro** and **Trevor Lew** defeated a team from Brother Martin to emerge from the state tourney as doubles champions.

## Rugby: Thrice Is Nice

The Varsity Rugby Team went undefeated this season and won its third consecutive state championship when it defeated Archbishop Shaw on April 21 at Pan American Stadium. The team compiled a sterling 12-0 season record. The Jays traveled to Atlanta to compete in the USA Rugby South High School Regional Championship and knocked off the first two teams before losing the championship match to a North Carolina opponent, 16-10. A 14-1 season and a second place finish in the Southern Region still made for a successful and fun season.

## Bowling: A First

Junior **Cory Ledet** is Jesuit's first state champion in bowling. He brought home the singles crown April 14 after bowling an average of 247 in the three games of the final round. Prior to the state tourney,





Ledet carried an average of 234, the highest among high school bowlers in Louisiana. Earlier this year in a match against Rummel, Ledet rolled a perfect 300 game, his first and most likely not his last. "This was awesome to be able to have the kind of season like I did," said Ledet, who was voted MVP by the district coaches. "I look forward to coming back and defending my title."

### Track: Run, Neal, Run

The Varsity Track Team placed a respectable third in the district meet April 26 at West Jefferson High School. Junior runner **Neal Fitzpatrick** continued to sparkle, sweeping the 1600-meter and 3200-meter runs in 4:29.12 and 9:54.81, respectively. In the regionals at Thibodaux High School, Fitzpatrick again ran first in the 3200-meter race while



fellow junior **Andrew Pettus** won the 1600-meter event. At the state meet Fitzpatrick was runner-up in the 3200-meter race.

### Basketball: District Runner-up

The Varsity Basketball Team was district runner-up but in the opening game of the state playoffs, the Jays found themselves in Monroe on Mardi Gras night playing the Ouachita Lions which, with a mighty roar, disposed of their visitors, 89-49. The Jays' 2012 season record was split evenly at 16-16. A trio of Blue Jays was named to the *Times-Picayune's* All-District (9-5A) Team: senior **Jay Pyburn**, junior **Matt Felger**, and sophomore **Riley Conroy**.

### Wrestling: Out of the Money

In the past six seasons, the Varsity Wrestling Team has won the state tournament twice while finishing as runner-up on four occasions. Not this year. The Jays finished a distant fourth place at this year's state event



in Shreveport.

Senior **Zach Carmello** (160) was the only Blue Jay to win an individual state title. Junior **Mitch Capella** (106) was state runner-up and senior **Ronnie Hoefeld** (145) took a bronze medal. Carmello and Hoefeld were named to the *Times-Picayune's* All-Metro Team. In another post-season honor, Capella placed fourth in the USA Wrestling Folkstyle National Championships in Cedar Falls, IA.

*(View team records and championship history on the Athletics Page of Jesuit's web site.)*

### A Golf Title Down the Drain?

The Blue Jay golf team, anchored by senior co-captain **Taylor Billings**, gave its best shots at the May 1-2, 2012 state championship tournament. Unfortunately, the monsoon season struck the Copper Mill Golf Club in Zachary, LA and the LHSAA was forced to cancel the soggy event mid-way through its second and final day.

No one was more disappointed than Billings, who was making a strong bid to win the individual title and had just jumped into the lead after a birdie on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole. With six holes to left to play, the menacing clouds suddenly unleashed torrential rain which in no time made the course unplayable, sinking Billings' aspirations.

The LHSAA discarded all of the second-

day scores and posted the winners based on results from the opening round. Billings shot a 69 on the first day and his three-under par score earned him third place and a bronze medal. In addition to Billings, Jesuit's team was represented by senior **Austin Schillaci** (who will attend Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in Ellisville, MS on a golf scholarship), junior **Nick Ingles**, and sophomores **Alex Anderson** and **Cole Johnson**. Senior **Cade Landeche** was the alternate. The Jays finished fourth as a team with a combined score of 306. The four lowest scores are counted and the fifth is discarded.

In a tune-up the week before the state event, Jesuit's golfers shot a combined 300 at Lakewood Country Club to capture the Regional III Tournament. Billings had his game in a groove and shot a one-under 71 to win the individual title.

Jesuit's golf teams have been ably coached

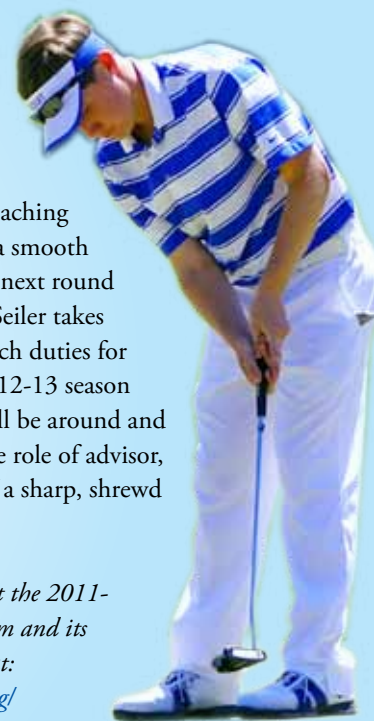
for the past 10 years by

**Chad Laborde**

'98. This past season, **Owen Seiler '75**

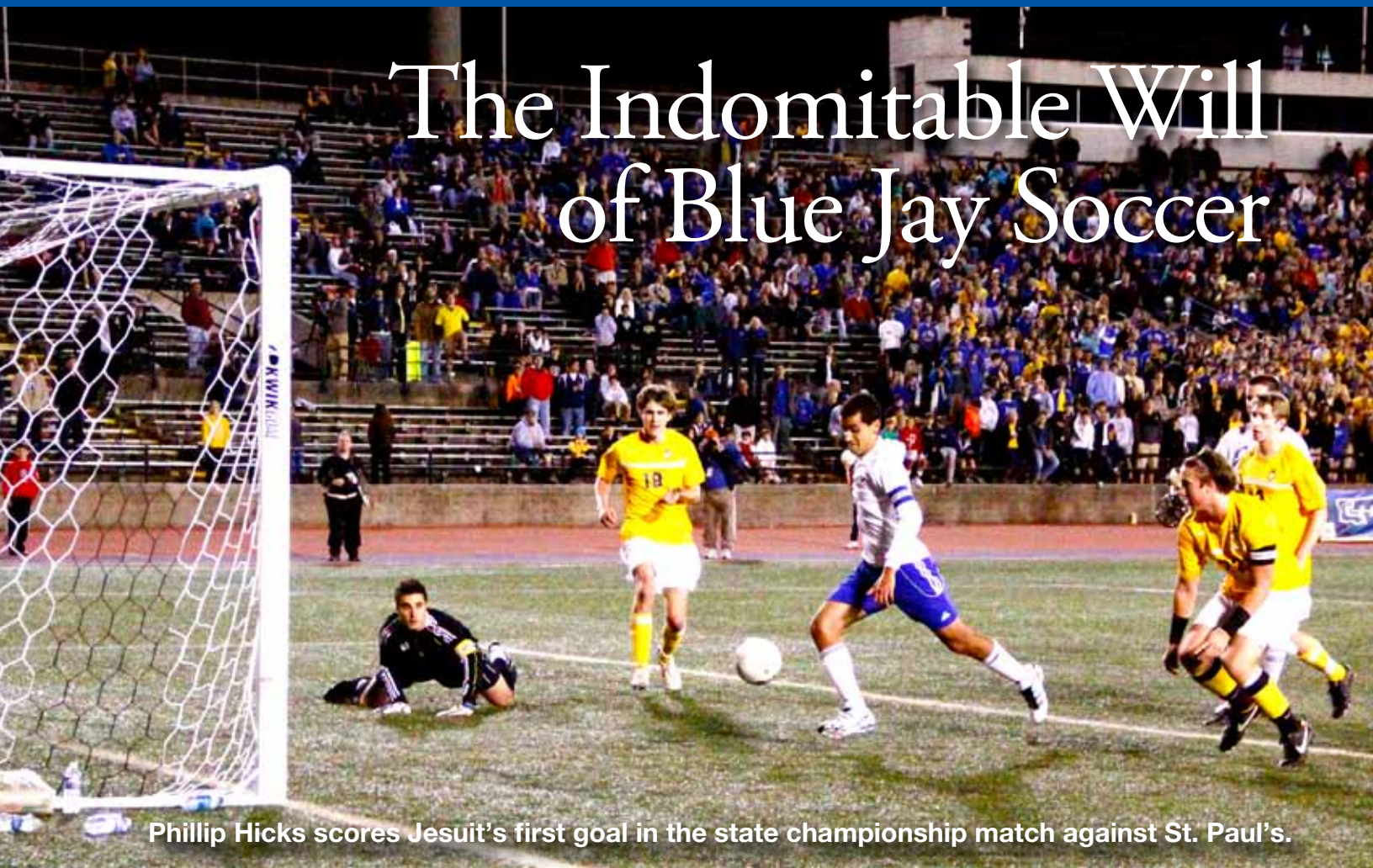
joined Laborde in the Blue Jay coaching gallery to ensure a smooth transition for the next round of Jesuit golfers. Seiler takes over the head coach duties for the upcoming 2012-13 season while Laborde will be around and about, playing the role of advisor, much like that of a sharp, shrewd caddy.

*(Learn more about the 2011-12 Jesuit Golf Team and its accomplishments at: [www.jesuitnola.org/](http://www.jesuitnola.org/)*





# The Indomitable Will of Blue Jay Soccer



Phillip Hicks scores Jesuit's first goal in the state championship match against St. Paul's.

*"Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will."*

— Mahatma Gandhi

When the 2012 Jesuit High School Varsity Soccer Team stepped onto the Marconi practice field for the first time in October (2011), expectations were not very high. After winning back-to-back state championships in 2009 and 2010, the 2011 prestigious army of Blue and White snapped its 96-game unbeaten streak, losing to St. Paul's in a heartbreaker of a championship game.

Entering the 2011-12 varsity season — on top of everything else — the Blue Jays had lost their entire starting lineup, with the exception of senior **Phillip Hicks**, who as a junior defender made the *Times-Picayune's* All-Metro Team following Jesuit's tough loss to St. Paul's.

This past season Hicks was captain of the varsity squad, which consisted of 18 seniors, 16 juniors, and two sophomores. They collectively decided, from that first practice onward, to ignore any monumental obstacles that might exist, or as Hicks put it, "Just take it one step at a time and try to get better each day."

And, indeed, the soccer Blue Jays did just that, emerging undefeated in their first 12 matches, most of which were played on the home field at Pan American Stadium. The first real test the varsity faced occurred December 13, when Jesuit squared off against district rival Brother Martin. The game was nothing short of entertaining as both teams constantly vied for, and then lost, the upper-edge in a tug-of-war that had

soccer fans on their feet from start to finish.

The match ended in a tie, necessitating penalty kicks to determine the winner. After making three penalty shots in a row and Jesuit not scoring any, Brother Martin stunned the #1 team in the state. The Jays were dealt their first loss of the season, in the process nearly derailing any hopes of winning a district title.

At the time, the 36 Jesuit players were despondent, never realizing that this crushing defeat at the hands of their arch-rivals would turn out to be the best thing that could have happened to them all year.

"We weren't a team then," Hicks reflected at the close of the season. "We were just a bunch of individuals. There was a huge division between juniors and seniors,



and it was all about fighting each other for playing time instead of fighting the other team.”

The loss to Brother Martin resulted in a dramatic move by Jesuit head soccer coach **Hubie Collins**. He changed the entire composition of the team, not by radically altering the starting eleven or completely switching the team's formations. Coach Hubie instituted a fundamental “get-to-know-one-another” system of training.

At the first practice following that deflating district loss to Brother Martin, Coach Hubie made each player call out the first and last name of all the other members of the team. The exercise showed the importance of trusting one's teammates. It also illustrated how little each person actually knew about the man standing next him.

At practices, the Jays focused on drills designed to make the team work together. Coupled with several bonding events like movies and dinners, the team's personality evolved. The Jays were still in the hunt, their heads up, and no one was looking back.

Playing with a fiery passion, Jesuit won the St. Paul's Tournament right after Christmas, shutting out Brother Martin, 3-0, in the championship game. Scarcely a month later, the Jays won the district title, defeating the Crusaders, 3-2, this time on their home field in Gentilly. “This is a terrific feeling,” Hicks reminded his teammates immediately after the victory, “but we set a goal at the beginning of this season that is much bigger than this match.”

In posting a 23-1-4 regular season record, the Blue Jays wowed fans by scoring 92 goals while allowing their opponents only eight goals. The state playoffs were six days away and for the Blue Jays, it was time to claim the silverware and a few pieces of crystal.

Jesuit polished off its first opponent, the Walker Wildcats, 12-0. In the next match, the Jays narrowly escaped from the Raiders' field in Metairie with a nail-biting 2-1 overtime win against Archbishop Rummel. The Blue & White next put on a dazzling display of soccer skill and creativity in

blanking New Iberia, 2-0, in a quarterfinal match.

The ardent Jesuit fans who left their nails in the Rummel bleachers the week before turned to chewing leather in the Blue Jays' semifinal match against the always formidable Cougars of St. Thomas More. With Jesuit sitting on a 2-1 lead, the match entered its 80<sup>th</sup> minute. Nearly six minutes into this “stoppage time,” the Cougars tied the score and their fans went wild.

Meanwhile, a wave of nausea that enveloped most of the Jesuit supporters dissipated quickly. As the match crept towards the 86<sup>th</sup> minute, Jesuit senior **Kyle Wilson** buried the ball with a bull's eye kick into the corner of the goal. A scant 15 seconds later, the ref finally blew that whistle. The Blue Jays' 3-2 win was their ticket to play in the state championship game.

The Jesuit players soon learned that their opponent would be the Wolves of St. Paul's, the very team that a year earlier had sent them home as runners-up.

“This wasn't revenge,” remarked senior forward **Charles Mansour**. “It was definitely a pride thing, and if we needed any extra motivation, all we had to do was look back at last year.”

The night of the state championship arrived and both teams played at an incredible level of emotional and physical intensity. The match could not be described as anything but a classic battle between two talented soccer teams, as witnessed by boisterous fans who have come to expect ferocious tackles, quick footwork, intense headers, and those obnoxious vuvuzelas.

The first half was scoreless due to staunch defensive efforts from both teams. Two minutes after the match resumed, the Wolves scored first. But following a pattern that recurred many times during their season, the Blue Jays responded with greater intensity and confidence, scoring less than 10 minutes later on a loose ball in the box that Hicks knocked into the net.

Jesuit's excitement was short lived. Seconds later, a long throw-in resulted in another goal for St. Paul's. Jesuit would not

be silenced on this roller-coaster, nor would the team's leading scorer, Charles Mansour scored on a header in the 75<sup>th</sup> minute to tie the match 2-2.

With time about to expire, Mansour somehow broke free from the Wolves' defenders and fired a perfect strike past their goalie. The Jesuit crowd erupted in jubilation while the St. Paul's side of Tad Gormley Stadium sat stunned in silence. Moments later, the final whistle ended the match and the Jays were state champions for the 11<sup>th</sup> time since Jesuit's soccer program began in 1977. Mansour was voted the tournament's MVP and Hubie Collins was *Coach of the Year*. Those five playoff games had the Blue Jays scoring a total of 22 goals versus five by their opponents.

At the beginning of the 2012 season, the Blue Jays struggled to understand that *there is no I in team*. With hard work, heart, faith, determination, and — most importantly — teamwork, they eventually got it. They learned that discussions “on the field” were much more important than talking off the field. They believed that no team can be counted out, ever.

Finally, these 2012 Blue Jay soccer champs understood that the source of strength comes from indomitable will, a trump card over physical capacity and brute force.



*Chris Hazlaris played on Jesuit's soccer teams for four years. He was the newest recipient of The Robert T. Casey Memorial Award, which is presented annually to the varsity athlete who exhibits the best sportsmanship*

*and spirit. A graduate of Jesuit's Class of 2012, Hazlaris attends Fordham University.*

*View all the photo galleries and post-season honors from Jesuit's 2012 State Championship season: [www.jesuitnola.org/athletics/soccer.htm](http://www.jesuitnola.org/athletics/soccer.htm).*



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*for these upcoming Blue Jay events*

### Jesuit vs. Holy Cross Pre-Game Reception

Friday, September 7, starting at 5 pm  
*Tad Gormley Stadium, Marconi Mall*

### LEF Phone Drive

Tuesday, October 9 - Thursday,  
October 11

### Back to Banks

Saturday, October 20, 3 PM  
*Traditions Courtyard*  
Followed by Jesuit vs. Brother Martin

### Alumni Homecoming Mass & Brunch

Sunday, October 21, 9 AM  
Recognition of the Golden Anniversary  
Class of 1962; the Silver Anniversary  
Class of 1987; and, the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Class of 2002  
*Chapel of the North American Martyrs &  
Student Commons*

### Open House

Wednesday, November 7  
Tours of the school starting at 4, 5,  
6, & 7 PM

### Celebration 2013

Saturday, March 2, 2013  
*Traditions Courtyard & Student  
Commons*

### Blue Jay Bazaar

Sunday, March 24, 2013

### Jesuit Golf Classic

Friday, April 19, 2013  
*English Turn Golf Course*

### Commencement Luncheon

Friday, May 3  
*Sheraton New Orleans (Canal Street)*

### Blue Jay Fishing Rodeo

Saturday, June 22  
*Weigh-in festivities at John Ryan  
Stadium*



## The Class of 2012