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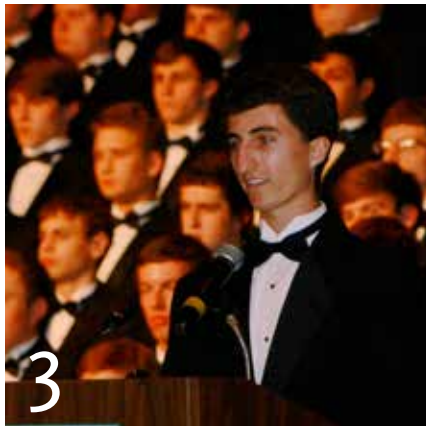
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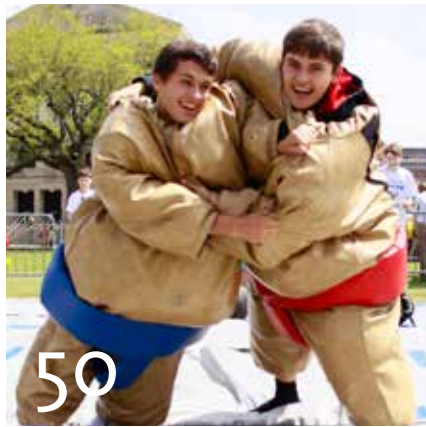


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Remembering the 50-year anniversary of the school's desegregation



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ON THE COVER

On September 4, 1962, Jesuit High School became a greater Jesuit when the school ended its policy of the exclusion of African-American students. For the past 50 years, young men of color have stood as members of the student body, Blue Jays all.

Dear Blue Jays:

The last week of February 2013 was remarkable, surpassing Jesuit's default standard which dictates that every week around here is special. But the commemoration of Jesuit's 50-year anniversary of its desegregation was truly, to use the favorite word of a former president of the school, Fantastic!

The week of commemorative events united the past with the present, and in between, the spotlight dwelled on a few amazing moments, not the least of which was the thunderous reception by students given to senior [Manny Armour](#) upon his recognition as Jesuit's first African-American to win an individual state championship in wrestling.

And then there was former Jesuit teacher [John Serio](#), whose surprise cameo at the "Storytelling" panel discussion shocked one of its participants, [Stephen McKenna '74](#), who was returning to Jesuit for the first time since his graduation, albeit carrying a suitcase full of reticence and anxiety. More than 40 years ago, Serio phoned McKenna at home to console the young Blue Jay who had experienced humiliation and outrage earlier that day at a particularly insensitive pep rally. In his essay in the previous issue of *Jaynotes*, McKenna had written how much it meant that

Serio had called him, the only faculty member to have reached out with words of consolation. Ever grateful, McKenna warmly embraced his former teacher.

The uplifting concert by the [Shades of Praise](#), the city's inter-racial and multi-religious denominational choir, injected the Chapel of the North American Martyrs with a shot of joy that swept over the audience of assembled Blue Jays. A bariatric surgeon who is also a talented pianist, McKenna dashed off an impromptu riff on the choir's keyboard. He then performed a beautiful and soulful rendition of "Auld Lang Syne," which brought the students to their feet, eliciting McKenna's glorious exclamation, "I never thought I would see this day at Jesuit. It's great to be a Blue Jay!"

Students were also able to experience two galleries — one art, the other artistic. The art gallery featured 12 original paintings by [Clementine Hunter](#), who was Louisiana's great folk artist. For most Blue Jays, it was their first time experiencing Hunter's formative work. The paintings were part of the collections of Jesuit art teacher [Meg Jennings](#) and her parents, [Toni and Eddie Feinman](#).

Students also enjoyed up-close views of a unique artistic gallery consisting of mosaic photographs of Blue Jays.



Stephen McKenna '74

The works were conceived and created by Jesuit's yearbook staff and moderator [Jean-Marc Duplantier](#). "The Gorgeous Mosaic of Humanity," as the gallery was called, exhibited 10 mosaics of current students and alumni. Each mosaic was built with tiny images that were the faces of the subject's classmates. As the gallery overview noted, "Each Blue Jay plays an important part in the image of his classmate. Our differences give us strength. Our differences unite us as Blue Jays." ✈

Pierre DeGruy '69
Editor

SAVE THE DATE

CELEBRATION

Saturday
November 2, 2013
National WWII Museum

The reimagined Gala & Auction promises to be bigger and better. Join us for a patron party, including silent and live auctions, and food from many of the area's finest restaurants.



With God, the Best Is Always Yet to Come

Delivered to the Class of 2013 at the Commencement Ceremony held May 23 at the Pontchartrain Center.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So, has anybody had any cool dreams lately? Depending on your social circles, this is a conversational opener with which you may be familiar after four or five years at Jesuit.

It's a good question on this graduation evening. My hope is that this is a time in which you form great dreams, envisioning all that you want to do and to be, a time in which you approach a wider world with enthusiasm, optimism, and energy, setting for yourselves the highest and noblest goals.

But, gentlemen of the Class of 2013, as you consider your own dreams, I invite you to an even greater scope: what are God's dreams for you?


This evening, you will go forth, taking with you the history of your years at Jesuit — a history that encompasses bad as well as good, failure and frustration as well as triumph and success, dreams unfulfilled as well as dreams realized.

What, then, is the good that God now wishes for you? What manifestations of His presence, His power, and His peace does He desire for your life? Will you allow Him to give you these gifts, gifts

meant for your greatest and truest happiness?

But still further, what good does God now wish from you? Are you open to all the potential for good that He has placed within you, good that you have been uniquely created and equipped to perform, good that constitutes your role in God's providential plan for yourself and for those He puts into your life? Indeed, are you open to the great Christian paradox, wherein you discover that by opening your hands to give to others, you are simultaneously opening your hands to receive from God exactly what you need?

There's an old blessing that prays "May the most you hope for be the least you get." My good and beloved brothers, this is my prayer for you. May the best that you have experienced be but a shadow of the good that awaits you. May even your greatest dreams be but a pale reflection of the infinite good that God wishes for you, a good that lasts all the days of life and that stretches forward into eternity.

Go forth this evening with the joy of seeing your high school years well completed — but with the even greater joy of knowing that with God, the best is always yet to come. 

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

The
Precious Gift
 of JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

Six members of the Class of 2013 earned the honor of being valedictorians based on their grade point average. The one graduating senior who has earned the highest total numerical semester grades in the prescribed core curriculum for his final year is selected to be the speaker at the Commencement Exercises.

James R. Sampognaro had the honor of delivering the Class of 2013 commencement address.

Reverend Father President, Mr. Giambelluca, faculty, family, friends, and fellow members of the Class of 2013:

We gather here to mark the end of a wonderful part of our lives. As a group, we have accomplished extraordinary things. We have excelled in academics, being blessed with 26 National Merit Semifinalists. Athletically, we have flourished, capturing five state championships in club and varsity sports this past year. The Band, the Phils, the Mock Trial Team, the Debate Team, and many others have displayed an impressive combination of hard work and talent. In fact, this past year has been so remarkable that Mr. Giambelluca has decided his work here at Jesuit is done.

But more important than all of these accomplishments is their cause — the fact that we, as a class, were together. Together, we have shared more than mere high school years; we have shared our adolescence. Together, we embarked upon the bright path of our youth, and on that same path we have become men. We have sought the truth both in and out of the classroom. We have come together in celebrating our victories and, maybe even more so, in grieving our losses, including the loss of a classmate and a beloved teacher. We have also looked outward, as this past year we continued the great Thanksgiving Drive tradition, feeding more families than ever only months after completing our summer

service projects. And being this kind of group, we have become living witnesses of our mission statement; we have become Men of Faith and Men for Others.

Looking back, I remember, before ever donning the Blue Jay patch, passing by Carrollton and Banks on my way home from middle school. Those khaki-clad students leaving the building were men to me, men who were so experienced and developed that such a time in my life seemed too far off to even consider. Truly, what a surreal day it is for us all as we, the Class of 2013, are taking our next step forward, surpassing that once dreamlike ideal and now venturing out into an even larger world.


But certainly this is not the last we will see of each other. Our paths will continue to cross for the rest of our lives: maybe daily in our professions, maybe weekly at social events, maybe every few years at reunions, or maybe just once more in our lives at some most unexpected place. However it may happen, there will always be a bond between us, a bond formed by the indelible experience of our youth.

And very little could be more central to our lives than our Jesuit story. Near the end of the novel *The Brothers Karamazov*, the character Alyosha speaks to a group of children he has been with for much of the book.

Knowing that they have gathered for the last time, he tells them: Let us never forget how good we once felt here,

all together, united by such good and kind feelings that made us perhaps better than we actually are... You must know that there is nothing higher, or stronger, or more useful afterwards in life than some good memory.

Let us use this Jesuit experience as the foundation for the rest of our lives. Later on, wherever time has taken us, at some point we will remember and cherish the love and friendship we had — that is, what we have right now. And although this fellowship cannot be recreated, we will bring this memory into whatever field or circle we later find ourselves, and we will make THAT place better and more joyful.

As for today, our time as Jesuit students is complete. We, too, will soon take our place in the Hall of Honors to watch in silence our brothers who will follow us. And only by watching from that small picture frame will we truly be able to appreciate the tremendous gift that Jesuit has given us. It is a gift so precious that we may never fully understand it. It is a gift so great that there is no proper repayment — only our living good and full lives, lives for the greater glory of God. Thank you. 

Watch the videos of the valedictory address and Fr. Fitzgerald's address at the Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2013 on the Academics Home Page: www.jesuitnola.org/academics.

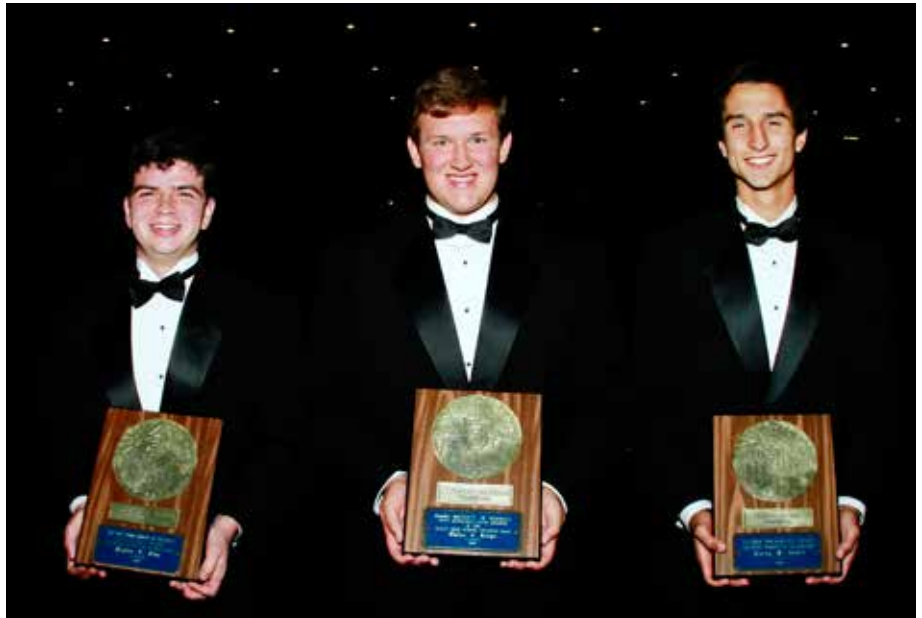
Graduates Honored with Special Awards

Towards the end of each school year, the faculty of Jesuit High School nominate deserving seniors who will, following a second and final round of voting by the faculty, become the newest recipients of three special awards that are presented at the start of the graduation ceremony. Traditionally the identities of the honorees are shrouded in secrecy up until the very moment of the announcement by the principal, who serves as master of ceremonies at Jesuit's commencement.

In Jesuit High School's 166th year, Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2013 were held on May 23 at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner. At the beginning of the ceremony, Jesuit's principal, [Michael Giambelluca](#), announced the names of the honorees:

Corey M. James received the Reverend Father President's Spiritual Leadership Award, which is presented to the senior who has exerted the greatest spiritual influence on others by living a life exemplifying his Catholic faith.


Blaine J. Loupe received The Julia Ferguson McEnery Memorial Trophy, Donated by Will Gibbons McEnery of the Class of 1914, which is awarded to the senior who has a good scholastic record, actively participated in co-curricular activities, and possesses those qualities which symbolize "the most representative student of Jesuit High School."



Top: Award winners announced at graduation — Peyton Fine, Blaine Loupe, and Corey James; Bottom: The six Class of 2013 valedictorians — Jimmy J. Brown, Andrew J. Burmaster, Peyton L. Fine, Carl E. Hellmers, James R. Sampognaro, and Matthew J. Wolff.

Peyton L. Fine was the recipient of the Very Reverend Father Pedro Arrupe Award, which recognizes the senior who has exemplified the spirit of being a man for others by his participation and excellence in service.

Additionally, The Blue Jay Parents' Club Award for excellence in scholarship was awarded to six seniors who graduated with the highest

grade point average for four years at Jesuit High School. They were also named as co-valedictorians of their class: **Jimmy J. Brown, Andrew J. Burmaster, Peyton L. Fine, Carl E. Hellmers, James R. Sampognaro, and Matthew J. Wolff.** 

Special Commendations Presented at the 2013 Awards Ceremony

Each year, Jesuit High School recognizes seniors and underclassmen who have achieved significant academic and athletic honors. Unless designated otherwise, recipients were members of the Class of 2013. Among the awards presented on May 9, 2013 in the Jesuit Auditorium were the following:

The Frank T. Howard Memorial Award for excellence in English was merited *ex aequo* by [James R. Sampognaro](#) and [Peyton L. Fine](#).

The Jesuit 500 Club Award for Latin was merited by [Andrew J. Burmaster](#).

The William Helis Memorial Award for Greek was merited by [Jonathan M. Llovet](#).

The Loyola University Award for Mathematics, given to the senior with the highest overall average in mathematics, was merited by [James R. Sampognaro](#).

The Reverend William J. Ryan Memorial Award for social studies, donated by Dr. J. Joseph Ryan, was merited by [James R. Sampognaro](#).

The Frank T. Howard Memorial Award for excellence in physics was merited by [James R. Sampognaro](#).

The Jimmy Kuck Award for excellence in chemistry was merited by [Reuben A. Hogan '14](#).

The Award for Excellence in Biology was merited by [Chalon L. Fogarty '16](#).

The Paquette Family Award for excellence in French was merited by [Joseph F. Kepper](#).

The Ubaldo Trelles Memorial Award for excellence in Spanish was merited by [Patrick H. Denenea](#).

The Susan & Garic Schoen Award for excellence in computer studies was merited by [Evan J. Bailey](#).

The Perfect Attendance Certificate and 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 [Mason J. Thibodeaux](#).

The Philelectic Society Award for outstanding achievement in dramatics was merited by [Jonathan M. Llovet](#).

The Culture of Life Award, given to the student who has shown exemplary leadership in the Jesuit Pro-Life Club, was merited by [Patrick H. Denenea](#).

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 [Mayank Mardia '16](#).

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 [Rishab M. Chimmanamada '15](#).

The Aloysius J. Cabill Memorial Award for proficiency in oratory was merited by [Eric W. Bussey '15](#).

The John D. Schilleci Memorial Award for excellence in elocution in the senior division was merited by [Reuben A. Hogan '14](#).

The Professor Michael Cupero Memorial Award for band leadership, donated by his grandson, Col. Hamil M. Cupero '56, was merited by [Ian K. Rohr](#).

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](#).

The Coach Edwin E. Toribio Memorial Award, presented to the senior who best combined scholarship and athletics, was merited by [Joshua S. DeBlieux](#).

The Larry Gilbert Family Memorial Award for the best all-around athlete on the varsity teams was awarded to [Mitchell O. Alexander](#).

The Robert T. Casey Memorial Award for the varsity athlete with the best sportsmanship and spirit was awarded to [Preston B. Reisig](#).

The Coach Gernon Brown Memorial Award for the best all-around athlete of the junior varsity teams during the 2012-13 school year was awarded to [Carl R. LaForge III '15](#).

The "Rusty" Staub Award for the senior baseball letterman who best exhibited leadership, sportsmanship, and spirit was awarded to [Brett M. Leonhard](#).

The Donald R. Ford Award for the outstanding football lineman was awarded to [Andrew Joseph III](#).

The Award for All-Around Athletic Ability was awarded *ex aequo* to [Neal S. Fitzpatrick](#) and [John A. Hotard, Jr.](#)

The William D. and 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 [Matthew F. Felger](#).

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 [Jakirai R. Wiley '16](#).

The Morris B. Redmann, Jr. Memorial Award for the outstanding senior football letterman who best combined scholarship and athletics was merited by [Tanner J. Lee](#).

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 [Mitchel J. Capella](#).

The Michael D. Conway Award for the most valuable player on the varsity soccer team was awarded to [Joseph F. Kepper](#).

The Rodriguez Family Award for the most valuable swimmer was awarded to [Johnston J. Burkhardt](#).

The Chester M. Rieth Award for the senior track letterman who exhibited leadership, sportsmanship, and spirit was awarded to [Neal S. Fitzpatrick](#).

The Stanley Ray Award for the most improved track letterman for the current year is merited by [Ernest P. Legier III](#).

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 [Nicholas C. Ingles](#).

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 [John A. Hotard, Jr.](#)

The Christopher Morgan Memorial Award for the cross-country letterman who best exemplified courage, leadership, sportsmanship, and spirit was awarded to [Neal S. Fitzpatrick](#).

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 [Earl Johnson III](#).



Off They Go!

GRADUATION 2013

The 255 graduates who comprise the Class of 2013 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 gathered a collective \$32,500,000 worth of scholarship offers.

Universities or colleges listed in bold under the graduates' names are the institutions they are attending. (H) indicates the graduate was accepted to that school's Honors College. Majors or courses of study selected by the graduates are listed as are other colleges that accepted them for admission. The scholarships listed pertain only to those universities that the graduates are attending. The information in this section was obtained from the guidance department which compiled the raw data submitted in May by the graduates and their parents.

Congratulations to Jesuit's Class of 2013! Now, OFF THEY GO!

Felix Ramon Abadin

LSU *Civil Engineering*
TOPS Honors Award
University of Miami, Saint Louis University, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Alabama

Richard Lewis Adams III

LSU *Biology*
TOPS Performance Award
Loyola University New Orleans, UNO, Spring Hill College

Ricardo John Aguilar

LSU *Chemical Engineering*
TOPS Performance Award
Tulane University, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Mitchell Otis Alexander

LSU (H) *Pre-Medicine*
TOPS Honors Award
Loyola University New Orleans (H), Tulane University, Spring Hill College (H)

Robert Octavio AllendeLSU *Undeclared*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award

Benjamin Joseph AltermanLSU (H) *Political Science*

TOPS Honors Award

Nathaniel Armour IIState University of New York at Oneonta *Philosophy***Matthew Gray Arseneaux II**LSU *Engineering*TOPS Opportunity Award
Wheeling Jesuit University,
Saint Louis University**Fernando Andres Avelar**UNO *Business*

TOPS Performance Award

Nash Easton BabinUNO *Film*

TOPS Opportunity Award

Evan James Bailey**National Merit Program
Commended Student***Georgia Institute of Technology
Engineering*

LSU, Washington University in Saint Louis, University of Georgia, Saint Louis University

Luis Etienne Balart, Jr.**National Merit Program
Commended Student**LSU *International Trade and Finance*
LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellors Student Aid Award**Joseph Peter Bardot**Tulane University (H) *Undeclared*TOPS Honors Award, Tulane University Distinguished Scholars Award
Boston University, Fordham University, Wofford College, Colgate University**Joseph Michael Barletta****National Merit Program
Commended Student**University of Alabama (H) *Engineering*
LSU (H), Tulane University (H), Marquette University, Saint Louis University**Brandon David Barnett**LSU *Information Systems
and Decision Sciences*

Spring Hill College

Joseph Benedict Battaglia IVLSU *Engineering*

TOPS Honors Award

Kenneth Eugene Bearden, Jr.Louisiana Tech University *Engineering*
UNO, University of Louisiana at Lafayette**Grant Phillip Becker**

University of Alabama (H)

Political Science

University of Alabama Presidential Merit Scholarship

LSU (H), Tulane University (H), St. John's University (NY) (H), University of Mississippi, Southern Methodist University (H), Millsaps College, Baylor University, Fordham University

Mason Lee BelleLSU *Business*

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Jermaine Christopher BezieUniversity of Southern Mississippi
*Political Science***Jared Charles Blohowiak****National Merit Program
Commended Student**LSU *Civil Engineering*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellors Student Aid Award

Evan James BonuraSpring Hill College *Business*Spring Hill College Ignatian Jesuit Leader Award
LSU, Loyola University New Orleans**Christopher Michael Booth**UNO *Computer Science*

TOPS Performance Award, UNO Blue Scholarship Award

Joshua Michael BourgeoisLSU *Kinesiology*

TOPS Performance Award

Seth Alexander BrothertonFlorida State University *Undeclared*

LSU, Spring Hill College, University of Hawai'i

Dennis Alexander Brown, Jr.LSU *Biochemistry*TOPS Honors Award
University of Alabama,
University of Hawai'i**Jimmy Joseph Brown****Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist
Tulane University (H)***Biomedical Engineering*Tulane University Presidential Scholarship, Valedictorian Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship
LSU (H), Fordham University (H), University of Dallas (H), University of Miami (H), Spring Hill College (H), University of Alabama (H), Texas A&M University (H), Case Western Reserve University**John Paul Brown**LSU *Petroleum Engineering*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellors Student Aid Award

Austin Marshall BuckTulane University *Biology*TOPS Honors Award, Tulane University Leadership Award
LSU, University of Hawai'i**Barrett Samuel Burgdahl**LSU *Undeclared*TOPS Performance Award, LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellors Student Aid Award
University of Alabama**Johnston Jeffrey Burkhardt****National Merit Finalist**LSU (H) *Business*TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellors Student Aid Award
Loyola University New Orleans (H), Tulane University, University of Miami, Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, Auburn University, University of Alabama (H), Rhodes College, Sewanee: The University of the South**Andrew Joseph Burmaster****Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist**Fordham University *Biochemistry*Fordham University National Merit Scholarship
Loyola University New Orleans, Saint Louis University (H)**Drew Alexander Burns**LSU *Mechanical Engineering*

Loyola University New Orleans, UNO (H), Louisiana Tech University, Spring Hill College

Brian Daniel BurridgeNicholls State University *Culinary Arts***Brandon John Butera****National Merit Finalist**University of Miami (H) *Pre-Medicine*University of Miami Stamps Family Charitable Foundation Scholarship, University of Miami Isaac Bashevis Singer Scholarship
LSU (H), Tulane University (H), Wake Forest University, University of Virginia, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Fordham University, Washington University in St. Louis, Boston College (H), University of Georgia (H), University of Rochester**Alexander James Caluda**LSU *Petroleum Engineering*

TOPS Performance Award

Jacob Matthew Campos

Spring Hill College *Psychology*
 Spring Hill College Gautrelet
 Jesuit Award, Spring Hill
 College Rugby Scholarship
Loyola University New Orleans, UNO,
University of Southern Mississippi

Eric Hanna Canahuati

LSU *Mechanical Engineering*
 TOPS Honors Award

Grant Michael Candies

National Merit Program
Commended Student

LSU *Biomedical Engineering*
 TOPS Honors Award

Mitchel Joseph Capella

LSU *Pre-Veterinary*
 TOPS Honors Award

Jonathan Michael Casteix

LSU *Biochemistry*
 TOPS Opportunity Award

Cody Willis Castle

Spring Hill College (H)
Pre-Medicine & Biology
 Spring Hill College Portier
 Jesuit Scholarship
LSU, Texas Christian University

Cody Christopher Chaisson

Mississippi State University *Engineering*
Spring Hill College

Dane Christopher Chalin

LSU (H) *Biology*
 TOPS Honors Award

Grant Leland Champagne

LSU *Undeclared*
 TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
 Scholars Resident Award and
 Chancellors Student Aid Award
Fordham University, Furman University

Seth Sanjiv Chauhan

National Merit Finalist
University of Alabama (H)
Engineering & Pre-Medicine

University of Alabama Presidential
 Merit Scholarship, UA Presidential
 National Housing Scholarship, UA
 Achievement Special Scholarship,
 UA Summer Study Allowance, UA
 Engineering Leadership Scholarship
LSU (H), Tulane University (H), Auburn
University (H), Fordham University
(H), University of Dallas, Southern
Methodist University, Baylor University

Ethan Bernard Cheramie

LSU *Petroleum Engineering*
 TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
 Scholars Resident Award and
 Chancellors Student Aid Award
Tulane University, Baylor University

Zachary Joseph Ciolino

LSU *Biology*
 TOPS Opportunity Award, LSU Tiger
 Excellence Scholars Resident Award

Kevin James Clavier

LSU *General Business*
 TOPS Opportunity Award
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Trevor Octavio Coker

LSU *Pre-Medicine*
 TOPS Opportunity Award
Spring Hill College

Spencer Thomas Comeaux

LSU *Engineering*
 TOPS Honors Award

Joseph Thomas Crapanzano III
National Merit Finalist

Spring Hill College (H) *Undeclared*
LSU (H), Loyola University New Orleans,
Tulane University, Rhodes College,
Fordham University, Saint Louis
University, Texas Christian University (H)

Zachary Armfield Creel

National Merit Finalist
University of Mississippi (H) *Business*
 University of Mississippi Academic
 Excellence Scholarship, UM Academic
 Excellence Non-Resident Scholarship,
 UM Academic Excellence Housing

Award, UM Barnard Scholarship

George Frederick Crozier V

LSU *English*
 TOPS Opportunity Award
St. John's University (NY), Loyola
University Maryland, College of
Charleston, University of San Francisco

Anthony Charles Cucchiara

LSU *Biology*
 TOPS Honors Award, LSU
 Tiger Excellence Award
Austin Community College (H)

John Tilghman Culotta, Jr.

Spring Hill College
Communications & Theology
 Spring Hill College Gautrelet
 Jesuit Award, Spring Hill
 Athletic Golf Scholarship
LSU, Loyola University New Orleans,
St. John's University (NY), Saint
Louis University, Texas Christian
University, Millsaps College

Michael Raphael Cusimano

National Merit Program
Commended Student
University of Notre Dame
Engineering & Business
LSU (H), University of Alabama,
University of Mississippi (H), Texas A&M
University, University of Miami (H)

Harrison Garrett Cutrera

LSU *Finance*
 TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
 Scholars Resident Award and
 Chancellors Student Aid Award

John James D'Angelo

National Merit Finalist
Texas A&M University
Mechanical Engineering
 Texas A&M University President's
 Endowed Scholarship, National Merit
 Recognition Award, Mechanical
 Engineering Scholar, Non-Resident
 Competitive Scholarship, State Farm
 Foundation National Merit Scholarship
LSU (H), Tulane University (H),
Fordham University, Worcester
Polytechnic Institute

Luis Fernando Davadi

UNO *Chemistry*
 TOPS Opportunity Award
Southeastern Louisiana University

Justin Alexander Davies

LSU *Civil Engineering*
 TOPS Opportunity Award
University of Louisiana at Lafayette,
University of Mississippi



Seniors Matthew Wolff and Jack Culotta, Jr. enter the Chapel of the North American Martyrs at Baccalaureate Mass.

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Charles Edward de Boisblanc, Jr.

LSU (H) *Biology*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellors Student Aid Award
Tulane University

Joshua Saunders DeBlieux

Boston College Pre-Medicine

Jesuit High School Great American Rivalry Series Award
LSU (H), Tulane University, Santa Clara University

Austin Joshua Delaune

Louisiana Tech University

Mechanical Engineering

TOPS Honors Award, Louisiana Tech University Board of Supervisors Scholarship
LSU (H), UNO, Mississippi State University, Mercer University

Patrick Hoffman Denenea

National Merit Program

Commended Student

Georgetown University Spanish

LSU, Boston College, Fordham University, University of Dallas

Rishi Jatin Desai

LSU *Undeclared*

TOPS Opportunity Award
Louisiana Tech University, Mississippi State University

Hunter Gene DesRoches

LSU *Electrical Engineering*

TOPS Performance Award

Denis Culbertson Devenport III

University of South Carolina

Biomedical Engineering

University of South Carolina McKissick Scholars Award
LSU, Appalachian State University

Huy Nam Do

LSU *Pre-Medicine & Biology*

TOPS Performance Award
Xavier University of Louisiana

Blake Christian Donewar

LSU *Political Science*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award
Loyola University New Orleans, Spring Hill College

Jacob Michael Doyle

LSU *Physics*

TOPS Honors Award
Tulane University, Spring Hill College

Patrick Tennant Duckworth

National Merit Program

Commended Student

University of Alabama Undeclared

LSU, University of Mississippi

Shogo John Tonino Dunn

LSU *International Trade and Finance*

TOPS Honors Award

University of California Santa Cruz, University of Colorado Boulder, San Diego State University

Rene Roy Duplantier

National Merit Program

Commended Student

Arizona State University Architecture

Arizona State University New American University President's Award Scholarship
LSU, University of Texas, University of Florida, University of Southern California

Michael McGrath Duran, Jr.

LSU *Psychology*

TOPS Opportunity Award
University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Spring Hill College, Ohio University, High Point University

Timothy John Dwyer, Jr.

LSU *Electrical Engineering*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award
University of Mississippi

Thomas Frederick Echols

LSU *Engineering*

TOPS Opportunity Award
University of Mississippi

William Louis Emmett

National Merit Finalist

Emory University Business

Tulane University, Southern Methodist University, Fordham University

William Giovanni Escobar-Arrillaga

Villanova University Chemistry

Villanova University Grant
Tulane University, Fordham University

Sean Patrick Eskine

LSU *Kinesiology*

TOPS Performance Award

Steven Mark Fall, Jr.

LSU *Engineering*

TOPS Performance Award, LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award

Thomas Patrick Farrelly

University of Southern Mississippi

Communications

University of Southern Mississippi



Regional Scholarship
Spring Hill College

Matthew Ford Felger

LSU *Undeclared*

TOPS Honors Award
Loyola University New Orleans, University of Alabama, Spring Hill College

Andrew Christopher Ferdinand

Xavier University of Louisiana (H)

Psychology

TOPS Honors Award
LSU, Texas Christian University, Samford University, Spring Hill College (H), Fordham University, St. John's University (NY), Barry University

Jack Michael Ferro

National Merit Program

Commended Student

University of Alabama (H) Biology

University of Alabama Presidential Merit Scholarship

Peyton Leonard Fine

Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist

Harvard University Economics

LSU, Duke University, Northwestern University (IL), University of Virginia, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania

Charles Perry Fink

Spring Hill College

International Business

Spring Hill College Portier Jesuit Scholarship, Spring Hill College Service Award
LSU, Millsaps College

Michael Emmett Fitzpatrick

LSU *Biology*

University of Mississippi, Spring Hill College

Neal Storan Fitzpatrick

Saint Louis University Meteorology

LSU, Florida State University, Mississippi State University

Quinn William Fitzpatrick

LSU *Chemical Engineering*

TOPS Performance Award

University of Mississippi

Sean Preston Fitzpatrick

University of Mississippi *Undeclared*
Mississippi State University

Philip John Flettrich IV

LSU *Business*

TOPS Performance Award
Millsaps College, Spring Hill College,
University of Mississippi, University of
Southern Mississippi

Dontayue DeShawn Fly

Garden City Community College (KS)
Computer Science

Chet Tyler Ford

Texas Christian University *Biology*
LSU, Loyola University New Orleans,
University of Alabama, Spring Hill
College, Augsburg College,
Simpson College

Connor Stephen Fournier

Mississippi State University
Aerospace Engineering

Mississippi State University Freshman
Academic Excellence Scholarship,
Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship,
James Worth Bagley College of
Engineering Excellence Scholarship
LSU (H), Tulane University

Lawrence Evariste Francioni IV

LSU *Sports Administration*

TOPS Honors Award
Oglethorpe University

Devin Hayes Francis

University of North Carolina Asheville
Undeclared
Howard University

Stanley Melchor Capulong Fuentes

LSU (H) *Microbiology*

LSU Tiger Excellence Scholars Award
Tulane University, Fordham University

Mason Kent Fulk

Texas A&M University

Radiological Health Engineering
LSU, Texas Christian University,
Baylor University

Andrew Gregory Ganucheau

University of South Alabama
Undeclared

University of South Alabama Presidential
Scholarship, University of South
Alabama Out-of-State Scholarship
LSU, Louisiana Tech University,
Mississippi State University,
University of Southern Mississippi

After their final Morning Assembly as students,
seniors celebrate in Traditions Courtyard.

Sloan Charles Gardiner

LSU *Undeclared*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
Scholars Resident Award and
Chancellors Student Aid Award
Arizona State University,
University of San Francisco

Allen Joseph Gaudet IV

LSU *Biology*

Spring Hill College

Daniel Scott Gauthier

United States Marine Corps

Cole Michael Gautreau

LSU *Engineering*

TOPS Opportunity Award
UNO, University of Mississippi

Vincent Benjamin Giovingo

LSU *Mechanical Engineering*

TOPS Honors Award

Nicholas Gerard Gobert

Tulane University *Undeclared*

TOPS Honors Award
LSU (H), Dartmouth College, Spring
Hill College, Mercer University, Xavier
University Cincinnati, Fordham
University, St. John's University (NY)

Grant Joseph Gonzalez

LSU (H) *Undeclared*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
Scholars Resident Award and
Chancellors Student Aid Award
Tulane University, University of Alabama
(H), Spring Hill College (H)

Tyler Jude Gonzales

Delgado Community College
Undeclared

Seth Michael Grace

UNO (H) *Nautical Architecture &
Maritime Engineering*

TOPS Honors Award, UNO
Blue Scholarship Award
LSU

Michael Paul Graziani

LSU *Undeclared*

TOPS Opportunity Award
Loyola University New Orleans, University
of Alabama, Spring Hill College

Gage Alexander Grush

LSU *Kinesiology*

Benjamin Talbot Guerra

National Merit Finalist

University of Alabama (H) *Engineering*
University of Alabama Presidential Merit
Scholarship, Presidential National
Housing Scholarship, Engineering



Leadership Scholarship, Achievement
Scholarship, Summer Study Allowance
LSU (H), University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, Auburn University,
Georgia Institute of Technology,
North Carolina State University,
University of Notre Dame

Robert Maxwell Guidry

National Merit Program
Commended Student

LSU *Mechanical Engineering*

TOPS Opportunity Award, LSU Tiger
Excellence Resident Award, St. Charles
Women's Club Academic Scholarship
Auburn University, Purdue University

Matthew Scott Hackney

LSU *Petroleum Engineering*

TOPS Opportunity Award
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
(H), University of Mississippi

Zachary Matthew Hahn

Spring Hill College (H)

Pre-Medicine & Pre-Health

Spring Hill College Portier Jesuit
Scholarship, Achievement
Award, Citizenship Award
LSU, LSU at Monroe, Loyola
University New Orleans, University
of Southern Mississippi

Tyler Michael Hatrel

LSU (H) *Finance*

TOPS Honors Award

Taylor Louis Hauth

LSU (H) *Mechanical Engineering*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
Scholars Resident Award and
Chancellors Student Aid Award

Ethan Arthur Hauth

LSU *English*

TOPS Performance Award
Tulane University, University of
California Los Angeles

Justin Jeremiah Hawkins

University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Biology

TOPS Performance Award
LSU, Loyola University New
Orleans, University of Alabama at
Birmingham, Spring Hill College

Kevin Peter Heidingsfelder

LSU *Engineering*

Carl Edward Hellmers IV**Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist****Vanderbilt University** *Vocal Performance*

Vanderbilt University Cornelius
Vanderbilt Scholarship
LSU (H), Loyola University New
Orleans (H), Northwestern
University (IL), University of
Miami, University of Michigan,
University of North Carolina (H)

Ryan Joseph Helm**LSU (H)** *Biology*

TOPS Honors Award
Tulane University (H), University
of California Santa Barbara,
University of California Irvine,
University of Miami, University of
Georgia (H), Gonzaga University

Dylan Jacob Hemard**UNO** *Studio Arts*

LSU, Southeastern Louisiana University

Zachery Tucker Hemperley**LSU** *Business*

TOPS Honors Award
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Markell Khalil Hill**UNO** *Pre-Medicine*

LSU at Eunice, Louisiana Tech
University, Spring Hill College

Jorran Jernard Hodges**Xavier University of Louisiana***Chemistry-Pharmacy*

TOPS Performance Award
Oglethorpe University, Spring Hill College

Liam Carlton Hooper**LSU** *Undeclared*

TOPS Honors Award
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

John Arnold Hotard, Jr.**LSU (H)** *Biology*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Men's
Tennis Scholarship, LSU Tiger
Excellence Scholar Award, Humana
Foundation Scholarship

Joshua Howe Hubert**LSU** *Engineering*

TOPS Performance Award
Louisiana Tech University

Nicholas Charles Ingles**Millsaps College** *Finance*

Millsaps College Second

Century Scholarship
Loyola University New Orleans, University
of Louisiana at Monroe, Trinity
University, Rhodes College, Spring
Hill College, Baylor University, Saint
Louis University, Texas Christian
University, Fordham University, Stetson
University, University of Miami

Corey Matthew James**Saint Louis University (H)***Physical Therapy*

St. Louis University Presidential
Scholarship

LSU (H), University of Dallas, Christian
Brothers University (H), Spring Hill
College (H), Saint Edwards University
(H), Saint Mary's University of
Minnesota, Creighton University
(H), Marquette University

Earl Johnson III**University of Southern Mississippi***Education***Andrew Joseph III****Cornell College***Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*

Cornell College Frank
Armstrong Scholarship
Spring Hill College, Texas
Christian University

Riley Davis Katz**LSU** *Computer Science*

TOPS Performance Award

Thomas Alexander Keller**Spring Hill College** *Pre-Medicine*

Spring Hill College Gautrelet

Jesuit Award
Southeastern Louisiana University

Joseph Farrell Kepper**National Merit Finalist****LSU (H)** *Undeclared*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
Scholars Resident Award and
Chancellors Student Aid Award
Loyola University New Orleans (H), Tulane
University (H), University of Alabama

Abdul Razzaq Khan**Tulane University (H)** *Liberal Arts*

TOPS Honors Award, Tulane University
Presidential Scholarship
LSU (H), Loyola University
New Orleans (H)

Edouard James Kock IV**LSU (H)** *Business*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
Scholars Resident Award and
Chancellors Student Aid Award
Texas Christian University, Southern
Methodist University (H), University of
Alabama (H), University of Georgia

Joshua August Koenig**LSU** *Software Engineering*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger
Excellence Resident Award
Spring Hill College (H), Belhaven
University, Mississippi College

Mason Robert Koppens**LSU** *Engineering*

TOPS Performance Award
Mississippi State University

Aaron Zhong LaGraize**LSU** *Petroleum Engineering*

TOPS Performance Award

COLLEGE TRENDING

TRENDS FOR THE CLASS OF 2013:

- **225 (88%)** have secured a TOPS Scholarship to attend a Louisiana college.
TOPS Honors **137** TOPS Performance **43** TOPS Opportunity **44**
- **LSU** is by far the top choice for **134** graduates (10 fewer than the Class of 2012).
- **31 Blue Jays** remain in New Orleans:
UNO **18** Tulane **7** Delgado **4** Xavier **2**
- Three graduates received appointments to branches of the military, one each to the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Naval Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.
- Ivy League schools Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, and Yale will each welcome one Blue Jay.
- **The most popular schools the graduates are attending:**
LSU **134** Spring Hill **11** Tulane **7**
UNO **18** ULL (Lafayette) **9** University of Alabama **7**
- **The most popular courses of study:**
Engineering **63** Finance **8** English **5**
Bio-Sciences **38** Kinesiology or Psychology **4**
Business **33** Physical Therapy **6** Political Science **4**
Pre-Medicine **13** Chemistry or Physics **6** Mass Communications **4**



Trevor Coker, Jackie Robinson, and Felix Abadin enjoy jambalaya during Senior Week.

Martin Jacob Landrieu

LSU Business

TOPS Opportunity Award
University of Louisiana at Lafayette,
Louisiana Tech University,
University of Colorado Boulder

Nathan Michael Langlois

UNO Business

TOPS Opportunity Award, UNO
Silver Scholarship Award, UNO
Residence Hall Scholarship Award
LSU

Zachary Noah Lannes

National Hispanic Scholar; National
Merit Program Commended Student

Texas A&M University Undeclared

Texas A&M University Aggeland Bound
Scholarship, CB Recognition Award,
Sul Ross/Corps of Cadets Scholarship,
Non-Resident Competitive Scholarship
LSU, Tulane University, Gonzaga
University, Fordham University,
University of Alabama,
University of North Texas

Joshua Charles Latham

LSU Undeclared

TOPS Honors Award

Lucas Chad Lavoie

National Merit Finalist

LSU (H) Physics

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Flagship
Scholars Residents Awards and
Chancellors Student Aid Award
Texas A&M University,
University of Alabama

Gerard Joseph LeBlanc

LSU (H) Petroleum Engineering

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
Scholars Resident Award and
Chancellors Student Aid Award
Loyola University New Orleans (H),
University of Louisiana at Lafayette (H)

William Reyes LeCorgne III

Clemson University Architecture

LSU, Tulane University, Auburn
University, Virginia Tech

Cory Philip Ledet

UNO Pre-Pharmacy

TOPS Opportunity Award
Waldorf College, Spring Hill College

Alexander Kuan Kuoi Lee

National Merit Program

Commended Student

LSU (H) Biological Engineering

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger
Excellence Resident Award

Tanner Joseph Lee

Tulane University Undeclared

TOPS Opportunity Award, Tulane
University Athletic Scholarship

Ernest Philip Legier III

National Achievement Finalist

Howard University Undeclared

Howard University Laureate Scholarship
LSU (H), University of Virginia,
University of Richmond

Walker Pierre Legrand

LSU Computer Engineering

TOPS Opportunity Award, LSU Tiger
Excellence Resident Award

Brett Michael Leonhard

Delgado Community College

General Studies

Adam Jules Leveque

LSU Business

University of Louisiana at Lafayette,
University of Mississippi

Trevor Allan Lew

Rhodes College Undeclared

Rhodes College Cambridge Scholarship
LSU, Tulane University, Trinity University,
Furman University, Fordham
University, Millsaps College

Jonathan Michael Llovet

National Merit Program

Commended Student

St. John's College (MD) Liberal Arts

St. John's College Trustee Scholarship,
St. John's College Key Scholarship
LSU (H), Tulane University, Fordham
University, Fairfield University (H)

Dominic Joseph Lloyd

National Merit Semifinalist

University of Louisiana at Lafayette (H)

Computer Science & Finance

TOPS Honors Award, University of
Louisiana at Lafayette Jefferson Caffery
Scholarship, Academic Scholarship,
Distinguished Freshman Housing
Scholarship, Study Abroad Scholarship
Tulane University (H), Fordham
University, Emory University,
Northeastern University (MA)
(H), Spring Hill College (H)

Joseph Kettenring Lobrano

LSU Pre-Medicine

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger
Excellence Resident Award
Mars Hill College, Belmont Abbey
College, University of Tampa

Alexander Grady Lopez

LSU Business

TOPS Performance Award
Spring Hill College

Blaine Joseph Loupe

LSU Business & Law

TOPS Honors Award
Loyola University New Orleans,
University of Alabama

Blake O'Brien Lundin

LSU (H) General Business

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger
Excellence Resident Award

Brandon Komadel Manganello

National Merit Finalist

Tulane University Biology & Business

TOPS Honors Award, Tulane
University Mayoral Scholarship
LSU, University of Alabama (H), University
of Georgia, University of Miami,
University of Mississippi (H), University
of Texas, Southern Methodist University

Devin O'Mally Manning

LSU (H) Chemical Engineering

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
Scholars Resident Award and
Chancellors Student Aid Award
University of Miami, University
of California Riverside

St. Ennah Bó Kare Manson

LSU Chemical Engineering

TOPS Performance Award
University of Louisiana at Lafayette,
University of Southern Mississippi,
University of Tulsa, Spring Hill
College, St. John's University
(NY), Howard University

Gavin Charles Matherne

LSU Biological Engineering

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
Scholars Resident Award and
Chancellors Student Aid Award
Tulane University, St. John's
University (NY) (H)

Mark Emery McMahon

LSU Engineering

TOPS Performance Award

Jacob Kenneth Meariman

LSU (H) Biochemistry

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
Scholars Resident Award and
Chancellors Student Aid Award

Carlos Alejandro MelaraUNO *Undeclared*TOPS Honors Award, UNO
Silver Scholarship Award**Jared Nicholas Mentz**LSU *Theater*TOPS Opportunity Award
UNO, University of Louisiana at Lafayette**Cody Matthew Migliore**LSU (H) *Engineering*TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger
Excellence Resident Award
Loyola University New Orleans (H),
Tulane University, Spring Hill College,
Texas Christian University**Kalan Dixon Minnard**Howard University *Biology*Howard University Legacy Scholarship
LSU, Loyola University New Orleans, Texas
Christian University, Baylor University**Andrew Longstreet Mitchell**LSU *Business*TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger
Excellence Resident Award
University of Alabama**Forrest Joseph Montgomery**LSU *Business*TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic
Scholars Resident Award and
Chancellors Student Aid Award
Arizona State University (H)**Ian Christopher Morel**University of Hartford *Musical Theatre*University of Hartford Hart
Performing Arts Scholarship
University of Southern Mississippi,
Pace University**Ryan David Mouton****National Merit Semifinalist**Brandeis University *Psychology*Boston College, Hendrix College,
Sewanee: The University of the South,
Hampshire College, Samford University**Branden Michael Munster**LSU *Kinesiology*

TOPS Performance Award

Adam Joseph NaquinLSU *English*Loyola University New Orleans,
University of Southern Mississippi,
Millsaps College, Spring Hill College**Ross Jeremy Nauck**UNO *Engineering*TOPS Honors Award, UNO
Residence Hall Scholarship
Award, UNO Blue Book Award
LSU**George Joseph Neyrey V**LSU *Computer Engineering*TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger
Excellence Resident Award**Marc Henry Neyrey**LSU *Business*TOPS Opportunity Award
College of Charleston, Texas Christian
University, University of Mississippi,
Rhodes College, Sewanee: The
University of the South**Christopher Tuan Nguyen**LSU *Electrical Engineering*TOPS Performance Award
Loyola University New Orleans,
LSU at Monroe**Hoang Justin Nguyen**LSU *Engineering*TOPS Opportunity Award
University of California Irvine, University
of California Santa Barbara**William Francis North**Spring Hill College *Undeclared*Spring Hill College Portier
Jesuit Scholarship, Spring Hill
College Service Award
LSU, Loyola University New Orleans,
UNO, Rockhurst University**Jacob Christopher
Nungesser IV**LSU *Business*TOPS Performance Award
Loyola University New Orleans**Elliot Thomas Ordoyne**Auburn University *Biology*Auburn University Dudley Scholarship
LSU, Samford University, Christian
Brothers University, Spring Hill
College, University of Dallas**Jordan Thomas Ordoyne**

Southeastern Louisiana University

Athletic Training

TOPS Opportunity Award

Sebastian Pereira-PinzonLSU *Business & Film*TOPS Opportunity Award
Loyola University New Orleans, Spring
Hill College, Baylor University**Andrew Ashton Pettus****National Merit Semifinalist**Spring Hill College *Undeclared*Spring Hill College Portier Jesuit
Scholarship, Spring Hill College
Service Award, Spring Hill College
Badger Athletic Award
LSU, Loyola University New Orleans,
Saint Louis University, Rhodes
College, Texas Christian University**Bradley Jacob Powers****National Merit Program****Commended Student**University of Notre Dame *Pre-Medicine*LSU (H), Fordham University, Boston
College, Saint Louis University**Christopher Candela Powers****United States Merchant**Marine Academy *Marine Engineering*United States Merchant Marine
Academy Appointment
LSU, State University of New
York Maritime College, Texas
A&M University Galveston**Connor Glenn Pugh**LSU *Business*

TOPS Opportunity Award

Steven Christian QueyrouzeLSU *Engineering*

TOPS Opportunity Award

Jason Matthew Quigley

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

*Mass Communication & Broadcasting*TOPS Honors Award, University
of Louisiana at Lafayette
Academic Scholarship
LSU**Dylan Robert Redmann**LSU *Undeclared*TOPS Opportunity Award
University of Louisiana at Lafayette,
University of Mississippi**Preston Barrett Reisig****National Merit Program****Commended Student**Georgetown University *Undeclared*

LSU (H), University of Georgia (H)

Jordan Flentroy Rice

Howard University

*Mechanical Engineering*Howard University Legacy Scholarship
St. John's University (NY)

Members of the Class of 2013 attend their final Morning Assembly as students.

Matthew Edward RiviereLSU *Engineering*

TOPS Opportunity Award

Egan Ellender RobinsonLSU *Finance*

TOPS Opportunity Award

Jackie Maurice Robinson, Jr.

Georgia Institute of Technology (H)

Engineering

Georgia Institute of Technology Black

Alumni Organization Scholarship,

Georgia Institute of Technology

Shirley Walter Rush Scholarship

LSU (H)

Ian Kim Rohr

National Merit Program

Commended Student

United States Naval Academy

International Relations

United States Naval Academy

Appointment

LSU (H), Tulane University (H), Case

Western Reserve University, Catholic

University of America (H), Fordham

University (H), Norwich University

(H), Spring Hill College (H), St.

John's University (NY), American

University, University of Alabama

(H), John Cabot University

Nicholas Joseph Rosato, Jr.

National Merit Program

Commended Student

University of Louisiana at Lafayette (H)

English

TOPS Honors Award, University

of Louisiana at Lafayette

Academic Scholarship

UNO (H), Loyola University New

Orleans (H), Loyola University Chicago

(H), Regis University (H), Fordham

University (H), Spring Hill College (H)

Miles Christopher Rouen

Spring Hill College

Business & Communications

Spring Hill College Ignatian

Jesuit Leader Award, Spring

Hill College Service Award

LSU, Loyola University New

Orleans, Catholic University of

America, Samford University

James Bruce RourkeLSU *Mechanical Engineering*

TOPS Performance Award

Paden Scott RueggeUNO *Biology*

TOPS Honors Award, UNO

Excellence Scholarship Award

Dominic Michael RussoLSU *Mechanical Engineering*

TOPS Performance Award

Alexander Joseph Ryan

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Computer Science

TOPS Opportunity Award

Austin Michael Ryan

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Computer Science

TOPS Performance Award

James Ronald Sampognaro

Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist

Yale University *Molecular/Cellular**Biology & Developmental Biology*

American Italian Renaissance Foundation

Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship

Louisiana State University (H), University

of Virginia, Boston College (H),

Vanderbilt University, Georgetown

University, University of Pennsylvania

Addison Edward SanfordUNO (H) *English*

TOPS Opportunity Award

Peyton Sternfels SaundersLSU *Business & Economics*

TOPS Performance Award

Loyola University New Orleans

Antonio William ScelfoUniversity of Notre Dame *Business*

Tulane University (H), Boston College

(H), Rhodes College, Fordham

University, University of Kentucky

Bennett Andrew SchiroLSU *Business*

TOPS Opportunity Award

Tulane University, Louisiana Tech

University, University of Alabama,

University of Mississippi

Gordon Christian Schmidt

National Merit Semifinalist

Vassar College *Classics***Parker Albert Schmidt**LSU (H) *Engineering*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic

Scholars Resident Award and

Chancellors Student Aid Award

Tulane University (H), Loyola University

New Orleans (H), Furman University,

Fordham University, Providence College

(H), Santa Clara University, Villanova

University, Seattle University, Trinity

University (H), Saint Louis University

(H), University of Dallas (H)

Luis Stefan SchneiderUNO *Undeclared*

TOPS Opportunity Award

Lawrence Earl Schwall IV

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Computer Science

LSU, Loyola University New

Orleans, Spring Hill College

Andrew Charles ScottMars Hill College *Pre-Medicine*

Mars Hill College Scholarship

Belmont Abbey College, St. Leo University

Wallace George Serpas IVLSU (H) *Business*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger

Excellence Resident Award

Loyola University New Orleans

(H), University of Georgia

Nicholas Monroe Sevin

Delgado Community College

*Construction Management***Rahul Vismay Shah**LSU *Physics (Astronomy)*

TOPS Honors Award

Christopher Steven SibleyUNO *Hotel, Restaurant, and**Tourism Management*

TOPS Opportunity Award

Loyola University New Orleans,

Spring Hill College

Timothy Evan SicardLSU *Finance*

TOPS Opportunity Award

UNO

Christian Michael SileoLSU *Pre-Pharmacy*

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger

Excellence Resident Award

Marcus Matthew SimonLSU *Biology*

TOPS Honors Award

Nicholas David Simon

National Merit Finalist

Georgetown University *Undeclared*

Tulane University (H), University

of Notre Dame

Michael Anthony Sinegar, Jr.

National Merit Semifinalist;

National Achievement Finalist

Dartmouth College *Undeclared*

Dartmouth College General Scholarship

LSU (H), Loyola University New

Orleans (H), Tulane University

(H), Howard University, Emory

University, Fordham University

William John Edwards Sobol

University of Louisiana at Lafayette (H)

Computer Science

TOPS Honors Award, University of

Louisiana at Lafayette Distinguished

Freshman Housing Scholarship

Tulane University



Backstage prior to the Commencement ceremony, members of the Class of 2013 and principal Michael Giambelluca listen to instructions from prefect of discipline "Top" Abshire.

Christopher Patrick Stephens

National Merit Finalist

LSU Mechanical Engineering

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellors Student Aid Award, St. Charles Women's Club Academic Scholarship

University of Alabama

Zachary Joseph Tassin

LSU Engineering

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Alumni Scholarship
Spring Hill College, St. John's University (NY)

Mason James Thibodeaux

UNO Civil Engineering

Matt Jared Tillery

National Merit Finalist

Fordham University Engineering

Fordham University Dean's Scholarship
LSU, University of California Irvine, University of Miami, University of Maryland, University of San Francisco, Arizona State University, Rutgers University, Stevens Institute of Technology, University of Illinois Chicago

Sean Zachary Tillery

College of Charleston Business

LSU, University of Alabama

Eric James Tizzard

LSU Undeclared

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Flagship Scholars Residents Award and Chancellors Student Aid Award, Entergy Community Power Scholarship

Grant William Tobin

LSU Psychiatry

TOPS Performance Award
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Jacob William Tonglet

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Engineering

TOPS Honors Award
University of Alabama

Austin James Triay

LSU Computer Science

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Benson Storm Tucker

Texas A&M University at Galveston

Marine Transportation

LSU

Patrick Joseph Tullier

UNO Biology

LSU, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Nicholls State University, University of Southern Mississippi

Albert Joseph Vallon IV

UNO Business

Taylor Joel Varisco

National Merit Program

Commended Student

University of Miami (H)

Biomedical Engineering

University of Miami Gables Scholarship, University of Miami President's Scholarship

LSU (H), University of Virginia, Fordham University, Spring Hill College (H)

Miguel Mariano Vera

Delgado Community College Business

Jeremy Marc Vezina

National Merit Program

Commended Student

LSU Civil Engineering

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellors Student Aid Award

Andrew Quoc An Vo

LSU Undeclared Science

TOPS Honors Award
Loyola University New Orleans, Xavier University of Louisiana

Michael Thanh Huy Vo

Baylor University Biochemistry

Phillip Cao Bang Vo

LSU Chemical Engineering

TOPS Performance Award

William Ashton Wall

LSU (H) Biology

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Academic Scholars Resident Award and Chancellors Student Aid Award

Charles James Ward III

LSU (H) Civil Engineering

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger Excellence Award
Georgia Institute of Technology, Texas A&M University

Dustin Arthur Ward

LSU Engineering

Spring Hill College, Auburn University, Mississippi State University

Peter Christopher Warwick

Catholic University of America

Engineering

Catholic University of America Scholarship
LSU, Christian Brothers University, Florida Institute of Technology

Dylan Michael Weston

LSU Kinesiology

TOPS Opportunity Award
UNO

Patrick Michael White

LSU Biology

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Tiger Excellence Resident Award
Loyola University New Orleans, UNO

Larry Douglas Wink, Jr.

National Merit Finalist

University of Alabama (H) Engineering

University of Alabama Presidential Merit Scholarship, UA Presidential National Housing Scholarship, UA National Merit Scholarship, UA Summer Study Allowance, UA Engineering Leadership Scholarship
LSU (H)

Thomas Julian Wisecarver

LSU Undeclared

TOPS Honors Award

Matthew Joseph Wolff

Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist

LSU (H) Undeclared

TOPS Honors Award, LSU Flagship Scholars Residents Award and Chancellors Student Aid Award
Boston College (H), Fordham University (H), Saint Louis University (H), University of Alabama (H)



Living the Experience, Writing the Sequel

May 3 marked the Class of 2013's last day before exams. It is Senior Day, a day dedicated to celebrating the seniors' four or five years at Carrollton and Banks. When they are honored at the annual Commencement Luncheon, the seniors will look to the future as alumni. But morning assembly on this day is for looking at the past and the present — the past of these young men as students of Jesuit High School and the present school they helped to shape. And that's just what student council president Blaine Loupe did in the annual State of the School address.

"Five years... that's all you get. It may seem like it takes forever, but trust me, your high school years will be over before you know it." Those are my words from my student council speech last year, and the thought has never sounded truer than it does today.

It has been an incredible year for Jesuit High School. We had 26 National Merit Semifinalists, several of our athletic teams won district and state championships, and many of our clubs and organizations flourished and had great success this year.

All of these accomplishments are noteworthy, and we are proud to have achieved such great things. But everything I listed pales in comparison to what matters the most. Life is not about the number of state championships we win, and it's not about the number of National Merit Semifinalists we have. What matters most are those times of sorrow when a student gave a friend a hug in the hallway, or that time when a Blue Jay cried his eyes out on a junior retreat,

or that time when one of us delivered a Thanksgiving basket to that old lady who could barely buy herself a pair of shoes.

We all hear about how great a school Jesuit is and how well we do academically and athletically. But it's not until you are about to leave this place that you realize the real reason this school is incredible: it turns each of us into a man. And a true man is not someone who needs to get the most girls, or needs to lift the most weight, or needs to get the highest ACT score. A true man is one who is always there to help a friend, someone who can understand pain and be emotional, someone who can understand the concept of love and see Jesus in every person he meets.

Unfortunately, many of us take Jesuit High School for granted. Underclassmen, you may not have had as many bonding experiences as the upperclassmen, so you may not be able to grasp this message yet. But as you progress through your Jesuit career, if you can be open to growth, this message will find its way to you.

Students from other schools notice our closeness to each other and what we accomplish together. I pray that before you leave this place you take one moment to look around to take it all in and realize what we have here. I promise that you will thank God every day that you had the opportunity to be a part of this community.

Eighth graders, freshmen, and sophomores, you guys have indeed made an impact on our senior class, and you continue to impress us with your

show of spirit. Thank you for being a great part of the Blue Jay community.


Juniors, very soon you will become the leaders of this school. You guys are a great group of young men, and I know I speak for all of the senior class in saying that we could not have picked a better group of Blue Jays to pass our torch of leadership to.

To next year's Student Council Executive Board, I am confident that you will do an outstanding job and I look forward to seeing your great accomplishments and improvements.

Faculty, staff, and administration, words cannot describe the gratitude and the thanks that you deserve. And on behalf of the student body, once again thank you.

Seniors, we are nearing the end of the first part of our journey together. Now is a time to celebrate as well as to reflect upon our accomplishments, our friendships, and our brotherhood. I am proud to call each of you my brother. I love each and every one of you.

As we move down the path of life, starting today as we leave this morning assembly for the last time, we will always be there for each other. Today is only the end of the first part of our journey, because regardless of where we live or what our future occupations are, our paths will cross numerous times throughout our lives, maybe at our reunions, maybe when two Blue Jays meet up for lunch one day, maybe in the professional world, maybe at a fellow Blue Jay's ordination, maybe serving as a groomsman at another Blue Jay's wedding, or becoming a godfather for another Blue Jay's child, or perhaps as a pallbearer at a brother Blue Jay's funeral.

Five years... that's all you get at this great place we know as Jesuit High School. It may seem like a long time to the boys who arrive here, but the men who are leaving remember their short stay as a life-changing time. We all came from different schools, different backgrounds, and different neighborhoods, but today we leave as a family, and for that I cannot thank all of you enough. So now it's time. It's time to close the cover of part one of this family's story. And it's time to start getting excited about the chapters we will write together in the sequel. 

— Blaine Loupe
Student Council President, Class of 2013



Alumnus Jim McCormick '86 performs one of his original songs at the 2013 Commencement Luncheon.

Inspiration Abounds at Commencement Luncheon


The 12th annual Commencement Luncheon on May 3 featured interaction, entertainment, and inspiration served up alongside a deliciously fowl meal. The guests of honor were 255 graduating seniors who were (formally) welcomed into Jesuit's Alumni Association by an equal number of alumni. The event in the Armstrong Ballroom at the Sheraton Canal Street overflowed with Blue Jay Spirit, perhaps the inevitable result of alumni and seniors conversing and swapping stories of Jesuit yesterday and today.

Bob Bartlett '75, the 2012-13 president of the Alumni Association, advised Jesuit's newest alumni of the importance of finding their own personal way of remaining connected to their alma mater. He suggested that one of the best approaches was for graduates to continue to be good men who live the mission of the school.

This year's alumnus speaker was **Jim McCormick '86**,

who inspired the Jays with advice for *their* future gleaned from *his* life as a student, scholar, poet, singer, songwriter, guitarist, and family man. His passionate address, much of it delivered off the cuff, was bookended by his performance of two of his own songs. Strumming a well-tuned acoustic guitar, McCormick opened with the #1 Billboard Music Country chart hit "Take a Little Ride."

The applause had hardly fallen silent when Blue Jays heard McCormick impart a piece of his own wise counsel: "The greatest gift to be blessed with is a genuine love for a *kind* of work which you will remain interested in and eager to go to each day... Don't be afraid to chase the thing you love. We all want to be the best, but you will be hard-pressed to be the best at anything you don't love."

Moments later, this Blue Jay picked up his guitar again, this time singing about the love for his home state in a poignant ballad aptly named "Louisiana." McCormick wrote the sentimental tribute in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and must have felt blessed when country singer Tim McGraw (himself a Louisiana native) turned it into another hit. 

[Jim McCormick's inspiring address and performance at the Commencement Luncheon for the Class of 2013 is posted on the Alumni Home Page: www.jesuitnola.org/alumni.](http://www.jesuitnola.org/alumni)



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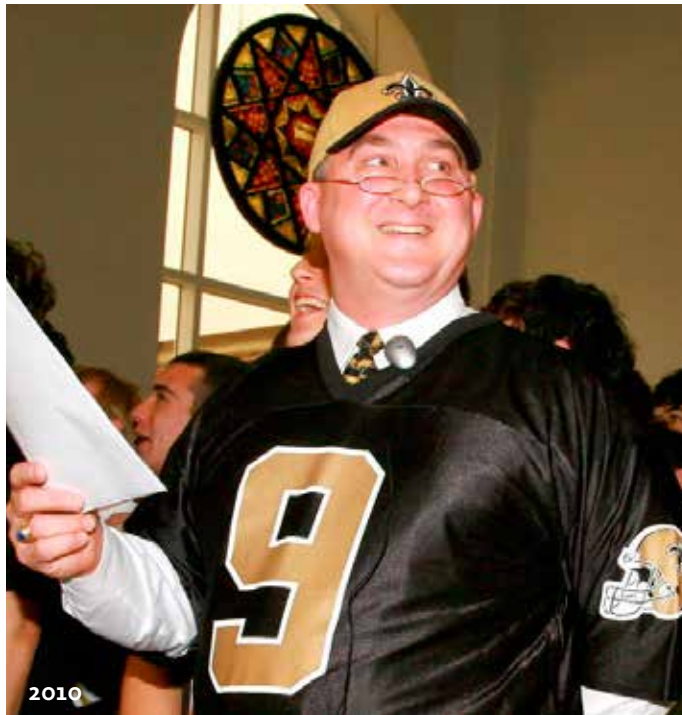
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PROUD TO BE A BLUE JAY



2012



2013



2009



1982



2012

The 2012-2013 academic year at Jesuit High School was extremely satisfying, highlighted by countless achievements large and small, many routine, and one quite rare.

What a great way to start the year with an extraordinary athletic accomplishment. Retif Oil, longtime sponsor of Jesuit's American Legion baseball team, won the World Series, our first such national championship in more than 50 years and only the third in the school's history. A tip of the baseball cap goes to head coach [Joey Latino](#), his assistants, and the players for their hard work, dedication, and teamwork, all of which were necessary ingredients that resulted in this prestigious honor.

The mission of Jesuit — to develop in its students the competence, conscience, and compassion that will enable them to be men of faith and men for others — is its foundation and driving force. But without its people, the mission has no one to serve. The coming school year will see the largest number of changes in administration, faculty, and staff since my first year as principal in 2001-2002. These changes are more evolutionary in nature and should be viewed as the next generation of leadership rather than something negative.

The most significant change involves [Peter Kernion '90](#), who succeeds me as only Jesuit's 16th principal since the school moved to its current location in 1926. As Mr. Kernion steps into his new role, I pray that his tenure will be an experience as positive and uplifting as mine was for me.

Mr. Kernion's selection as principal coincides, and in some cases, initiated additional administrative changes. [Helen Swan](#), who was director of service projects for the past 10 years, is leaving that role to assume most of Mr. Kernion's former responsibilities. She has a new title to go with her new duties: director of student affairs.

[Kevin Murphy '00](#) has joined Jesuit's faculty and is the new director of service projects. [Amy Tassin](#) remains chairwoman of the science department and has taken on a new responsibility, director of Jesuit's summer school program, which previously had been in Mr. Kernion's domain.

[Matthew Orillion '02](#), a theology teacher and co-moderator of the student council, moves into the key position of director of student activities. His predecessor, [Michael Prados '83](#), is serving as director of Jesuit's Alumni Service Corps, a new program that several other Jesuit high schools have found quite rewarding. The Corps provides a unique opportunity for young Blue Jay alumni to return to their alma mater for one year of service, which includes teaching, coaching, helping with retreats, and chaperoning student dances and other events. In return for their service, Jesuit provides housing, a stipend, and a few other allowances.

Another exciting new venture has long-time theology teacher [James Michalik](#) becoming director of the Magis program. Michalik will be working with new Blue Jays who learn in different ways to support and encourage them to succeed at Jesuit.

[Paul Frederick](#), who for 57 years has worked at Jesuit in various capacities, stepped into a new role this past year when he became a member of the classroom visitation team. Mr. Frederick will continue to spend countless hours visiting classrooms, compiling data about his observations, and sharing his written reports with colleagues, all in an effort to help them become even better teachers.

[Charlie McGannon](#), who devoted the last 42 years of his life as an English teacher at Jesuit, retired in May 2013. (Read the article about him on page 53.) Suffice to say that his passion for teaching — and for forming and encouraging literally hundreds of "PSAT Warriors" over the years — has left an indelible mark on our school. Veteran English teacher [Jack Culicchia '83](#), who also coordinates Moodle's "Jayson" on Jesuit's web site, has agreed to pick up Mr. McGannon's heavy sword to slay those future PSAT dragons.


Jesuit has been blessed over the years with students serving in stellar ways as student council president, no more so than newly minted graduate [Blaine Loupe '13](#), who brought unparalleled enthusiasm and commitment to that important leadership position. Loupe and the other members of the council's Executive Board wanted to increase student spirit and attendance at various co-curricular events, so they created the Homeroom Showdown. Each homeroom received points whenever a member of that homeroom attended a designated event. The points were tallied throughout the school year and at the end, the winning homeroom (a senior homeroom) was recognized and enjoyed various prizes.

Finally, Jesuit marked the 50-year anniversary of the school's integration with an amazing week-long celebration in February. Alumni director [Mat Grau '68](#) diligently chaired a committee that organized a remarkable series of events. Jesuit certainly distinguished itself with the ways in which the momentous occasion of its integration was remembered and celebrated.

Dr. [Stephen McKenna '74](#), an African-American alumnus who participated in the retrospective panel discussions, told audiences: "It's great to be a Blue Jay."

I echo Dr. McKenna's words. It has truly been a blessing to serve 12 years as principal. And I am most proud to be a Blue Jay. In my new position as president of Creighton Prep, a Jesuit high school in Omaha, Nebraska, I will be 1,036 miles from Carrollton and Banks.

But I will always be a Blue Jay.

Take care and God bless. A.M.D.G. 



Michael Giambelluca '82
Principal (2001-2013)

A Greater Jesuit



A freewheeling discussion about race featured five prominent alumni, from left, Dooky Chase '67, Marc Morial '76, Moon Landrieu '48, moderator Bruce Nolan '65, and Stephen McKenna '74.

“History is a vision of God’s creation on the move.”

— Arnold J. Toynbee, *British Historian (1889 - 1975)*

Jesuit High School dedicated the last week of February 2013 to commemorate a milestone in its history — the acceptance of African-American young men into its student body on September 4, 1962.

Fr. Raymond Fitzgerald, S.J. '76, president of Jesuit, set the tone for the week at Monday morning’s assembly: “The particular events of Jesuit’s integration are not so much traumatic as they are highly significant,” he told Blue Jays. “They are significant because they mark a time in which we have moved forward in the history and the life of Jesuit High School so that Jesuit is a much better place as a result.”

Considering that the world of 1962 was the world of the grandparents of today’s Blue Jays, Fr. Fitzgerald reminded the students: “This world of 50 years ago is outside your experience and possibly even your imagination. If so, that is a good thing and it suggests progress.”

Still it was important to bring context to an alien world for the benefit of today’s Blue Jays, who gathered for a multi-media crash course that better explained the historical, social, and cultural environment of the desegregation movement and Jesuit’s integration in

particular.

Jesuit reserved Thursday, February 28, 2013 for several commemoration activities. Regular classes were replaced with a viewing of the documentary *Faubourg Tremé: the Untold Story of Black New Orleans*, panel discussions with alumni and others who experienced the Civil Rights Movement and the first years of integration at Jesuit, small group discussion with students from each grade level, and a concert of celebration by The Shades of Praise, New Orleans’s interracial choir.

Seniors, juniors, and sophomores filled the auditorium for the “Three Mayors Panel Discussion,” which brought together for the first time at Jesuit three prominent Blue Jays who either served or currently serve as mayor of the City of New Orleans — Moon Landrieu '48, Marc Morial '76, and Mitch Landrieu '78. Veteran Pulitzer Prize winning reporter Bruce Nolan '65 served as moderator.

Jesuit: The Way It Was in 1962

Before Nolan prompted Morial and the Landrieus to bring the students into the jarring world of segregation and the infancy of integration at home, in their

neighborhoods, and at Jesuit, the reporter set the stage for students by painting this portrait of what New Orleans and Jesuit were like back in 1962:

A great many students at Jesuit held on to the culture of their families and were racist and unashamed to say so. On the other end of the spectrum, there were a few students for whom this business of racial equity was something to be desired, but they would not be shouting this from the rooftops. Then there was an enormous group of students who were conflicted. There was enormous change in the air. Among whites, there was a sense of unsettlement and anxiety. Dr. King’s “Dream” speech was still one year away. Landmark civil rights legislation was two years away. The voting rights act was three years away. 1962 is a battlefield with both sides in round eight of an intensive fight.

The Fight in 1974

Morial, who served as mayor of New Orleans from 1994 – 2002 and is currently president of the Urban League, attended Jesuit from 1971 to 1976. Mitch Landrieu came to Jesuit two years behind Morial and distinctly remembers the tension in the early 1970s.

“I did not feel comfortable for Marc when I was here,” Mitch Landrieu said. “I felt for my African-American friends because it was an uncomfortable place for them.”

In 1974 Fr. Paul Schott, S.J. '40 and Fr. Harry Tompson, S.J. '54 were named

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ESSAYS ON RACE

Personal reflections on issues of race and the integration of Jesuit High School

The commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the integration of Jesuit High School has provided Blue Jays of various eras an opportunity to share their thoughts and memories about issues of race. And the school's alumni did just that in the last issue of *Jaynotes*. Inspired by those stories, other Blue Jays submitted their own stories, and the community of Jesuit High School is richer for it.

Wayne Weilbaecher '57 provided Jesuit with a copy of "The Letter," which was written in 1956 by Jesuit's principal and mailed to all parents of Blue Jays. Can you handle the "truth?"

Kurt Forshag '70, an All-American Blue Jay athlete, pays tribute to a courageous former teammate in "Remembering Rodney Tureaud," who was the very first African-American to letter in a varsity sport at Jesuit.

Patrick Gusman '80, one of four Gusman siblings to graduate from Jesuit, lovingly recognizes "The Real Heroes of Integration."

Rob Luke '89 wrote an essay about "The Effect of Integration Upon Jesuit High School" for his American History class in 1988, the year he was a junior. An adaptation of his paper is presented here.

Space limitations prevented the inclusion of additional essays on race, which are available online at jesuitnola.org/integrationanniversary/essays.

Jimmy McCutcheon '46 writes several vignettes about "Swimming in the Sea of Social Milieu," the challenges people grappled with over emerging and evolving racial issues.

Roberto Matthews '96 reveals in "Coping with Indignity" how his alma mater taught him to endure the trials and tribulations of student life and beyond.

The Path to Jesuit's Integration... and Beyond

1876

Jim Crow laws mandate racial segregation in public facilities until 1965.



1896

Plessy v. Ferguson legalizes the "separate but equal" policy; Justice E.D. White, a former student at the College of the Immaculate Conception (1865), is one of seven affirmative votes.



50 YEARS of INTEGRATION at JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

The Letter



In the mid-1950s, Jesuit High School was ready for its next capital project — building a much-needed recreation center for its 650 students on the corner of Carrollton and Banks, opposite the school. Jesuit began a capital drive in 1955 to raise more than \$2 million for the gym. And then the rumors started flying about integration.

At a Jesuit Parents' Club meeting in November 1955, **Charles A. Bourgeois**, who was the group's immediate past president, tried to introduce an anti-integration resolution "because Negro boys, taken as a group are not as advanced educationally, and because of the disparity that exists between the races in the area of health, morality, and culture" (January 23, 1956 issue of *Time Magazine*). No action was taken and soon after the meeting, Bourgeois sent the resolution to all Jesuit parents, urging them to withhold pledges and donations to the capital drive for the new gym.

The Parents' Club convened in January

1956 and Bourgeois again tried to introduce the resolution, but Jesuit's principal, **Fr. Claude Stallworth, S.J.**, refused to hear it and, according to *Time*, described the proposal as "un-American, un-Catholic, and un-Christian as Nazism, Fascism, Ku Klux Klanism, or Communism."

Over the next three months, some parents either made good on the threat or talked loudly about it because Fr. Stallworth felt it was necessary to tamp down rumors that were beginning to grow legs. On April 20, 1956, Fr. Stallworth mailed "The Letter" to all Jesuit parents...

Dear Parents:

My attention has been called to several false rumors which are being circulated throughout the city. Since these rumors are completely without any foundation in fact, I thought you would like to know the truth, not only for your own information, but also that you might be able to give the correct answers to inquirers.

You may have heard that integration will be inaugurated at Jesuit High School in September. This statement is untrue. I tried to explain at a Parents' Club meeting some time ago that at the time we have no definite plans for integration in the future. We still have no such plans.

You may have heard that we have already registered colored students (the number varies with the telling)

as Freshmen for next year. This statement is also completely false. We haven't registered any Freshmen for next year. Registration will not take place for at least a few more weeks. Not only have we not registered any colored students, we have not had an application, not even an inquiry, from a colored student.

Last Saturday entrance examinations were held for new students. You may have heard that some colored boys (again the number varies) took these examinations. This statement is likewise totally false. We had approximately 500 boys taking the entrance examination last Saturday and they were all from white grammar schools. Unfortunately we shall be able to accept less than half of that number, but all of those accepted will be from the 500 boys from the white grammar schools represented last Saturday at the entrance examinations.

I thought you as parents had a right to know that the rumors you have heard are completely fallacious and that you would appreciate knowing the facts.

Assuring you of our efforts to import to your son the Catholic education which you expect and begging God's blessings on you and your family, I am

Sincerely yours,

*C. J. Stallworth, S.J.
Principal*

Epilogue: funding for the capital

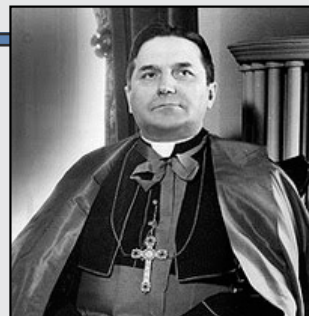
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1948

Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel desegregates seminary; cancels Holy Hour in City Park rather than segregate event as Park officials demand.

1951

Rummel orders segregation signs removed from all archdiocesan churches.



drive continued uninterrupted and the Jesuit High School Recreation Center opened in 1957. Five years later, segregation officially ended at Jesuit when the first African-American students enrolled. Fr. Stallworth served 19 years as Jesuit's principal (1946-65).

Jesuit High School thanks Wayne Weilbaeher '57 for recognizing the historical significance of Fr. Stallworth's letter and providing a copy of it for the school's archives.



Photo from a 1957 *Blue Jay Magazine*

Remembering Rodney Tureaud

By Kurt Forshag '70

It was with great interest that I read the "Essays on Race" in the previous issue of *Jaynotes*. Of particular interest was the very fine essay by Dr. Stephen McKenna '74, who related his experiences as Jesuit's first black alumnus to letter in football. He also reflected on the Jesuit – St. Augustine football game played in 1972. Dr. McKenna's essay brought me back to 1966 and my first day as a 14 year-old freshman at Jesuit. In my homeroom that day was another young Blue Jay: Rodney C. Tureaud, Jr. Rodney was the lone black student in our class; and because segregation was still the norm in most New Orleans grammar schools, he was viewed somewhat cautiously by me and our classmates. Nevertheless, within a short period of time and after some interaction, I learned that Rodney was no different from me. We both

struggled with the expectations of school work at Jesuit, of trying to gain some independence from our parents, and our desire to play football.

In tryouts for the junior varsity team, I went out for quarterback and Rodney for running back. From the outset it was obvious that Rodney was a gifted athlete. He was six feet one inch tall, 185 pounds, did not have an ounce of body fat on him, and could run like a gazelle.

With Rodney as one of the centerpieces of our offense, and under the guidance of coaches Mike Crow '64 and Vic Hughes '63, the JV team completed an undefeated season. More importantly, as teammates and classmates, my friendship and respect for Rodney continued to grow. I watched him become seemingly more comfortable in an overwhelmingly white environment.

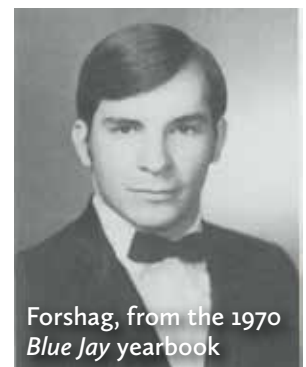
When the 1967 fall semester started, Rodney and I again were in the same

classes, and we both made Coach Ray Coates's ('44) varsity squad. Rodney was not very demonstrative, and he quickly earned the respect of the upperclassmen due to his work ethic. From my view point Rodney was treated no differently from other players.

The 1967 season progressed and by the third game, Rodney and I had become starters. In a key win against a strong St. Aloysius team, Rodney helped us to a victory when he took the ball, ran all the way to the right sideline, reversed his field, and ran 77 yards for a touchdown.

No one on our team other than Rodney was capable of such a play.

The team was doing well with



Forshag, from the 1970 *Blue Jay* yearbook

1953

Rummel issues pastoral letter "Blessed Are the Peacemakers," officially ending segregation in archdiocesan churches.



1954

May 17
Brown v. Board of Education reverses *Plessy*, ruling that "separate but equal" in public education is unconstitutional.





Rodney Tureaud rushes during the 1967 Homecoming game.

a 5-1 record as October 29, 1967 approached. This was to be a big night for us as a football team and I'm sure an even bigger one for Rodney. On that night Jesuit was to face the St. Augustine Purple Knights for the first time in history before 20,000 screaming fans. St. Aug had a powerful squad and was led by the great Jackie Wallace, Stanley Wiltz, and Richie "The King" Solomon. Like us, St. Augustine had one district loss, a heartbreaker to Holy Cross. This game was a must win if we were to survive the district race and capture a playoff spot.

On game night, I was seated next to

Rodney on the Jesuit bus which took the team to Tad Gormley Stadium. When the bus stopped in front of our locker room, one of our seniors stood up to give what I thought would be the typical pep speech. It was not. For the first time as a teammate of Rodney, I was uncomfortable. The speech was fiery and loaded with several references of "how we have to show that we are better than the n-----." Unlike Dr. McKenna, when the speech was over, Rodney sat stoically and said nothing. Why, I do not know, except that Rodney was quiet and reserved by nature. And one must remember, he was a 15-year-old sophomore. In hindsight, I wish I had had the courage to say something. But I did not. The best I could muster was a pat on Rodney's thigh pad and a hesitant, "Don't worry about all that stuff." As we exited the bus the senior who delivered the speech was waiting for Rodney with an apology along the lines of, "No offense, you are our teammate and we consider you one of us." Rodney shrugged his shoulders and simply said, "I know."

What I do know is that Rodney C. Tureaud, Jr. went out that night and played his heart out for Jesuit High School. Rodney was a key player in helping us score a winning touchdown with one minute left on the clock for a stirring 13-6 victory. Following the game nothing else was said between Rodney and me about that night. I guess our friendship could not overcome the hurdles of that time to be able to talk freely about race. Or maybe we were just too immature. To this day,

I regret that we never spoke of this.

Rodney continued to play like a champion for the remainder of our season until we were eliminated in the state playoffs by South Terrebonne.

Regretably, following the 1967 season, Rodney decided to leave Jesuit at mid-semester and transferred to a public school. Whether his transfer was precipitated by his struggle in several classes or his inability to feel truly comfortable in the environment of Jesuit in 1966 and 1967, or both, I do not know.

Rodney continued his athletic prowess at Joseph Clark High School and earned a scholarship to Grambling State University under Hall of Fame Coach Eddie Robinson. As a student-athlete at Grambling, Rodney was selected as the Southwest Athletic Conference "Offensive Player of the Year" in 1972. The following year his athletic career was cut short by a severe knee injury. When Grambling celebrated 80 years of collegiate football in 2011, Rodney was selected as one of the university's "80 Greatest Players."

After his graduation from Grambling, Rodney joined the U.S. Bureau of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement. He retired as the special agent in charge of the bureau's Seattle, WA office.

As the years and decades passed, my respect and admiration of Rodney have continued to grow. I'd like to believe that Rodney may have made it a little easier for the other black athletes at Jesuit — like Dr. McKenna

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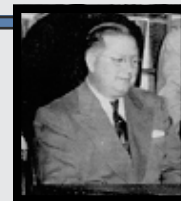
1955

Details are in place to desegregate Catholic schools in New Orleans after September 1956, but the plan is not executed.

City-wide opposition mounts to Rummel's desegregation plan; parish school boards and parent clubs pass resolutions opposing integration of Catholic schools.

Nov. 14

The JHS Parents' Club takes no action on a proposed resolution offered by the group's past president, [Charles Bourgeois](#), stating that the school would not integrate.



Dec.

Bourgeois sends his resolution to all Jesuit parents, and urges withholding of pledges to the capital campaign funding a new gym.

— to compete on an equal basis. Rodney was the first African-American Jesuit athlete to earn a varsity letter, and his contributions to our school should never be forgotten.

Although Rodney C. Tureaud, Jr. did not graduate from Jesuit, I will always consider him a Blue Jay!



Kurt Forshag '70 was the captain of both the football team and the district champion and state runner-up baseball team in the 1969-70 school year. He graduated in 1974 from the University of New Orleans with a BA in political science and earned his law degree from Loyola University School of Law. For the past 34 years, he has been in private practice as an attorney. Kurt and his wife of 35 years, Lisa, have three children and one grandchild.

The Real Heroes of Integration

By Patrick Gusman '80

My fellow Blue Jays have described in moving terms their personal perspectives about the integration of Jesuit High School that occurred more than 50 years ago. But I want to offer some thoughts about the true heroes who paved the way for generations of diverse students — our parents.



Gusman, from the 1980 Blue Jay yearbook

Although my parents Helen and Teddy died in 1995 and 2000, respectively, their courage and shining examples still remain with my family. Their story is not dramatic, but their lives do provide context for those many families that had the courage to be game changers and help Jesuit usher in an era of rich diversity. My hope is that this brief essay

IMPRESSIONS

Current Blue Jays offered the following comments about Jesuit's commemoration of the 50-year anniversary of its integration:



Trey Legier '13

It was great to learn about my race's origins at Jesuit and the men who pioneered the way for me and my friends to attend. The discussion groups were also a success because they enabled the students to talk about the difficult topic of race, which we are not often able to do. I was proud of what the school had planned, and I felt more connected to Jesuit than ever before.



Reuben Hogan '14

Throughout my time at Jesuit, I have been, if not the only, one of the few African-American students in my classes. After hearing the words of alumni who were in situations similar to my own, I was comforted and encouraged that they had made it through Jesuit and had even enjoyed it. The best part of the celebration was that I felt the school genuinely cared about the issue that race can provide for some of its students. Because the faculty and administration had taken the time to organize the activities on behalf of their students, I was and am prouder than ever to be a Blue Jay.



Harrison Bond '15

When I first heard that Jesuit was investing an entire day to educate students about the events of integration, I wondered, "Is this worth spending a whole day on?" However, listening to

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1956

Jan. 10

At the JHS Parents' Club meeting, Bourgeois tries to bring up his proposal; Fr. Claude Stallworth, S.J., Jesuit's principal, refuses to hear it. The incident makes national news when it is covered in the Jan. 23 issue of *Time Magazine*.



April 23

Responding to rumors, Jesuit principal Fr. Stallworth sends a letter to all parents stating that the school has "no definite plans for integration in the future."



will inspire current and future parents who come from modest or culturally different backgrounds to continue the outstanding work of preparing Jesuit students as future leaders.

Born in 1926 to a middle class family on the West Bank, my father pursued the path available to him in a rigidly segregated New Orleans. After elementary school studies in his native McDonoghville, he attended Xavier Prep, which was a co-educational institution in his day. While there he was a classmate of many of the parents whose children were among the first and second waves of “colored” students to integrate Jesuit. After graduating from Xavier Prep, my father enlisted in the Army and saw active duty guarding prisoners of war in Germany. He then pursued some college studies at historically black colleges and universities. But he did not graduate much to the regret of his mother. My personal belief is that his mother’s constant nagging about the issue resulted from the fact that she realized how gifted he was. Despite the lack of a college education, my father went on to a long career in the U.S. Postal Service and retired as a manager. However, I remember him most for his masterful juggling of the financial and human responsibilities of raising five sons in the turbulent 60s and 70s.

My father’s partner in life, Mary Helen Jeanminette, hailed from Grand Marais, a tiny hamlet outside of the bustling metropolis of Jeanerette, LA. From her birth in 1933 to her marriage in 1951, my mother lived an austere but happy

life on her parents’ sugar cane farm. She attended Jeanerette High, but did not graduate. The details of her early life are relatively scant, but I do know that teachers hit her hands for speaking French in school. She participated in the Civil Rights Movement by riding to the polls to counter voter intimidation in the form of the poll tax. On a lighter side, she also informed me that she never dated a cousin — no small feat for someone growing up in such an isolated rural area. Once she married my father, she dedicated herself to her family and later in life to a career as a salesperson at Maison Blanche.

Nothing in Teddy or Helen’s background particularly pointed to their future roles as change agents, yet they were precisely just that because of the dignity and finesse with which they made the best of the educational opportunities available to their five sons in post-segregation New Orleans. Returning to New Orleans in the early 60s after a brief stint in Rochester, NY, my parents first placed my oldest brothers in segregated public and private schools. However, when the archdiocese lifted the scourge of segregation, my parents were first in line to send their children to a quality formerly all-white school in our immediate neighborhood. They not only sent us to the school, but they embraced every facet of parent participation. While they encountered incidents of racial discrimination, they handled the matters in a measured and discrete manner, most of the time without informing their children about the incidents. Their reward for seizing

available opportunities was that their children excelled and demonstrated the utter stupidity of segregation.

Confident of their sons’ academic abilities, Helen and Teddy then made the momentous decision to select Jesuit as the next step for their oldest son’s scholarly pursuits. On its face Jesuit appeared to be a logical option, but the choice represented a major social and financial risk. Unlike the decision to send their sons to the school in the local church parish where Teddy had worshipped almost all of his life, the choice of Jesuit removed my parents from their comfort zone due to its academic reputation and the wealth and status of its student body. Financially, Jesuit was a stretch because my parents’ modest salaries had to feed, clothe, and cover the tuition of now four sons in the local parish school plus the oldest at Jesuit. Also, my parents understood that they could not deprive their four other sons of following their oldest brother to Carrollton and Banks. Other than my second oldest brother, Wayne, who attended Archbishop Shaw High School, all of us did follow my late brother Ted and acquitted ourselves well academically.

Reporting as the youngest Gusman brother to benefit from the Jesuit tradition, I can attest to the joy and challenges that I observed during the 14 years in which my parents had sons at Jesuit. Whether it was my oldest brother Ted’s graduation in 1970, the wrestling matches of my brother Marlin (who graduated in 1973), my brother Gerard’s graduation in 1976, or my own

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1960

Nov. 14

Orleans Parish Public Schools are integrated when Ruby Bridges enrolls at William Frantz and three other African-American children enter McDonogh 19.



1962

April 16

Archbishop Rummel excommunicates three Catholic leaders when they refuse to cease their public call for demonstration against desegregation.

Sept. 4

The Archdiocese of New Orleans desegregates 32 of its schools with 200 African-American students.

Jesuit High School officially integrates with eight African-Americans.

graduation in 1980, I saw the beaming pride that transfixed my parents. The well-deserved feelings flowed from seeing the results their sons achieved with phenomenal teachers and leaders like **Fr. Harry Tompson, Fr. Donald Hawkins, Fr. Anthony McGinn, Fr. Wayne Roca, Mr. Stephen Pearce, Mr. Gary Mannina**, and countless others. These results included recognition in the National Merit Scholarship and National Achievement Scholarship programs, scholarships from the nation's top universities, and degrees from prestigious institutions like the University of Pennsylvania, Notre Dame, Georgetown, and Loyola.

However, the 14 years were not all smooth sailing. My parents listened to my brothers and my stories of scattered racial incidents, and they encountered their own occasional racial slights from fellow parents. As a parent of three children, I marvel at the wisdom my parents showed in deciding how to react to each of these circumstances. Their decision not to

overreact and to persevere made the difference in allowing my brothers and me an outstanding high school experience. Their example also gave the parents who followed them the confidence to send their own children to the place that I am, and will always be, proud to call my alma mater.



Patrick Gusman is the co-managing director of Social Sector Innovations, L.L.C., a startup social innovation company. After Jesuit, Patrick earned his BBA in finance from the University of Notre Dame in 1984 and his law degree in 1987 from the Georgetown University Law Center. Before settling in Washington, D.C., he and his wife of 23 years, Jill, lived and raised their three children across the globe in Paris, Berlin, and Pretoria. For most of his career, Patrick was in-house counsel for the Daimler Chrysler Corporation.

THE ORIGINAL 8 WHO BROKE THE BARRIER



Thomas L. Fornerette '64 started Jesuit as a junior (assigned to 3-G), having transferred from Xavier Prep with Wesley Watkins (below).

Fornerette and Watkins were the first two African-American Blue Jays to graduate. Fornerette also was the first African-American to join Jesuit's Sodality and Philelectic Society. He posted a perfect attendance record during his two years at Jesuit. In his senior year (4-F), Fornerette was the character "Confession" in the Phils' production of *Everyman*. The 1964 *Blue Jay* yearbook features a photo of Fornerette in character, as a priest, hearing the confession of "Everyman." Fornerette attended Loyola University New Orleans for one year before transferring to the University of New Orleans (which was then known as LSUNO). He works in the insurance business and lives in Pennsylvania.



Wesley J. Watkins III '64 also transferred from Xavier Prep with Fornerette and entered Jesuit as a junior. He was assigned to homeroom 3-G, but in his senior

year, moved up to 4-B. He was a 2nd Lieutenant in the ROTC program. He had perfect attendance in his senior year. Watkins, who became a family physician and with a private practice in Vallejo, CA, is listed in Jesuit's database

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The Effect of Integration Upon Jesuit High School

An Adaptation of an Essay Rob Luke '89 Wrote in 1988

In 1988, **Rob Luke '89** was studying the civil rights movement with his junior classmates in **Mr. Ron Rossi's** American History class. Soon the discussion turned to

Jesuit's own integration, and Luke was enthralled and curious about what he saw as "this significant and vital living history." When Mr. Rossi suggested that he write a paper about

1964

Thomas Fornerette and **Wesley Watkins** become Jesuit's first African-American alumni when they graduate as members of the Class of 1964.

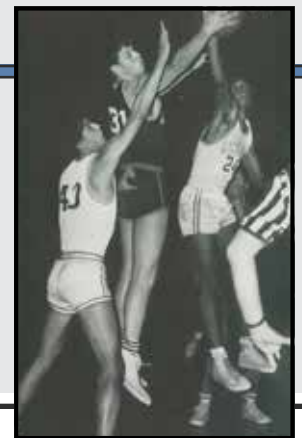
1965

Jesuit and St. Augustine play a basketball "game" in an empty Jesuit gym behind locked doors. The event is instrumental in the desegregation of the LHSAA.



1967

Rodney Tureaud becomes Jesuit's first African-American varsity basketball player and also the first to letter in football.



the topic for extra credit, Luke agreed.

A couple of days later, Luke turned in his hand-written paper titled, "The Effect of Integration Upon Jesuit High School." The paper was recently discovered inside a dusty cardboard box containing a jumble of material eventually destined for the archives in Jesuit's alumni office.

In 1988, Luke interviewed four individuals about the events which had occurred 26 years earlier. He talked to **Lawrence Haydel '66**, one of the original eight African-Americans to enroll in Jesuit in 1962. He also spoke with **Paul S. Adams '67**, who entered Jesuit as a freshman in 1963-64, the second year of integration. (Adams was apparently not related to Leon J. Adams, who was one of the original eight African-American Blue Jays. Paul Adams eventually became an attorney. He died on July 25, 1997 at the age of 57.)

Luke also sought out **John Paquette '25**, Jesuit's longtime registrar, and he interviewed alumni chaplain **Fr. Norman O'Neal, S.J.**, who in 1962-63 was teaching Blue Jays chemistry.

"Some people were very glad to finally see (integration) happen," wrote Luke. "Others responded with animosity. The tension was high in some individuals in and around the school, although Jesuit being a Catholic school helped to make it a much easier transition compared to many other places in the country." Paquette told Luke that the protest on the neutral ground lasted a few days, but "the picketers always left

around noon because of the heat."

Luke wrote that Fr. O'Neal "thought that the first year (1962-63) was very difficult" for the African-Americans, and whenever Blue Jays had an assembly, whether in the auditorium, chapel, or gym, "teachers 'told' a few white students to sit near the blacks."

Luke also wrote: "According to him (O'Neal), white students either wanted nothing to do with the blacks or wanted to associate with them, but didn't have the courage to do so. But there were a few whites who did talk to the blacks. Soon, though, they were isolated like the blacks were. These whites were either threatened, made fun of, or called 'n-lovers.' Fr. O'Neal, putting it bluntly, said, 'Blacks were completely ostracized.'"

Lawrence Haydel told Luke that the first week was stressful for everyone in school. "He (Haydel) was usually, but not always, treated as one of the guys among whites... The racism he did see in school confused him. He didn't understand how whites who were racist could dislike him in such a manner when they didn't even know him personally."

"Things were usually bad for (Paul Adams) and his friends," wrote Luke. "For instance, they sometimes had banana peels thrown at them, were spat on, or had graffiti written on the bathroom walls about them. In his opinion, the school didn't take much responsibility for getting the blacks into different extra-curriculars

either. If teachers or students would have invited him and his friends, they would have been able to show the community who they really were. He wasn't really accepted at Jesuit until his senior year when he was invited to join a school play."

In his conclusion, Luke wrote: "All of the blacks who came to Jesuit High School during integration year, and a few years after that, experienced some kind of racism or animosity from various people in the school. Adams probably summed it up best when he said that he and his friends were 'doing something to help those coming behind us.'"



Rob Luke is a voice-over actor living in Los Angeles and reprised by William Morris-Endeavor. Closer to home, his mellifluous baritone

can currently be heard as the voice of Margaritaville Biloxi Casino's ad campaign on the Gulf Coast. Luke also owns an academic tutoring business in which he assists everyone from graduate students with research papers to high school students with all forms of math, writing, sciences, standardized test prep, and anything else he picked up at Jesuit. By the way, Mr. Rossi wrote on top of Luke's first page, "100 Very Good." 🐦

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1974

Sterling Cincore

'74 becomes Jesuit's first African-American National Merit Semifinalist.



1994

Marc Morial

'76 is elected mayor of N.O., the city's third African-American mayor. Marc's father, Dutch Morial, was the first.



THE ORIGINAL EIGHT

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as "lost."

Leon J. Adams '65 enrolled as a sophomore (2-G) and graduated

from 4-F. Adams was a member of the Glee Club during his three years at Jesuit. Today, he is marked as deceased in Jesuit's database, having died December 22, 1974. His transcript is missing from the files.



Lawrence E. Haydel, Jr. '66 graduated from Corpus Christi Elementary School and enrolled as a

freshman (1-F) at Jesuit. Haydel was the only one of the four freshmen who graduated four years later (4-F). He was a member of the "Honor Platoon" in 1963. Haydel received a gold medal in Spanish in 1965. He was a member of the drill team in his junior and senior years, holding the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in his final year. He attended LSUNO after graduating from Jesuit. Haydel is listed as "lost" in Jesuit's records.

James J. Berryhill attended Xavier Prep in his freshman year and transferred to Jesuit as a sophomore. He withdrew



in April 1963, but Jesuit's record does not indicate where his credits were sent.



Staffas V. Broussard graduated from Corpus Christi Elementary School and entered

Jesuit as a freshman. Upon completion of his freshman year, Broussard transferred to St. Augustine High School.




Anthony M. Rachal graduated from Blessed Sacrament Elementary School and entered as

a freshman (1-G). In 1963 he was a member of the freshman Sodality and the "Honor Platoon." He withdrew at the end of his sophomore year and moved with his family to Washington, D.C. His credits were sent to Gonzaga College High School.



Willis L. Rey graduated from Corpus Christi Elementary School and entered as a freshman

(1-G). Rey did not return after his freshman year and transferred to St. Augustine High School. 

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three Blue Jay mayors of New Orleans speak about their experiences during these times, I realized the lasting impact that the day would have. As these great men explained the events of integration, they also explained the continuing need to focus on equality. I also realized that we, the current students, are the future leaders of our community. As we grow into our leadership roles, we would do well to remember the lessons learned over the past 50 years, and to acknowledge that we have much progress left to make.



Earl Johnson '13


I enjoyed the celebration, but to me it was a little too late. Some people found the small groups awkward, strange, and uncomfortable to answer questions if there wasn't a minority in the room. I thought the faculty

members could have been more involved and got the students excited about the event. I know some teachers were upset because it was a lost day of classes.



Zac Creel '13

Perhaps the true joy of our desegregation lies not in the end of an evil, but in the beginning of something good. I believe that more is to be gained by enjoying the outcome of desegregation, namely the many friends we have made and will continue to

make. It is also important to look forward to the times yet to come, times which will be spent with friends of every shade and walk of life. Segregation was a dark time in our nation's history. While revisiting it on occasion is important so that it is not forgotten, dwelling on it will only blind us to Jesuit's undoubtedly bright future. 

2012

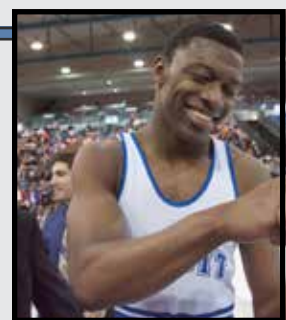
Edgar "Dooky" Chase III '67, a

member of the second class of African-Americans to enter Jesuit, is selected as the school's Alumnus of the Year.



2013

Fifty years after Jesuit desegregates, **Manny Armour '13** becomes the school's first African-American state champion in wrestling.



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president and principal, respectively, and financial issues at Jesuit loomed larger than race relations. Looking back, Morial said the leadership of the school struggled to confront the race problems and how to deal with them.

One day at lunch in the cafeteria, Morial said a white student called him a derogatory name. Morial's reaction was immediate: "The rules of engagement were when someone calls you a derogatory name, you don't say a Hail Mary. You throw a haymaker." Fists flew, punches landed, honor was preserved, and the fight ended as quickly as it started.

Mitch Landrieu was eating lunch with other pre-freshmen when the incident occurred. To this day he says he remembers feeling very uncomfortable for all of the African-Americans at Jesuit. "Jesuit is integrated, but is it mixed? Look around the audience. Jesuit High School is a bit wet, but not all the way wet. It's like saying because you have a toe in the water, your whole body is wet... We have made great progress, but we would be kidding ourselves if anybody in here thought we'd made it to where we need to be in this country, in this city, and even in this school. We have to recommit ourselves."

Morial agreed that while progress has been made, Jesuit is not where it ought to be in terms of recruitment of minorities. "I would like to see more African-American boys get the opportunity that I got because it will pave the way for their future," he said, adding that he remembers accompanying Fr. Tompson to traditional African-American schools like Corpus Christi and St. Peter Claver to interest prospective students into applying for Jesuit. Morial paid special tribute to Fr. Tompson and teachers [Fr. Wayne Roca](#)

and [Phil Babineaux](#) for taking time to nurture the pioneering students.

Segregation Was Not Long Ago

Moon Landrieu demonstrated the shortness of time between slavery and the present by extending his arms sideward, representing the "touch" of his great-grandmother, who was born in 1859, lived on Adams Street, and whom he knew well, to the Blue Jays of today. "Some whites will say segregation was a long time ago," he pointed out. "It was not that long ago... Here is a truth I fundamentally believe in in terms of integration and racial issues — The two worst things that have happened in this country and maybe the history of the world were black slavery and the Jim Crow Laws that engulfed the country in my lifetime."

Students had a good idea what Moon Landrieu was talking about. Earlier in the week, an eerie, uncomfortable silence had crept through the student body during a portion of the history lesson when still images showing the indignities of the Jim Crow era flashed before them.

The elder Landrieu tossed out this challenge to the young audience: "The question going forward is what have we done about it, what can we do about it now, and what will we do about it in the future? I admire enormously the Jesuits. I love my Church, I love Catholicism, but we could have done more during this whole desegregation crisis and we didn't."

Landrieu concluded his remarks by encouraging Blue Jays to search for the truth. "Give yourself time, recognize the truth is out there somewhere, and keep searching for it."

The Storytelling Panel

While the "Three Mayors" discussion took place in the auditorium, younger Blue Jays — the freshmen and pre-freshmen —

were ensconced in the Chapel of the North American Martyrs where they listened to the diverse, informative, and inspirational anecdotes from a "Storytelling Panel" consisting of [Glenn Goodier '65](#), [Edgar "Dooky" Chase '67](#), [Stephen McKenna '74](#), and [Sybil Morial](#), mother of [Marc Morial '76](#). [Tom Bagwill](#), director of Institutional Development, moderated the discussion.

Goodier, a New Orleans lawyer, recounted the story of the "secret" basketball game that Jesuit and St. Augustine played in the Birdcage in 1965. Chase, a business and civic leader as well as an educator, told students how meaningful it was to him and his family to be honored as Jesuit's 2012 Alumnus of the Year. McKenna, a physician in Maryland, repeated the stories of some unkind, spiteful, and embarrassing moments he experienced as an African-American student and athlete in the early 1970s. Mrs. Morial recalled growing up with black and white friends in segregated New Orleans and finding her voice in the civil rights movement, which she was in the forefront of with her late husband, former Mayor Dutch Morial.

There was also something for Jesuit alumni, parents, and the public — an evening program that mirrored the morning sessions. Alumnus Bruce Nolan once again served as moderator of a distinguished panel of prominent Blue Jays that included Moon Landrieu, Edgar Chase, Stephen McKenna, and Marc Morial. Those who attended were treated to a freewheeling retrospective discussion of issues related to race and Jesuit's desegregation. A brief and uplifting solo performance by New Orleans jazz vocalist [Charmaine Neville](#) brought Jesuit's commemoration celebration to a suitable, positive ending.

Alumni director [Mat Grau '68](#), who chaired the planning committee, reflected on the week: "The commemoration reminds us that we are always building the masterpiece, that God's beauty is unfolding, not before us, but in us. We are active participants, not onlookers, in the creation. We make decisions that craft a 'Greater Glory.' Fifty years ago Jesuit became a school of inclusion and, in doing so, became a greater Jesuit High School."

[View the three panel discussions, the history slide show, and The Shades of Praise concert at \[www.jesuitnola.org\]\(http://www.jesuitnola.org\).](#)



Shades of Praise performs for the student body.

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1940s

Henry Fransen '42 received a special gift from his son recently. Henry was a star track and field performer for Jesuit earning at least 12 medals in the sport. Katrina claimed Henry's letterman's jacket but not his medals, which his son Stephen recently found. Immediately, Stephen knew what to do with



the medals (see photo). Stephen said, "My father speaks fondly of his days at Jesuit and is very proud of the medals he worked so hard to earn as a young man."

1950s

Lee Foley '53 lives in Meridian, MS with his wife of 49 years, Kathryn. They have five children and nine grandchildren.

Milton Retif '51 is the 2013 recipient of the Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award. The award is presented annually by the Louisiana Sports Writers' Hall of Fame selection committee to an individual who has played a decisive role as a sports leader or administrator benefiting Louisiana. Milton has a lifelong record of sports leadership and accomplishments along with being a benefactor of prep, college, and amateur sports in New Orleans.

Erwin Caswell '52 was honored by Loyola University New Orleans as the 2013 recipient of the St. Sebastian Award, given to an outstanding alumnus who has been a constant and positive influence for the university's student athletes for many years. Erwin, who has a business administration and a law

degree from the university, is the founding member and chair of the Coach James "Big Jim" McCafferty Basketball/Track Scholarship Committee, which through his guidance, has raised more than \$100,000 for the endowed scholarship that generates tuition assistance each year for a basketball or track student-athlete. "Cas," as his friends and co-workers affectionately call him, was a terrific Wolf athlete himself back in his days. He lettered four years with Loyola's track team, captained the



team, and was voted MVT — Most Valuable Trackman — in 1956. In 2000, he was inducted into the Loyola Hall of Fame. Cas worked for 35 years with Shell Oil Company and the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, and later spent 15 years as a landman. Devoted to working with non-profits, Cas volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and St. Catherine of Siena Church in Metairie. And he is also a faithful volunteer for Jesuit's Living Endowment

Fund phone drive.

1960s

Gerard Ballanco '60 retired from practicing medicine and writes that he is "living the decidedly plain but wonderful life of a vegetable farmer."

J. Keefe Hecker '64 recently retired after a long career of teaching and coaching at Newman High School. Keefe was a teacher for 42 years with early stints at St. John's Prep and Jesuit. In 1976, after completing his master's degree at Southeastern University, he began his tenure at Newman, teaching English and P.E. and coaching track and field. At Newman, Keefe's hallmark traits were his warm demeanor and commitment to excellence. So highly regarded by alumni and colleagues is Keefe that



this year Newman's track and field meet was renamed in his honor: the J. Keefe Hecker Newman Invitational Track and Field Meet.

John Elstrott '66 is a clinical professor of entrepreneurship and the

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founding director of the Levy-Rosenblum Institute for Entrepreneurship at Tulane University's Freeman School of Business. Through his work at the Institute, he helps to coordinate joint academic, government, and business initiatives designed to stimulate private enterprise. Since 1995, John has served as a director of Whole Foods Market, Inc., a Fortune 300 company. He currently serves as the chairman of the board of Whole Foods, having served as its lead director from 2001 – 2009.

Robert Brossette '69 and his wife of 38 years, Yvonne, reside in Ballwin, MO, just west of St. Louis. "We presently have 10 grandchildren with one more on the way," writes Brossette. "We have been up here for almost 14 years and love the area. Any classmate from 1969 is welcome here if in the area."

1970s

David Tringali '71 received the Jim Chastant Memorial Award at the Marquee Awards for his lifetime achievements in theatre. This annual celebration of the best in local theater was held at the Mid-City Theater in April.

Steven Wegman '71 is the producer/director of WWL-TV's nightly news broadcast.

Ellis Henican '76 has co-written another book, *Damn Few: Making the Modern SEAL Warrior*.

This follows *Home Team* with Saints coach Sean Payton, *In the Blink of an Eye* with NASCAR legend Michael Waltrip, and *Doc* with former New York Met Dwight Gooden. Ellis is a columnist at *Newsday* and an on-air commentator for the Fox News Channel.

Lyle Jeansonne '76 is the executive vice-president/chief credit officer at Citizens National Bank.

Gary Dildy '77 and his family relocated in 2011 from Park City, UT to Houston, where he serves as professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine. His role also includes vice chairman of quality patient safety and program director of the maternal-fetal medicine fellowship.

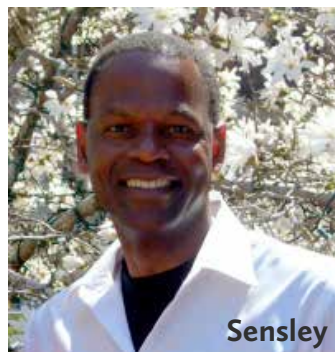
Antonio Garcia '77 is busy with all sorts of projects. His grant project, A Jazz Bridge to Greater Understanding, was chosen as the 2013 recipient of the Virginia Commonwealth University Community Engagement Award for Research. He completed the \$100,000 grant towards bringing American and African citizens together over the course of the last academic year. Tony also performed and taught in Canada and across the U.S.; was a featured guest trombonist at The Eastman School of Music; released the new VCU Jazz CD *Front Burner*; served as producer and soloist on the debut CD *Joy Spring* by his wife, Dr. Mary Hermann García; continued as jazz editor of

the International Trombone Association Journal and board member of The Midwest Clinic; and, is commissioned to compose an orchestral work this year. He has served as VCU's director of jazz studies since 2001.

Robert Price '77 is the director of public works for the City of Southlake, TX and is also a board member of the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveyors. He misses New Orleans and the good days back at Jesuit, but the tradition carries on with his godson, Andrew, who attends Strake Jesuit in Houston.

1980s

Nicholas Sensley '80 is a strategy and development consultant with Humanity United, a foundation committed to building peace and advancing human freedom. Prior to this position Nick was the chief of police in Truckee, CA. In that position Nick developed a special focus on combating human trafficking and is one of the architects of the United States' first human trafficking task force. Nick and his family live in Northern Virginia.



Charles Caplinger '83 is the president of the Coastal Conservation Association of Louisiana. He is employed as a director of equity sales with Howard Weil. Charlie is an avid and accomplished angler and enjoys fishing with his wife and three children.

Glen Jeansonne '83 is the general manager of Panera Bread in Metairie.

James Foley '85 accepted an offer with General Motors Europe to work with Adam Opel AG in Switzerland after more than 10 years in Stuttgart, Germany working for Daimler AG.

Nicholas Lorusso '85, state representative, received a Louisiana House of Representatives resolution and a recognition plaque commemorating his 20 years of service in the U.S. Army JAG Corps. State Rep. Thomas Carmody, an alumnus of Jesuit Shreveport, made the presentation to Nick.

Stephen Enright, Jr. '86 and **Scott Schlegel '95** were elected to vacancies in Jefferson Parish's 24th Judicial District Court. Enright, whose law career spanned 19 years, was elected without opposition last February. His experience included serving as a magistrate in Grand Isle. Unlike Enright, Schlegel was locked in a bitter political race against his opponent, whom he defeated in May with 67% of the vote. Scott worked as a prosecutor for five years in the Jeff Parish district attorney's office

before resigning to run. The special elections will fill the remainder of each term that runs through December 31, 2014, which means in 18 months, Stephen and Scott will return to the campaign trail and do it all over again.

Gordy Rush '86 was recognized as Broadcaster of the Year by the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters at the group's annual awards luncheon last February. The award is presented annually to the top radio or TV owner or general manager in Louisiana. Gordy is the vice-president of the Guaranty Broadcasting Company, holder of five Baton Rouge area radio stations. Gordy spends his fall Saturdays roaming the sidelines as a reporter at LSU football games.



Rush

Ricky Bass '87 recently became chief medical information officer for LSUHSC in Shreveport while continuing to teach, conduct research, and practice pediatric medicine. He and his wife Stephanie have been married 15 years and have two children, a son Sumner (10) and a daughter Gibson (3).

Patrick Browne '88 is an adjunct professor of law at

Georgetown Law School and "Of Counsel" at the Jones Day law firm in Washington, D.C. He specializes in federal income tax matters, including mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, and restructurings.



Rizzuto

Richard Rizzuto '88 serves as managing partner of GR Capital Partners in Centennial, CO handling the firm's private equity partnerships. He holds his broker's license in Colorado, TX, and North Carolina. Richard and his family reside in Highlands Ranch, CO, where they enjoy golf, traveling, hiking, and snowboarding.

William Scheffler '88 was recently named senior vice president and director of claims for American Equity Underwriters. Will and his wife Jacqueline live in Destrehan with their two sons, Jeremy (a current Blue Jay, Class of 2016) and Alec. Jacqueline has a Blue & White streak of family lineage. She is the daughter of Henry Friloux, Jr. '57 and the sister of Henri Friloux '90.

Charles Seemann '88 joined Jackson Lewis, L.L.P.

last February as a partner resident in the New Orleans office specializing in all aspects of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

1990s

Shane Devlin '90 is the chief of training and an instructor pilot with the 53rd Weather Recon Squadron — also known as the world famous Hurricane Hunters — stationed at Keesler AFB in Biloxi.

Craig Leydecker '90 balances two careers: law and acting. Craig was featured recently in an episode of NBC's "Revolution." He has also had roles in "Treme" and "Empire State." He skipped the Phi Kappa Phi Society in favor of playing football. Craig became interested in theater while attending LSU. He earned his law degree from Loyola University.

Mat Grau III '92 married Leslie Payne last October. He continues his career as a theater teacher in the Jefferson Parish school system. Additionally, Mat directs youth plays in the metro area and periodically takes to the stage himself to perform in community theaters.

Hunter McGregor '92 had a role as a character in the movie *Blunt Force*, which was filmed in Mississippi and is in post-production. Hunter wrote and directed the short film, *The Alternates*, which was nominated for six awards at the 48 Hour Film

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Project. It won the Audience Award at the Third Street Film Festival in Baton Rouge and was an official selection of the Big Easy International Film Festival.

Regan Leopold '94 recently started SE LA Alligator Hunts, an outdoors adventure company based in Braithwaite. "If you enjoy Swamp People on Animal Planet," Regan says, "our hunts promise the adventure of a lifetime and they're great for bachelor parties, corporate outings, and families who enjoy outdoor events." A professional guide takes hunters from the landing in Braithwaite to the hunting grounds by airboat where, Regan says, "they will have an opportunity to shoot an alligator just like they do on TV." The alligator season in Louisiana is only two months, August and September, and Regan expects available dates to book fast. He welcomes inquiries at lagatorhunts@gmail.com.

Michael White '95 was selected as the 2013 Western

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Athletic Conference Coach of the Year after a successful second year as head coach of the Louisiana Tech men's basketball team. Mike led his Bulldog team to a 27-7 overall record, the program's first ever WAC regular season championship, and an appearance in the NIT.

Michael Juhas '96 is the first president of St. Joseph Catholic High School in Madison, MS. The school is transitioning to a new administrative model in which the president oversees recruitment, development, public relations, and marketing while the principal handles academic matters. Mike has been in Catholic education for the past 13 years, most recently as principal of Queen of Angels elementary school in Port Angeles, WA. He earned a master's in education from the University of Cincinnati. Mike and his wife have three children. (His mother is Kathy Juhas, Jesuit's academic assistant principal.)

Steven Serio '96 was recently named a partner in the corporate section of the New Orleans law firm Fishman Haygood Phelps Walmsley Willis and Swanson, L.L.P.

Matt Welch '96 accepted a position with the American Institutes for Research in the company's Greater Boston office. Matt earned his PhD last year at Boston College. He and his wife, Megan, and their two children continue to live in Massachusetts.

Becker Hall '97 and **Rene Louapre '00** started Hogs for the Cause in 2009 as a way to recreate traditional Southern pig roasts, but the purpose changed the following year when they met Ben Sarrat, Jr., four year-old son of **Ben Sarrat '95**, who had been diagnosed with incurable brain cancer. Inspired by young Ben's courage and fight, Becker and Rene decided to make their event a fundraiser to assist families whose children were battling pediatric brain cancer. Ben, Jr. died a week before the 2010 Hogs event, which is now held in his memory and has grown to be the premier funding source for pediatric brain cancer outreach services in the country. This year's 5th annual event was held in March on City Park's new Festival Grounds and was a huge success.

Atticus LeBlanc '98 has a real estate investment and construction company in Decatur, GA, where he is happily married and raising three boys. "We keep up with all the news from Jesuit," writes Atticus. "and look forward to visiting NOLA whenever we can."

Robin Ruffino '98 is the youngest member to receive a gubernatorial

appointment to the Board of Commissioners for the Port of St. Bernard Parish.

Mark Wilde '98 has a new job at LSU and a new bride from Canada, Christabelle Lefebvre of Montreal, Quebec. The two were married in September 2012. Mark, formerly a postdoctoral researcher at McGill University, is an assistant professor at LSU with a joint appointment to the department of physics and astronomy and the Center for Computation and Technology.

Andrew Fritz '99 is a financial analyst in Boston. He earned his master's in economics from the University of Virginia. Andrew and his wife have two young children.

Nick Lama '99, currently the chef de cuisine at Gautreau's Restaurant, is starring in the new season of "Top Chef Masters," which premiered July 24 on Bravo. Nick is competing against Sue Zemanick, executive chef of Gautreau's, for the title of "Top Chef Master," along with \$100,000 for the Gulf Restoration Network. Check out the new online twist to the show called "Battle of the Sous Chefs" on Bravo: <http://bravotv.com/battle>.

2000s

Carl Schaubhut '00 took over as executive chef at Café Adelaide in March after working two years as a key member of the culinary team at Commander's Palace.

Before that, he helped open the restaurant Fire on Annunciation Street. After Katrina, he relocated Fire (and his family) to Santa Rosa Island in Florida and served as the restaurant's executive chef for four years before deciding to move back to his hometown with everyone he had brought to the beach.

Kevin Dietz '01 recently joined the office of technology management at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans following a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School in Boston.

Parker Schonekas '01 is the general manager of Celebration Distillation, makers of Old New Orleans Rum. He is a founder and board member of the Desmond Project, a non-profit organization that serves hot and healthy meals to the homeless and hungry in New Orleans. Parker and his wife Lauren welcomed their first child, Olivia, into their world in early May.

Jonathan Brisbi '02 has opened a new seafood restaurant bearing his namesake on Lakeshore Drive in New Orleans. Brisbi's is adjacent to the New Basin Canal with great views of the Orleans Marina.

Raymond Jeandron '02 is a vice-president at the private equity firm LongueVue Capital. He and his wife Michelle reside in the New Orleans area.

Michael Kincade '02

works as an associate attorney in the labor employment/ civil rights litigation section of Siana, Bellwoar, and McAndrew, L.L.P. in Chester Springs, PA.

Justin Ritter '02 works as a clinical pharmacist at TLC Rx on the West Bank in Harvey.

Carl Reboul '03 is a sales representative with Dash Lumber and Supply.

Sean Siebenkittel '03 has a promotion and a new role — corporate development account executive — with the National Hockey League's Columbus Blue Jackets organization.

Michael Tuckerson '03 is the college affairs director of the Urban League College Track program in New Orleans. College Track is an after-school program that focuses on academics, student life, leadership, and college preparedness and admissions.

Chris Capps '05 graduated from LSU Medical School, where he was honored with the Hull-Akenhead Memorial Award, presented to the senior student with outstanding academic accomplishments related to cardiovascular disease. Chris married his favorite physical therapist, Lindsey Abell, on May 25 in the Irish Channel. Following a European honeymoon, the couple moved to Birmingham, AL, where Chris began his residency program in

Internal Medicine at the University of Alabama School of Medicine.

Ryan McCall '05 is a network administrator with the IT department of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Jack Stanton '05 recently married Anne Van Devender, whom he met at Washington and Lee University. He also completed his second year of law school at Loyola University New Orleans. Jack and Anne live in New Orleans.

Michael Tufton '05 graduated from LSU School of Dentistry in May and is currently working as a general dentist alongside his father in the family practice, Tufton Family Dentistry in Gretna.

Robert Wood '05 is attending Tulane Medical School and Tulane School of Public Health. He writes, "I definitely noticed from the start the training I received at Jesuit."

Andrew Worrel '07 served on a mission trip for a month in Haiti, teaching English and building relationships "for myself, the kingdom, and my church."

Stephen Lukinovich '08 was presented the A.S. Huffman Award as the outstanding male undergraduate kinesiology graduate at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Stephen completed his studies with a 3.96 GPA. As a member of the Warhawk baseball team, Stephen was also named the Top Male

Scholar Athlete for all sports at the university during the 2012-2013 school year.

Christopher Reuter '09 is continuing his studies at Princeton University in the fall after graduating with the highest distinction in aerospace engineering from the University of Virginia.

2010s

Kanwal Matharu '09 was recently elected to serve a four-year term on Princeton University's board of trustees. As a young alumni trustee, he will represent the graduating senior class of 2013. Matharu is a molecular biology concentrator and a residential college adviser in Forbes College, located on Princeton's campus. He will attend medical school next year at the University of

Texas in Houston.

Philip Hicks '12 is a member of the 2013 New Orleans Jesters, the city's professional soccer team. Philip was a co-captain of Jesuit's state championship team that year as well as the 2012 Gatorade Boys Soccer Player of the Year in Louisiana.

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Usually known as *The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life*, they originally involved praying over the week's prayer for four or five hours each day for 30 days.

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Mr. & Mrs. Michael E. Coney '63 on the birth of their grandson, James Mark Timler, March 29, 2013. James is the nephew of Michael Coney '04.

Col. & Mrs. Pierre D. Kirk '63 on the birth of their grandson, Zachary Kirk, October 10, 2012.

Mr. & Mrs. Pierre DeGruy '69 on the birth of their third granddaughter and fifth grandchild, Brigitte Denise DeGruy, February 26, 2013.

Mr. & Mrs. Kurt P. Forshag '70 on the birth of their first granddaughter, Caroline Linnette Nolan, July 23, 2012. Caroline is the niece of Casey Forshag '02 and Craig Forshag '06.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell J. Protti '85 on the birth of their first child, Nicolas Olof Protti, February 7, 2013.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank C. Dudenhefer III '88 on the birth of their third child, Eric Charles Dudenhefer, January 21, 2013. Eric is the grandson of Frank Dudenhefer, Jr. '63 and the brother of Evan Dudenhefer '09.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert P. Harper '90 on the birth of their son, Joseph Kelly Harper, February 23, 2013. Joseph is the nephew of Ryan Harper '92.

Maj. & Mrs. Brandon C. Gregoire '91 on the birth of

their son, Brandon Christopher Gregoire, Jr., February 4, 2013. Brandon is the nephew of L. Victor Gregoire '86.

Mr. & Mrs. Chad A. Howat '92 on the birth of their son, Michael F. Howat, May 20, 2013. Michael is the nephew of Chip Howat, Jr. '89 and Cory Howat '93.

Mr. & Mrs. Cory J. Howat '93 on the birth of their second son and third child, John-Damien Howat, March 15, 2013. John-Damien is the nephew of Chip Howat, Jr. '89 and Chad Howat '92.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas S. Yu '93 on the birth of their daughter, Megan Aubrey Yu, March 6, 2013. Megan is the niece of Andrew Yu '88.

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey M. Couch '94 on the birth of their first child, Quincy Baker Couch, December 8, 2012.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel J. Burke '95 on the birth of their daughter, Anne Elise Burke, March 19, 2013. Anne is the niece of Jeremy Burke '97.

Dr. & Mrs. Robert C. McMyne, Jr. '95 on the birth of their third son, Reid Christopher McMyne, October 30, 2012.

Maj. & Mrs. Andrew J. Abate '96 on the birth of their daughter, Keiko Sally Abate, June 2, 2012.

Mr. & Mrs. Loren C. LeBlanc '96 on the birth of their son, George Miller LeBlanc, August 27, 2012. George is the grandson of George Sins, Jr. '59 and the nephew of George Sins III '94, Atticus LeBlanc '98, and Lyle LeBlanc '09.

Mr. & Mrs. Justin W. Renaudin III '96 on the birth of their third child, Jackson Robert Renaudin, March 27, 2013. Jackson is the grandson of Jerome Renaudin '64.

Mr. & Mrs. David M. Truxillo, Jr. '96 on the birth of their second daughter, Charlotte Mary Truxillo, July 22, 2012. Charlotte is the great-granddaughter of the late Lloyd Drury '42 and the granddaughter of David Truxillo '73.

Mr. & Mrs. Jason Fein IV '97 on the birth of their first child, Stuart Joseph Fein, November 2, 2012. Stuart is the great-grandson of the late Sidney Tibbler '38 and Jack Thomas '47. He is the grandson of Joseph Fein III '68 and the nephew of David Fein '00, Cory Stuart '00, and Alex Stuart '05.

Mr. & Mrs. John W. Doyle, Jr. '99 on the birth of their son, John Warren Doyle III, November 3, 2012. John is the great-grandson of the late Herbert deBuys '26.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. LaHatte III '99 on the birth of their son, Daniel Fitzgerald LaHatte, August 7, 2012. Daniel is the nephew of Anthony Taffaro, Jr. '91, Michael Taffaro '95,

Jonathan LaHatte '02, and Jason LaHatte '15.

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey C. Paddock '99 on the birth of their second son, Liam Carter Paddock, January 17, 2013. Liam is the great-grandson of the late Clarence Paddock '36.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Rausch '99 on the birth of their son, William Mackenroth Rausch, September 2, 2012. William is the grandson of Joseph Rausch '64.

Mr. & Mrs. Mark A. LaBruyere '03 on the birth of their son, Bryce Martin LaBruyere, February 8, 2013. Bryce is the nephew of Sam LaBruyere '04.

Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey J. Thibeau '05 on the birth of their son, Graydon Joseph Thibeau, June 12, 2012.

Mr. & Mrs. Jay E. Trusheim, Jr. '05 on the birth of their daughter, Grace Poché Trusheim, April 4, 2013. Grace is the great-granddaughter of Clark Colgan '60 and the niece of Patrick Hron '03, Joel Hron II '05, and Joshua Trusheim '09.

Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell D. Gruenig '06 on the birth of their son, Benjamin Duke Gruenig, April 16, 2013. Benjamin is the great-grandson of the late Gerald Seely '40.

Send birth announcements for the Bib List to Krista Roeling: roeling@jesuitnola.org, or (504) 483-3839. Parents will receive a pink or blue bib for their new arrival.

Ray Coates (1924 - 2013)



Rayford "Ray" Coates '44, a legendary prep athlete and college and professional football player, who returned to teach and coach at Jesuit, died on July 3 of congestive heart failure. He was 89. As captain, Coates led the 1943 football team to an undefeated season and state championship. He was also an All-State member of the 1944 state championship basketball team. At LSU, Coates played alongside future NFL Hall of Famer Y.A. Tittle before joining the New York Giants. Coates served as Jesuit's head football coach from 1966-1970, compiling a 40-12 record. He retired in 1988 after almost 30 years of mentoring Blue Jays as a coach and math teacher. Read more about Coates's career at jesuitnola.org/alumni.

IN MEMORIAM

The list of deceased members of the Jesuit High School Community represents information received from January 1 – May 31, 2013. For current announcements, check the “In Memoriam” page on Jesuit’s web site. The symbol † indicates the individual is deceased. The symbol ‡ following a name indicates the deceased was either a current teacher or former faculty member of Jesuit High School.

ALUMNI... (By Class Year)

F. Leo **Faust** '33
Harold A. **Buchler** '37
Walter N. **Veale**, Jr. '38
Rev. Msgr. Winus J. **Roeten** '39
Charles R. **Brennan**, Jr. '40
Denis J. **Downey** '40
Gerald R. **Seely** '40
Gerard P. **Walsh** '41
James J. **Lynch**, Jr. '42
Robert J. **Welcker** '42
Thomas J. **Byrne**, Sr. '43
Rev. Thomas J.
Jenniskens, S.J. '43
Oscar J. **Schmidt**, Jr. '43
Rene E. **Dauner** '44
Jerome B. **Glynn** '44
John L. **Levine** '44
Raymond J. **Fagot** '45
John A. **Gordon** '45
David J. **Mitchell** '45
Edward S. **Rapier**, Sr. '45
Rene M. **Crane**, Jr. '46
Walter E. **Mount** '46
Claude V. **Perrier**, Jr. '46
Peter S. **Bertucci** '47
Donald J. **Hug** '47
Gerard R. **Schulte** '47
Frederick M. **Bullinger**, Sr. '49
Philip E. **Hermann** '49
Joseph P. **Monroe** '50
Thomas W. **Schnadelbach** '50
Sylvester J. **Lopiccolo** '51
Robert P. **Post** '51
Leon A. **Flettrich**, Jr. '52
Lionel E. **Ruckstuhl** '53
Edmond J. **Ganuchseau**, Jr. '54
Andrew G. **Pierce**, Jr. '54
David J. **Sliman** '57
Kenneth J. **Martin** '60
Joseph W. **Olivero** '61
Henry H. **Fry** '62
Edward C. **Kurtz**, Jr. '63
Timothy C. **Truxillo** '66
Christopher J. **Gaudry**, Sr. '67
David J. **Burnett**, Jr. '68
Michael D. **Parker** '89
R. Jefferson **Wilson** '91‡

STUDENTS ...

Patrick L. **Cupit** '13

WIFE OF ... (By Last Name)

† Frank L. **Anastasio** '34

† Landry J. **Bernard**, Jr. '39
Adrain L. **Block** '38
† Lawrence F. **Braud** '39
† Charles R. **Brennan**, Jr. '40
† Wilbur C. **Brummet** '40
† Jules A. **Cambre** '41
† William T. **Coogan** '38
† Jennings L. **Courville** '54
Frank N. **Cusimano**, Jr. '55
† Jesse A. **Danna**, Sr. '36
† Clarence A. **Ehrhardt**, Jr. '38
Peter P. **Finney**, Sr. '45
† Isidore J. **Fisher** '43
† James T. **Flanagan** '45
A. Remy **Fransen** '54
† Claude J. **Kelly**, Jr. '46
† Richard H. **Kerr** '32
† Edward C. **Kurtz**, Sr. '41
† Harold D. **Juge** '34
† James E. **Messina**, Jr. '53
† Edward W. **Powell**, Jr. '34
† Raymond P. **Richards** '52
† Gordon F. **Schafer** '41
Frank G. **Stewart**, Jr. '47
† Walter N. **Veale**, Jr. '38
† Louis J. **Viau**, Jr. '43
† John J. **Walsh** '41
† Thomas J. **Whittaker**, Jr. '44
† Celeste G. **Wichser** '34
† C. Malcolm **Yenni** '23

FATHER OF ...

Joseph S. **Ancona**, Jr. '76
Michael H. **Balch**, Jr. '99
Ross P. **Bourgeois** '10
Benjamin E. **Boyer** '87
Goeffrey C. **Brien** '97
Frederick M. **Bullinger**, Jr. '72
† Thomas J., Jr. '74 &
Kerry P. **Byrne** '78
James S. **Carriere** '81
Charles F. **Chehardy** '85
Donald G. **Cooper**, Jr. '73
Stephen M. **Dunn** '85
Edwin W. '91 & Michael
R. **Emmer** '95
Christopher J. **Fagot** '77
Darryl T. **Failla** '79
Raymond J. **Faugeaux** '73
F. Leo, Jr. '61, Ronald
J. '62, Barry F. '66, &
Donald C. **Faust** '69
Anthony R. **Ferguson** II '10
John G. **Fiegel** '72

David M. **Fitzgerald** '71
Leon A. **Flettrich** III '75
Brett W. **Fry** '90
Alan M. '81, Bryon C. '82, &
Paul E. **Ganuchseau** '94
Christopher J. **Gaudry**, Jr. '88
† Robert K. **Goode**, Sr. '69
Allen C. **Gregoire** '91
Douglas M. **Griffin** '89
Arnold E. '77 & Jose
D. **Guevara** '80
Gerald R. **Halphen** '86
Herman H., Jr. '63 &
Michael J. **Klein** '77
James J. **Lynch** III '65
David G. **McCann** '75
James L. **Milam** '72
McDonald P. '98 & Scott
P. **Mirabile** '99
Harry J., Jr. '61 & Thomas
G. **Morel** '65
Paul F. **Naccari** III '89
Jeffrey D. **Peuler** '98
Edward S., Jr. '76 &
Richard G. **Rapier** '80
Edward K. **Santos** '81
Chad L. **Schiro** '93
Eric T. '75, Brian E. '80, &
Edward D. **Schmidt** '82
Henry J. III '88 & Jonathan
M. **Stuedlein** '96
Carson W. **Strickland** '00
Rolla A. **Tichenor** IV '78
Thaddeus G. **Wilson** '18
Gerald J. **Zeringue** '66

MOTHER OF ...

Larry S. **Aranda** '69
Roger C. **Bandera** '72
M. Michael **Bonfanti**, Jr. '68
Lawrence C. '65, Gerard D.
'70, & Patrick W. **Braud** '73
Robert A. **Brossette**, Jr. '69
S. Kent **Burgess**, Jr. '82
Brian J. **Burke** '85
John J. **Burke** '62
Jesse A. **Danna**, Jr. '60
† Joseph R. **DeLerno** '69
Fortune A. '61, Albert F. '68,
& Michael T. **Dugan** '75
Charles J. '69 & George
E. **Escher** '69
Dennis M. **Ferrara** '65
John G. **Fiegel** '72

Peter P., Jr. '74, Timothy P. '77,
& Michael D. **Finney** '85
Thomas M. **Flanagan** '82
John D. '83 & Richard
A. **Hammett** '87
Henry F., Jr. '73 &
Terry I. **Hauck** '76
Msgr. Kenneth J. **Hedrick** '65
Michael I. **Herman** '64
Patrick T. **Horriagan** '79
Stephen D. **Jones** '76
† John R. **Keller** '59
Claude J. **Kelly** III '79
† Edward C., Jr. '63, William
H. '67, & Tommy J. **Kurtz** '85
Christopher E. '86, Aaron J. '93,
& Jean-Paul L. **LaGraize** '03
Christopher A. McGar '75
Bradley J. '79 &
David J. **Messina** '80
Wayne J. **Munsch**, Sr. '66
Carlos M. '76, Nelson E. '78,
& Victor R. **Oliva** '82
Kenneth E. **Peres**, Jr. '65
† Patrick E. **Powell** '63
Jack J. **Pregeant** '61
John B. **Regan** III '93
Justin W. '53 & Jerome
R. **Renaudin** '64
Bernard J. **Rice** III '71
Keith P. '85 & Kevin
P. **Richards** '90
Jake R. **Rickoll** '98
Gary J. '63 & Joel J. **Rouse** '66
Wilfredo P. **Salazar** '89
William P. **Stahl** '64
T. Casey **Stuart** '65
Glenn C. **Viau** '72
Kevin F. **Walsh** '67
Eric L. **Wilderotter** '04

BROTHER OF ...

† Peter J. **Brotmeyer**, Jr. '37
† Vincent A. **Culotta** '35
Scott E. **Delacroix**, Jr. '97
† Gordon W. **Faust** '38
† Harold L. **Flettrich**, Sr. '38
Richard J. **Ganuchseau** '55
Robert C. '62, John M. '63, &
Thomas L. **Gaudry**, Jr. '65
Carroll K. **Gordon** '43
Robert E. '50 & James
B. **Higgins**, Sr. '57

William H. '67 &
Tommy J. **Kurtz** '85
John **Lopiccolo**, Jr. '56
† Matthew C. **Mount** '51
† John J. '38 & †
Joseph N. **Naccari** '42
† Cyril J. **Robert** '43
Lloyd W. **Seither** '36
Peter W. **Simoneaux** '77
† Robert J. **Stamm**, Jr. '29
Terrence H. '68, Thomas C. '71,
David M. '73, Peter A. '77,
& Richard P. **Truxillo** '79
† Francis M. **Walsh** '36
Leo A. **Welcker** '45

SISTER OF ...

† Warren A. '43 & Donald
J. **Bernard** '48
Edward J. **Cambre**, Jr. '62
† John E. **Carey** '44
† Byron J., Jr. '32 &
Jerry P. **Casey** '52
† Carroll A. **Chauvin** '38
† Thomas J. **Connors** '40
† Louis V. **deGruy** '33
† Joseph R. **DePaoli** '65
Edgar B. III '68 &
Michael M. **Dixey** '77
† Joseph D. '42 &
Thomas A. **Early**, Jr. '50
† Roy B. **Fontenelle**, Jr. '47
† William H., Jr. '32, †
Friedrichs H., Sr. '44, &
Donald J. **Harris** '47
† Charles E. **Hardy** '63
† J. **Mansfield** '43 & †
David G. **Hoerner** '48
Lawrence W. **Holzenthal**, Jr. '62
Robert C. **Jacquet** '55
Kenneth M. **Keller** '63
† James H., Jr. '29 & †
Stewart J. **Kepper** '36
Ignatz G. '05 & Colby
D. **Kiefer** '10
† John F. III '55 &
Robert J. **Klees** '58
† Louis E. **LaBauve**, Jr. '46
John K. **Lacourrege** '46
† Eugene H. '33 & † Emile
J. **Leingang** '36
Paul M. **Melancon** '50
† Angelo J. '45 &
Samuel A. **Miceli**, Jr. '51
† Clement F. '27 & †
Frank G. **Perschall** '31
† Cyril J. **Robert** '43
Frank G. **Stewart**, Jr. '47
Albert J., Jr. '59, † Rehm
T. '61, Michael E. '63, &
Brian D. **Winters** '70
† John J. **Zollinger**, Jr. '29

SON OF ...

Daniel J. **Barrett**, Jr. '34
Leonhard E. **Casey** '69 (stepson)
† Rene M. **Crane**, Sr. 1917
† Thomas L. **Gaudry** '39
† Aristide C. **Gaulon** '18
† William A. **Klein**, Jr. '38
† Edward C. **Kurtz**, Sr. '41
† Fleury L. **Lafargue** '34
† Maurice R. **Monie**, Sr. '25
† Wayne P. **Parker** '61
† Claude V. **Perrier**, Sr. '15
Roy L. **Schutzmann** '49
Earl W. **Simoneaux** '47

DAUGHTER OF ...

† Edgar F. **Arbour**, Jr. '43
† Edward J. **Cambre** '33
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† Edward E. **Hauler**, Jr. '32
† Lawrence W.
Holzenthal, Sr. '36
† Harold D. **Juge** '34
Sylvester J. **Lopiccolo** '51
Michael J. **Parenton** '84
† Donald L. **Pesquie**, Sr. '50

GRANDFATHER OF ...

Paul G. **Abramson** '96
Daniel B. **Ayrod** '91
Bart C. '00 &
Robert M. **Bacigalupi** '02
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& Austin L. **Becnel** '14
Mason L. Belle '13
Cory A. '06 &
Chad J. **Bender** '12
Roy E. **Blossman** II '06
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Harold A. **Buchler** III '01
Michael R. **Caplan** '91
Michael J. **Catalano** '10
Ronald P. **Ceruti**, Jr. '88
Nicholas A. **Charles** '14
Ethan B. **Cheramie** '13
Dario M. **Ciulla** '03
Douglass D. '11 &
Dylan J. **Daboval** '15
Savare J. **Defelice** '92
Brian C. **Dupree**, Jr. '12
Alexander T. **Failla** '09
Jeffrey J. **Falati** '97
Jacob R. **Faugeaux** '10
James R. '98, Barry
F., Jr. '01, Donald C., Jr. '04,
& Alexandre L. **Faust** '07
Brandon J. '99 &
Jeffrey M. **Fick** '02
Jordan G. **Fiegel** '07
Christopher J. **Fleitas** '99
John P., Jr. '12 &
Michael C. **Fleming** '16
Leon A. **Flettrich** IV '09

Brandon M. '11, Andrew G. '13,
& Stephen L. **Ganucheau** '14
William P. '93 &
Randall S. **Gibbens**, S.J. '95
Collin J. **Gillen** '16
Vance T., Jr. '80 & Rev.
Thomas P. Greene, S.J. '81
Patrick B. **Hagood** '09
William B. **Hamilton** '86
Grant A. **Happel** '17
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'07, & Dylan J. **Hemard**
'13 (step-grandfather)
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Benjamin P. **Hurley** '03
John P. **Keller** '02
David C., Jr. '06,
Paul J. '07, Andrew S. '10,
& Joseph F. **Kepper** '13
Allen O. **Krake**, Jr. '10
Andrew P. **Lambert** '06
John F. **Lee** '07
Cooper M. '14 &
Spencer G. **Lemoine** '16
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Patrick J. **Mills** '10
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Derek S. '02 &
Connor P. **Morel** '03
John P. **Mouton** '08
Austin M. **North** '16
John R. '05 &
Jordan P. **Ovella** '08
Blaine M. **Perkins** '10
John L. **Perrier** '15
Jeffrey M. **Philastre** '03
Steven J. '02 &
Kevin M. **Pinto** '04
Christopher A. '97 &
Matthew A. **Psilos** '00
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David P. **Reinhardt** '96
Don M. **Richard**, Jr. '87
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W. '02, Ross T. '04, &
Taylor C. **Rodrigue** '09
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Jeffrey M. **Bandera** '06
Wilson A. **Blum** '08
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Nathan Q. **Braquet** '14
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Gerard J. **Braud** '10
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& Brandon J. **Butera** '13
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Rosario H. **Caruso** II '95
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& Kevin P. **Cowley** '05
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& Robert P. **Cronvich** '12
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Wayne J., Jr. '09, Dylan F. '12,
& Quinn P. **delCorral** '12
Drew G. '07 &
Calvin M. **DiZinno** '10
Sean M. **Donovan** '17
Christopher M. '06 &
Thomas M. **Drewes** '08
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 Brett W. **Fry** '90
 Charles G. '16 &
 Grayson M. **Glorioso** '18
 Dustin M. **Gould** '08
 Nicholas T. '87 &
 Kyle F. **Graffagnini** '91
 Mason P. **Graham** '17
 Grant G. '97, Garrett M. '98,
 Griffin L. '00, &
 Grayson M. **Gremillion** '03
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 Clifton S. '04 &
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 † Garrett C. **Willem** '87
 Scott **Wiltz** '95

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 † Emile I. **Damaré**, Jr. '32

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 & Jeremy P. **Hamilton** '17
 Cameron M. **Pelitere** '17
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 Marcel P. **Provensal** '11
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 Payton T. **Markey** '15
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Robert Jefferson Wilson '91

(September 12, 1973 — April 27, 2013)



Jeff Wilson (white shirt) with his Creative Writing students and "Visiting Author" Pat Conroy in 2008.

Robert "Jeff" Wilson of the Class of 1991, a popular English teacher at Jesuit High School, died April 27, 2013, a few days after he was rushed to the hospital for emergency cardiac surgery. He was 39-years-old. Mr. Wilson's 12-year teaching career was spent entirely at Jesuit, his alma mater, where he taught English, Creative Writing, and was moderator of Calliope, the student literary magazine. He chaired the English Department for five years, participated in faculty – senior athletic contests, and enjoyed taking on acting roles in the Philelectic Society's plays. Known among his many friends by the amusingly odd name of "Squirrel," Mr. Wilson possessed a sharp mind, an endearing wit, and a bon vivant spirit. His love of poetry and literature was manifested on a daily basis in his classrooms, where he could be earnest and compassionate one minute, serious and funny the next.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Tuesday, May 7, 2013 in the Chapel of the North American Martyrs. It was attended by Mr. Wilson's family: his wife, Rebecca Olavarrieta Wilson (the love of his life) and their daughter Harper June Wilson, and his children, Kathleen McFaul Rogers Wilson and Thaddeus Graves Wilson (a Blue Jay in the Class of 2018). Also attending the Mass were a host of friends, numerous Jesuit faculty members, especially teachers from the English Department, as well as hundreds of current Blue Jays, many of whom called him their teacher.

Racial Segregation Is Non-Conformity

When the January 1961 issue of the student magazine *The Blue Jay* was printed, Jesuit High School was still seven months away from admitting the first eight African-American students. Jesuit's student reporters and editors were encouraged to tackle controversial topics and were given the freedom to express themselves via intelligent writing. The magazine's staff was ahead of the curve in not only understanding the raw emotion of the desegregation movement, but also writing about it intelligently, cohesively, and courageously.

The magazine that month was dubbed "The Non-conformist Issue." Tucked neatly inside was the lead essay for a section called "Tough Enough." The essay, which carried the headline "Racial Segregation is Non Conformity," was written by then-senior **Jacques B. Michell '61**.

The essay is a conversation between two men about signing or not signing a petition. The conversation may or may not have occurred, but it could easily have happened at least once or more than 1,000 times a day. A large section of this current issue of *Jaynotes* is devoted to commemorating the 50-year anniversary of Jesuit's integration. Michell's essay, with its parallel theme, is ideally suited as the *Annus Mirabilis* feature.



Juniors Liam Fitzgerald and Chris Fasone reenact the dialogue of Michell's essay during the History of Integration presentation Monday, February 25. The presentation was part of the weeklong commemoration of Jesuit's 50th Anniversary of Integration.

Good afternoon Mr. Quinn. I'm taking this petition around our neighborhood. Would you help us by signing for it?

Well, what is this petition for?

Mr. Quinn, do you realize that there is a Negro family living only a few blocks from your house?

Yes, I do.

Well if you sign this petition, you as an individual working with us can do something about it.

I don't intend to do anything about it. Why should I want to?

Why, they are Negroes and if we don't do something about them they'll be going to school with our children.

Is that so bad, sir? They are no different from us.

Not different! They're black.

That's true but that is only accidental. My hair is blonde, yours is brown. Does that make you inferior to me?

But Mr. Quinn, you don't understand. These people are

illiterate, they are unclean. If they get into our schools they will lower the standard of education.

I don't believe that that is true. If Negroes were given the opportunity to receive a full Catholic education starting in the first grade and running through college, there would be no great percent of illiteracy among Negroes.

Do you mean to tell me that if Negroes were admitted to our schools you would let your child sit next to one or more of those dirty little urchins?

Sir, let me ask you a few questions... Do you have a colored girl to clean your house?

Yes.

Does she cook for you and family?

Yes.

And when you and your wife go out, does she baby sit with your children for you?


Yes, she does all that.

Well then, if Negroes are all that you say they are, then why do you

eat the food prepared by this so-called "unclean" Negro cook? How can you go out at night to have a good time knowing that your child is in the care of an "illiterate" Negro woman?

Mr. Quinn, you miss the point. These people are inferior, we are superior to them.

No, Sir. No race is superior to another. Adolph Hitler thought the Germans, who are white, were superior to any nation, even with a white population. Look how wrong he was. And during that war do you think any of those wounded G.I.s asked if the blood that was keeping them alive came from a white or a black? Do you think there is any difference? White scientists tell us there is none... The reasons you have given in asking me to sign this petition have no sound basis. They are founded only on deep-rooted Southern prejudices. Can you honestly say that all that I have said is untrue?

No, Mr. Quinn. No, I can't. 

A Golf Classic of Biblical Proportions

The 2013 Jesuit Golf Classic was held April 19 at English Turn, a course trumpeting a well-known fact that water comes into play on each of its 18 holes. The irony was not lost on the pool of 170 golfers who displayed raw dogged determination — accompanied by flashes of sheer folly — in donning wet suits to play a scramble tournament during a monstrous monsoon.

Sooner or later, all golfers must deal with rain. Unfortunately, a rare spring northern cold front barreled towards the entire New Orleans region, its bad timing coinciding with the shotgun start for the classic's morning flight. Torrents of rain descended on English Turn and cropped fairways quickly flooded, sand traps were bisected by streams of water racing to empty into the adjacent lakes and lagoons. On the meticulously manicured greens, balls buried in craters and water squished and squirted from underneath golf shoes, inside of which were soaking wet socks that clung to the athlete's feet.

Morning golfers were soaked to the bone and also experienced a biting cold made worse by howling winds that numbed noses and fingers, turned umbrellas inside out, and wreaked havoc on scores.

The sudden appearance of a beautiful rainbow prior to the shotgun start for the afternoon flight had golfers yapping like soothsayers. Was the rainbow an augury of Lady Luck's impending return to the Turn? Would a Blue Jay knock in a hole-in-one on number 17 and drive off in a spanking new Chevy from **Banner Chevrolet**? Of course...Not!

No sooner had the afternoon threesomes and foursomes teed off when the rainbow dissolved and a cold and steady drizzle settled over the entire length of the 7,092-yard course.

And then the locusts landed somewhere on the back nine, precipitating some animated babbling amongst witnesses, who upon returning to the clubhouse, swarmed at the bar, emulating young and old testaments of unbridled spirit and camaraderie that this annual outing has fostered through the years.

"English Turn is challenging in ideal conditions but this year's classic looked and felt like a miserable day at the British Open," said **Eddy Hayes '86**, who served as chairman of the 2013 committee that organized the ramped-up tournament. "My hat is off to our volunteers whose enthusiasm and Blue Jay Spirit were infectious."

Members of the Jesuit Golf Classic committee included

parents **Beth Bares** and **Paul Briuglio**, 2012 chairman **Rocky Daigle '85**, **John Faherty '53**, **Bill Hare '90**, **Mike Rodrigue '71**, **Cherie Turk**, and **J.P. Escudier '95**, who will serve as chairman of the 2014 event. The committee was assisted by a host of volunteers, who were skillfully coordinated by **Anne Barnes**, the mother of two Blue Jay alumni.

Morning golfers enjoyed shrimp and grits, a wake-up delicacy prepared and served by **Sandy Duplantier** and **Michael Lavie**, Blue Jays from the **Class of 1980**. Restaurants that provided food on the soggy course

morning foursome from the **Class of 1987**: **Faris Alkikriti**, **Eddy Carreras**, **Brandon Kershaw**, and **Jay Martinez**.

The foursome of **Ryan Casteix '01**, **Adam Whitworth**, **Craig Cousins**, and **Donald McKay** won the afternoon flight with an impressive 12-under par 60.

"The extreme weather created horrible conditions and it would have been easy to pull the plug," said Hayes. "It takes work to pull off a golf tournament in great weather. The work only becomes harder in bad weather. I thank our dedicated volunteers for



Ryan Casteix '01, Adam Whitworth, Donald McKay, and Craig Cousins leave the island green (15th hole) with a birdie 4.

included **Acme Oyster House** (raw oysters, duck and andouille sausage gumbo, and red beans and rice), **Drago's** (charbroiled oysters), and **Galatoire's** (shrimp remoulade).

The morning and afternoon golfers shared a lunch of prime burgers and boneless chicken breasts grilled by Blue Jays from the **Classes of 1969, 1971, and 2006**.

The winner of the second annual *Blue Jay Class Champions' Cup* was a

all their work — from the drivers of the drink carts to the barbecue lunch brigade to the check-in squads. It was a real team effort that produced a successful and fun event in spite of it all." 🦋

A photo gallery of golfers who played in the 2013 monsoon Classic is posted in the 2012-13 Alumni Archives on Jesuit's web site.

Coach Fred Martinez: Master Teacher of the Jesuit Experience

By Dr. Gerald S. George, Ph.D. '60

Funny how a moment can change everything. A seemingly innocuous announcement at morning assembly might bring into a young man's life someone who profoundly impacts his future. Such is the power of a great teacher. And that's just what happened to one young Blue Jay who went from "What is gymnastics?" to a world-renowned gymnastics athlete, performer, coach, author, and scholar. In this Teacher Testimonial, **Dr. Gerald S. George, Ph.D. '60** pays tribute to the man who changed his life, who was the impetus of his successful career, and, more importantly, who made him a better man.

It was an ordinary day in September of 1958. The 7:45 a.m. assembly bell rang, too loud and too long, as usual. We lined up by year and class in alphabetical order in the basement of Jesuit High School. At the time, I was a junior in 3-F, the bottom of my class, a station in life that to me was no more inspiring than watching paint dry.

In the course of that morning's seemingly endless announcements, a new faculty member came to the speaker stand, introduced himself, and announced that Jesuit was establishing its first varsity



Fred Martinez in his 1960 yearbook photo.

gymnastics team. Try-outs would begin immediately after school.

I turned to my classmate Glen Harris, who stood directly behind me, and whispered, "What in the hell is gymnastics?"

Glen whispered back, "You know, like flips and stuff. Let's go to the gym after class and check it out."

And so after class, this skinny little inner-city kid — me — took a last drag on my first afternoon cigarette, then flipped it onto the Banks Street sidewalk. Glen and I climbed the steps to the school's gym, which sported the fancy name "Recreation Center" ever since it opened four years earlier in 1954. Up until then, I always thought the gym was best reserved for Jesuit's elite athletes.

That very afternoon, I discovered three converging influences that would forever change the course of my life: Fred Martinez, gymnastics, and the dawning of what I call the "Jesuit Experience."

In awe, Glen and I watched the ease with which Coach Martinez flipped and twisted his lithe body through space.

In awe, we listened intently to his presentation in which he described the beauty of this strange new sport called gymnastics and the virtues reaped by hard work. He emphasized that, through the grace

of God, the sport would promote a steadfast belief in oneself.

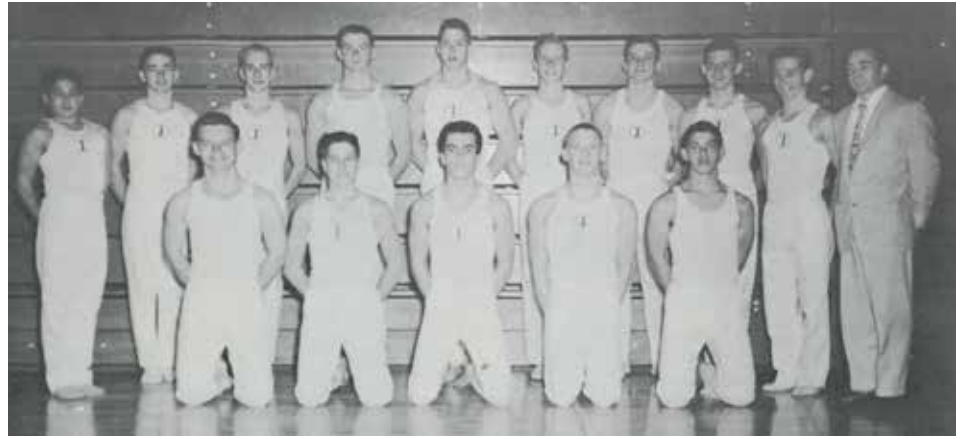
In awe, I somehow found myself wanting desperately to be part of this strange and wonderful experience called gymnastics.

With meager financial support from the school and in almost total obscurity, Fred Martinez meticulously coached his budding gymnasts through the most rigorous of protocols, some so physically demanding that they brought tears to the eyes of even the toughest of young Blue Jays. It was so strange, however, because Coach Martinez never *forced* any of us through a daily regimen; rather, he *inspired* us through these repetitions.

I distinctly remember Coach Martinez telling us: "The time has come in your life to see what it feels like to be a man! God made you capable of far more than you could ever imagine!"

Every team that Fred Martinez ever coached somehow won championships. The fledgling gymnastics team of Jesuit High School was no exception. In my two years as a member of the varsity team, we won the Louisiana State High School Championship (in my senior year). We also brought home trophies from meets and competitions sponsored by the AAU (Association of American Universities).

During my senior year while competing for Jesuit in the senior



Gerald George performs on the pommel horse in the Jesuit gym during the 1960 season. George was the all-around state champion in 1960. Above, the 1960 state championship gymnastics team, captained by Gerald George, kneeling center, and coached by Fred Martinez, standing right.

division of the Southwestern AAU Championships in Dallas, I remember confiding in Coach that I was afraid — afraid that we would not be able to win the team championship.

“I’m not asking that you guys win this championship,” he was quick to inform me. “I’m expecting a whole hell of a lot more than that!”

“And what’s that supposed to mean?” I asked.

Coach pointedly stared through my eyes and into the back of my skull.

“I expect you to use the gifts God gave you,” he replied. “I expect you to thank God for those gifts. And I expect each of you to give the very, very best you have to offer.”

Needless to say, we won the team championship. But afterwards Coach only wanted to know if we had thanked God for this opportunity and whether or not we had given our very best effort.

Although more than half a century has passed and his physical presence is no longer with us, I now realize that winning gymnastics championships was never Coach Martinez’s main objective. In fact, it was never really about the gymnastics at all. It was about his “gift” of defining structure,

meaning, and purpose in our lives.

It was about shaping young men to become stewards of God’s work. Simply put, Coach Martinez taught boys how to become Jesuit men.

Fr. Claude J. Stallworth, S.J., who was principal of Jesuit High School from 1946-1965, once said: “Fred Martinez had the magic! He accomplished in you boys exactly what I had in mind. He gave you the Jesuit Experience!”

Throughout my life, I have always relied on the “Jesuit Experience” to guide me, and it has never let me down. And when my final day rears its seemingly menacing head, I will face it eye-to-eye, fully confident that the “Jesuit Experience” will boldly lift me beyond this temporary interruption of my physical passing.

Thanks, Coach Martinez, for giving us the Jesuit Experience. 🦋

Fred Martinez can be considered the father of the gymnastics program at Jesuit High School. He started the program in 1959, immediately leading his team to the state championship. Though he spent only two years at Jesuit, he set a standard of excellence that would result in eight consecutive state titles. The program was discontinued after the 1968 school year. Coach Martinez went

on to a very successful career as a college and AAU coach. A member of the Hall of Fame of Northwestern University in Natchitoches and the NAIA Coaches Hall of Fame, Coach Martinez is a nominee for the NCAA Hall of Fame. He died in 2010.



Jerry George '60 was the Louisiana all-around state gymnastics champion in his senior year (1960) and captain of

the Blue Jay gymnastics team. He went on to captain the gymnastics team at Michigan State. Dr. George is a respected authority in the biomechanics of sports in general, and gymnastics in particular. His *Biomechanics of Women’s Gymnastics* was the best selling gymnastics textbook in the world for three consecutive years. He has received numerous awards for teaching, scholarship, and research, including induction into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame, the LSU Alumni Hall of Distinction, and the World Acrobatics Society “Gallery of Legends.” He is professor emeritus at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette. Dr. George and his wife Janet have five children.

Blue Jays Attend Class... REUNIONS

The 2013 reunion season welcomed Blue Jays from graduation years ending in “3” and “8” to celebrate their bonds as sons of Jesuit High School. The five-year reunion remains the strongest tool of face-to-face connection for Blue Jays around the world.



1943 Couples Reunion

1943 celebrated their 70th year reunion by coming home to Carrollton and Banks for a Saturday Mass, cocktail reception, and dinner on April 13. Class leader **Rene “Buddy” Lazare’s** organizational work resulted in 15 Blue Jays and their guests celebrating the Big 7 and 0.



1948 Couples Reunion

1948 Herb Christenberry, Pete Talluto, and A.J. Capritto steered the 1948 ship to the Southern Yacht Club for their celebration of 65 years since graduation. In the midst of beautiful vistas of Lake Pontchartrain, the ’48ers, spouses, and guests enjoyed an evening of cocktails, dinner, and lots of Blue Jay Spirit.



1953 Couples Reunion

1953 came back to Banks on a late June Saturday for a couples Mass and dinner. As usual **George Rojas** took the lead in creating the festivities for the ’53 Jays and their guests.

1958 Brother Billy Dardis, S.J. and his committee organized a stag crawfish party in Jesuit’s Student Commons and a couples’ cocktail reception at the home of **John and Virginia Ernst**.



1958 Stag Reunion

1963 Mike Nolan and his committee made sure their Golden Anniversary Class celebrated in a big way. On Friday, June 7, these Jays gathered in the Student Commons at Jesuit for a seafood feast provided by Acme Oyster House. The ladies joined their Blue Jays on Saturday evening for a Mass at Jesuit celebrated by their very own **Fr. Fred Kammer, S.J.** followed by a grand cocktail reception at **Vic Hughes's The Cannery.**



1968 Couples Reunion



1963 50-year Reunion

1968 Jay Baudier and his committee chose the beautiful homes of two class members for their May celebration. On Friday night the guys were the guests of

Frank Maselli for a cocktail reception while on Saturday night the couples enjoyed a gala reception at the home of **Mike and Suzanne McGlone.**



1973 Couples Reunion

1973 Thanks to **John Combes's** leadership, with a strong assist from **Greg Hoffman**, these Blue Jays enjoyed two nights of partying in late May. On Friday night it was guys-only in the commons at Jesuit. On Saturday wives and dates joined the Jays aboard the Steamboat Natchez for a leisurely cruise down the Mississippi.

1978 and **1983** made history when they staged their stag events on the same night, May 24, in the same location, Jesuit's Commons.

1978 Led by **Jerry Gillen, Mickey Bordes, and Tim Levy**, the 1978 committee organized a Friday night stag steak dinner catered by Toulouse Gourmet. Wives and dates joined the guys on Saturday evening for a cocktail party at Fulton on Tap.

1983 celebrated 30 years as alumni with a Friday evening stag seafood feast and a Saturday night couples cocktail party at the Bourbon View, all organized by **Rene Alvarez** and his committee.

1988 **James Adams** and his committee put together a mid-April celebration for the Silver Anniversary Class.



1978 Stag Reunion

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1998 Stag Reunion



2008 Stag Reunion



1993 Couples' Reunion



1983 Stag Reunion



1988 Stag Reunion



2003 Stag Reunion

On Friday night **Al and Carol Bienvenu** hosted a cocktail party for the couples at their beautiful home while on Saturday the guys made their way to Lucy's for their stag outing.

1993 **Carl Servat** and his leadership team started their celebration with a Friday night couples party at The Rusty Nail. Then on Saturday the guys went solo for a seafood extravaganza at the Acme Oyster House.

1998 opened the reunion season on the first weekend in April with two events organized by **Claiborne Perrilliat III** and his committee: a Friday night couples reception at Manning's and a Saturday stag get-together at class member **Stan Ripp's** Barcadia in the Warehouse District.

2003 **Ian Blanchard** and his organizing team also chose Barcadia for their stag celebration of 10 years as alumni.

2008 celebrated their first reunion with a great turnout of 137 Blue Jays at the JAX Brewery Bistro Bar. The hard work of **Mathew Irimpen** and his team resulted in the strong attendance that foreshadows great things to come from the Class of 2008.

View the photo galleries of the 2013 class reunions, as well as archived reunions dating back to 2002, on Jesuit's web site: jesuitnola.org/alumni/reunions.htm.

Blue Jays Organizing in Central Florida

For Blue Jays who have relocated to Central Florida, all of a sudden the Sunshine State is more radiant and considerably bluer. A newly-formed alumni leadership team is off to a blazing start, focused on keeping Jesuit alumni in the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Orlando and surrounding areas connected to Carrollton and Banks.

In January, Jesuit's alumni office hosted a reunion dinner at the Rusty Pelican in Tampa that was attended by 25 Blue Jays who spanned seven decades. Brief presentations were made by **Fr. Raymond Fitzgerald, S.J. '76**, president of Jesuit High School; **Br. William J. "Billy" Dardis, S.J. '58**, who serves as director of special projects; **Tom Bagwill**, director of institutional advancement; and, alumni director **Mat Grau '68**.

The leadership team of the Central Florida Alumni Chapter includes **Pat Alvarez '86**, **Daren Carriere '79**, **Cy Gannuch '94**, **Pat Huete '84**, **Will Johnson '03**, **Don Moreau '54**, and **John Sabatier '86**, who is serving as the group's first captain.

In March, these Central Florida Jays gathered for a social at Lee Roy Selmon's sports restaurant in South Tampa, where organizers welcomed several young alumni, including **Chris Joseph '08**, who is collaborating with the Tampa group to form an Orlando sub-chapter.


"What these alums have done in such a short period of time



Alumni living in Central Florida gathered at Tampa's The Rusty Pelican restaurant in January.

to keep Blue Jays in Florida connected to each other and to their alma mater is remarkable and inspiring," said Grau, who noted that the Central Florida alums also held a pool party for families in July.

"Most of us weren't in school together so we're meeting other Blue Jays for the first time," said captain Sabatier. "However, our shared experiences at Jesuit forged a common bond that makes us feel like we are all lifelong friends."

Blue Jays living in Central Florida, as well as in Atlanta and Houston, who wish to connect with fellow Blue Jays should contact the captains of their respective alumni leadership teams. 

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Record Numbers of Blue Jays Fish the 2013 Rodeo

More than 225 Blue Jays and their friends attended the 21st Jesuit Fishing Rodeo on Saturday, June 22. For the second year in a row, the weigh-in location was held under the Wally Pontiff, Jr. Pavilion at John Ryan Stadium. The summer event would not be possible without the tireless efforts of a team of fishing veterans led by this year's chairman, **Mike McMahon '85**, and honorary chairman **Br. Billy Dardis, S.J. '58**. View more photos of the rodeo on Jesuit's web site.

Left: Mikey Elvir '17 landed a 13.9-pound red snapper, the biggest of the rodeo and more than enough for first place in Division II. Michael Heier '05 holds a close relative of Mikey's catch.

A Marine Corps Tribute to Michael Giambelluca

There was pomp and circumstance,

just not as much and not as long. Members of the MCJROTC Color Guard looked impeccable in their dress blues. The ROTC Band played Souza cohesively from the confines of the balcony overlooking Traditions Courtyard where the student body had gathered to bear witness to a special commendation ceremony at a Friday morning assembly in late April.

JROTC's annual tribute to a Jesuit teacher, which is typically held on the Will Clark Field (when it's dry), throws the spotlight on a single honoree carefully chosen from among the rank and file of Jesuit's distinguished faculty. But inclement weather had already twice postponed the event and the assembly represented a last chance for a semblance of a ceremony.

No one seemed distressed by it all, especially the 2012-13 honoree the Corps selected from among the rank:

Jesuit principal **Michael Giambelluca of the Class of 1982**. At the time the JROTC was saluting him, Giambelluca was only a few weeks away from leaving New Orleans for Omaha, Nebraska, where he has a new home and a new job: president of Creighton Prep, a Jesuit high school whose students also happen to call themselves Blue Jays.

LtCol Timothy Huete '76 USMC (Ret), senior Marine instructor and head of the leadership education department at Jesuit, read from the Corps' colorful proclamation, which succinctly enumerated Giambelluca's accomplishments during the past 12 years that he served as principal (the second longest tenure in the history of the school):

"When Mr. Giambelluca became principal in 2001-02, he immediately set about his duties with energy, enthusiasm, and an overwhelmingly positive attitude... He established himself as a



firm, visionary leader who was dedicated to the ideals of Jesuit education...

"Mr. Giambelluca capably led Jesuit through Hurricane Katrina, establishing satellite schools at Strake Jesuit (in Houston) and St. Martin's (Episcopal School in Metairie), ensuring that Jesuit continued to provide quality education to its students during this trying time..."

"He embraced faculty professional development as an essential component in serving both our mission and students well and expanded our retreat and service programs. Additionally, he effectively represented Jesuit in local, state and national

educational organizations and became a well-respected voice in these arenas..."

After the assembly was dismissed and photos were being taken of Giambelluca with the Color Guard, the emotion of the occasion visibly swept over the honoree, who unabashedly blinked in an effort to clear the humidity from those lively blue eyes.

On June 1, the changing of the guard at Carrollton and Banks was official and seamless as assistant principal **Peter Kernion of the Class of 1990** became Jesuit High School's 16th principal since 1926.

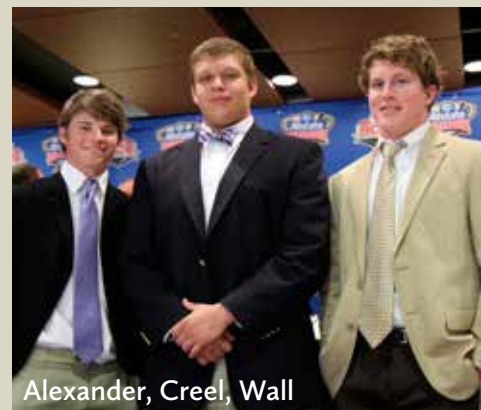
Three Seniors Recognized for Academic, Athletic Achievements

Three seniors on Jesuit's 2012 football team were among 34 prep gridders in the New Orleans metropolitan area recognized for their exploits on the field and in the classroom.

Wide receiver **Mitchell Alexander**, offensive lineman **Zachary Creel**, and defensive back **William Wall** received recognition plaques at the National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame's 2013 Awards Luncheon.

The annual event, presented by the Allstate Sugar Bowl, takes place in spring at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

Creel plans to major in business and will join his brother **Cal Creel '11** at the University of Mississippi. Both will attend LSU, where Alexander will major in pre-medicine and Wall will pursue biology.



Alexander, Creel, Wall

This Jesuit Saint and Martyr Radiates Inspiration for Today's Catholics

Paul Miki, S.J.

(1562-1597)

By Fr. John Brown, S.J.

There is something equally attractive and threatening about the Gospel. Across history and throughout the world, we find that the Good News that God loves us, saves us, and calls us to imitate Him inspires both ferocious opposition and noble martyrdom at the hands of the enemies of the Cross.

St. Paul tells us in his tear-stained epistle to the Philippians that “many walk as enemies of the Cross of Christ.” (Phil. 3:18) St. Paul knows that when that gentleness and forgiveness of the 1st century Galilean is revealed as a new commandment to “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34), then the Cross becomes blessedly terrifying. It threatens our complacency. It stands in judgment of our selfishness. It glorifies the falling grain of wheat over the proud weed, a mystifying truth written on our hearts that we would rather deny.

Such was the case in Japan in the second half of the 16th century. Beginning with the Jesuit St. Francis Xavier in 1549, the seeds of the Gospel were planted by Catholic missionaries, who must have seemed tremendously foreign at first sight. But within a short time, interest in Christianity had spread, and the Church numbered nearly 200,000. Appearing threatening to the social order prized by the shogunate, the hereditary military dictators, the Church and her Cross could see dark days of persecution and suppression on the horizon.

Fifteen hundred and eighteen years after St. Paul the disciple wrote of the “enemies of the Cross,” another Paul picked up his own cross and entered the Society of Jesus in that atmosphere of persecution. Paul Miki, a Japanese native



from a wealthy family, was educated by Jesuits and was the first Japanese man to be received into any religious order. Almost immediately, Miki began winning converts to the Faith, following in the footsteps of St. Francis Xavier and heeding the words of St. Ignatius Loyola to “go forth and set the world on fire.”

Miki embraced a life of simplicity. Dressed in a black cassock just as the foreign Jesuits wore, he spoke to the people of Japan about the love of God and His desire to be among the poorest. While the words he used were in the noble native accent, the ideas they expressed were as out of place in Japanese high society as the Lord of Lords had been in the manger. Christianity soon became branded as a tool for foreign invasion, punishable by death.

In 1596, in Kyoto, Emperor Hideyoshi struck hard and fast against the Gospel and its adherents. Before Miki was even ordained a priest, armed guards laid hands on him and 25 other Jesuits,

Franciscans, and lay supporters, sending them marching towards Nagasaki, literally carrying their crosses.

This is the paradox of the Gospel: in the midst of their suffering attempts to quench the Gospel's fire, Christians bear a perfect witness to its Truth. Onlookers catching a glimpse of St. Paul Miki could see themselves in him. They could feel the law written on their hearts come alive; and they took pity on him as Veronica had taken pity on the disfigured, yet familiar, face of Christ. Many were converted.

Those hearts transformed by the image of Christ in St. Paul Miki must have been buoyed by his words as he carried the wooden beams that he would be crucified on. “The only reason for my being

killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason that I die. I believe that I am telling the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you become happy.”

Happiness in the midst of suffering was not some abstract idea for Miki. He and the others were heard singing the *Te Deum* and the *Canticle of Zachariah* on the grueling march. “In the tender compassion of our Lord, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

As had been the case for so many Christian martyrs and their tormentors, the Japanese guards nearly lost heart, finding themselves respectfully listening to the words St. Paul Miki serenely called to the onlookers. “After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate

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Come One, Come All!



Each year, the Jesuit community looks forward to two sizeable, fun-filled events — Celebration and the Blue Jay Bazaar. While the two shared a similar theme, the weather could not be more different. But through it all, the tireless efforts and long hours put in by Jesuit's many volunteers ensured both events were huge successes.

At Jesuit's annual Celebration 2013, which took place Saturday, March 2, the weather was too cold for comfort and the entire circus was moved "Under the Big Top" of the cafeteria and Student Commons, where patrons and benefactors were cozily cool amid the really rapid fire hot auctions that unfolded non-stop for five hours. Jesuit tips its hat to co-chairs [Andrea Legrand](#) and [Nancy Plough](#) for all of their efforts to ensure Celebration 2013's success.

The Blue Jay Bazaar was held on a gorgeous, crisp March 24. Guests were dazzled by the many rides, games, activities, and food booths. Jesuit thanks the Bazaar's army of Blue Jay workers and volunteers, including co-chairs [Lynn Flynn](#) and [Sam McAloon](#), whose commitment of time and service help make the Bazaar such a success.

Clockwise from top left: Among the benefactors "Under the Big Top" at the Celebration Patron Party were Jeanne and Ken Boe '84 (left) and Mary Beth and Paul Fine; David Prados '75 carefully peruses his Celebration auction program; at the Blue Jay Bazaar, the sumo wrestling ring has pre-freshmen Tristan Marchand (blue) and Jarod Larriviere showing off their best wrestling moves; by 2 p.m., the Bazaar crowd swelled to standing room only. View more photos of Celebration and the Bazaar on Jesuit's web site.



Chris Webre '87 speaks to Blue Jays about careers in physical therapy.

Career Day Remains a Popular Event

Career Day at Jesuit High School has been around for approximately a half century and remains one of the most popular and anticipated events on the academic calendar. Upperclassmen, the many seniors and juniors who are lockstep in thinking way beyond college, are eager — even anxious to a fault — to glean information and nuggets of truth and reality about possible careers, and the mountains, valleys, and yellow brick roads leading to them.

Career Day provides juniors and seniors with opportunities to seek and obtain practical advice from alumni who come fluently equipped with expertise, knowledge, suggestions, guidance, encouragement, and, of course, opinions, regarding their own careers. This year's Career Day on January 30 featured 37 alumni discussing 28 careers, including advertising, aviation, architecture, business, construction, education, tourism and restaurant management, finance, journalism, ministry, music, pharmacy, politics, psychiatry, psychology, and sports administration. The "eldest" alum graduated in 1979 and the "newbie" in 2006.

The sessions most heavily attended are hardly surprising — medicine and law consistently attract roomfuls of curious Jays. There is also a high interest in culinary arts, journalism, and various engineer and computer fields. Inquisitive students also paid attention to three new career offerings — coastal engineering and restoration, photography, and computer gaming.

While seniors and juniors attended two sessions of their choice, underclassmen filed into the auditorium where they were treated to nothing short of a brilliant performance by **Jim McCormick '86**, a singer and songwriter whose own career path encompasses teaching, writing, and entertaining. To illuminate his points,

McCormick performed one of his two recent #1 hits on Billboard's Country Chart, "Take a Little Ride." He closed the show before his rapt audience with a heartfelt rendition of "Louisiana," a sentimental song McCormick wrote in the aftermath of Katrina and made popular by country star (and native son) Tim McGraw.

For the alumni who return to their alma mater to share personal insights about their own careers, the conversations and discussions with their young audiences are often enlightening, humbling, funny, and frustrating. At some point, alumni experience a typical *déjà vu* moment in which they recall their own salad days sitting in the same desks and asking visiting alums pretty much the same questions Blue Jays ask today.

Alumni who are new to Career Day (there were 16 this year) quickly discover there are no boundaries and that "anything goes." Today's students are not shy about asking questions that 10 or 20 or 40 years ago would have been in poor taste to bring up, particularly issues surrounding salary ranges of various professions. Nowadays, who doesn't want control of a hedge fund or the chance to earn a six figure salary? 🦋

Profile of a Jesuit Teacher Award

Ignatian Educators Honored for Their Dedication and Service

Four teachers at Jesuit High School are recipients of the 2013 Profile of a Jesuit Teacher Award, an annual recognition of Ignatian educator excellence among the faculty. In the photo, from left, are honorees **Matthew Orillion '98**, **Chris LaMothe**, **Mollie Roberts**, and **Ron Rossi**.

The Profile Awards were instituted at Jesuit in 2008 and in those five years, a total of 20 faculty members have been honored as Ignatian educators. Recipients of the award are nominated by their colleagues against standards of being Open to Growth, Religious, Loving, Intellectually Competent, Professionally Competent, and Committed to Justice.

A committee of faculty and administrators (ineligible to participate) serves to oversee the nomination process and the ultimate selection of the four honorees. The recipients are quietly informed of their selection and must promise to keep it a secret from their colleagues (but definitely not their spouses). One week later, at the reception and dinner for faculty and staff in the Student Commons to celebrate the end of the

school year, the four honorees are individually recognized in front of their peers. Each honoree receives a commemorative plaque and a \$2,500 check. And plenty of applause.

For a full profile of each of the honorees, including some of the many reasons why the committee selected this year's Profile Award winners, visit Jesuit's web site.




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them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain.” Moments later the guards finally silenced St. Paul Miki, as well as his crucified companions hanging from their crosses, with a lance thrust into his side. With his final breath he murmured, “...my blood and my love can flow out upon the land

and sanctify it to His name.” This is the danger of Christianity. The Body of Christ, made up of that tight knot of believers, gets toughest when the ends are pulled their tightest. Testimonies are heard clearest when given contrary to the threat of death. The sharp lance only produces “fruitful rain” when it pierces the side of one of Christ’s own.

And this is the danger for us. Too often in times of peace we settle for untroubled waters, trading the happiness Christ offers for complacency in this world. We can never tire of remembering that while we are in this world, we are not of this world. Our God, our Lord Jesus Christ, calls us to the Father through Him. If Christianity isn’t shaking us up, can we really call it the

Christianity of the martyrs whose witness we proclaim? We should all become familiar with the lives of the saints and martyrs. They remind us, in our own language, that Christ is the source of an undeniable happiness. The happiness of this world dulls in comparison to the joy of men and women who find the inexhaustible opportunity to proclaim His Word, to echo His Gospel, to paradoxically descend with Jesus from the Cross into the tomb, only to rise again, radiantly proclaiming His Truth. 

Fr. John Brown, S.J. teaches theology and works in campus ministry at Jesuit High School. Originally from Eunice, LA, he worked as a graphics and web design artist before entering the

Society of Jesus in 2002. His assignments have included Hope House (in the Irish Channel); working with youth groups in Villahermosa, Mexico; teaching and coaching at Jesuit High School in Tampa; and pastoral work at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in San Antonio and at Sacred Heart Church in El Paso. He earned two master's degrees in Divinity and Theology at Boston College.



Renaissance for Roussel Building


The most heavily trafficked area of Jesuit’s Mid-City campus happens to be the Louis J. Roussel, Jr. Physical Education Building (aka: the P.E. or Roussel building). The three-story red brick facility was built in 1986 at a cost of \$3.5 million. Sandwiched against it is its much older companion, the Jesuit gym (aka: the Birdcage) which has been in constant use since 1957. When new, these buildings were among the best that a high school had to offer. But the ever-increasing human traffic over the decades has taken a toll on both facilities (Katrina was no help with its four feet of stagnant water.)

Rather than toss to the curb the equivalent of its stinky socks and old shoes, Jesuit targeted the Roussel building for a major revitalization. The initial phase, completed in December 2012 and costing \$1.8 million, resulted in new climate control, electrical, and energy efficient lighting systems for the first floor. Students and coaches are enjoying a sparkling new and more functional weight room with state-of-the-art equipment, better sight lines, and improved safety. The renovation has relieved a tight space problem. Re-configuring the practice area for wrestling and moving it to the second floor has



Newly renovated weight room in Louis J. Roussel, Jr. Building

created additional room for other varsity teams. The entire first floor is new, covered with a durable, bacteria-resistant epoxy — ideal for snuffing out germs.

The renaissance is funded by donations from generous parents and alumni, small surpluses of operating income, and portions of endowment income that have been set aside to enable the school to complete certain maintenance-related tasks. Workers recently began another overdue project, removing and repairing (or replacing) the distinctive stained glass windows in the Chapel of the North American Martyrs. Plans are also in the works to clean and repair the dome and stained glass windows of the historically significant small chapel. Eventually, the renaissance movement will visit Jesuit’s gym, where it should get really interesting. 

Charlie McGannon, Extraordinary PSAT Dragon Slayer, Sheaths His Sword

By Timothy Powers

Chairman, English Department

It is entirely appropriate that Charlie McGannon's forty-second and final Baccalaureate Mass was with the Class of 2013 on Pentecost Sunday, for Charlie has always been particularly devoted to the Holy Spirit. Charlie credits the Holy Spirit with giving him the tireless energy that has marked his career. And he has always liked the color of fire, especially fire in poetry.

Just ask any one of the thousands of Jesuit alumni who — upon encountering their former teacher (especially for the first time since their graduation) at a reunion, a grocery, or an athletic event — proudly tell him that they can still recite William Blake's *The Tyger* word for word.

The senior-most member of Jesuit's English department is a respectable poet in his own right. Charlie personally crafted more than 100 poems, all of them dear to his heart, all of them neatly organized and stored in his English classroom facing Banks Street on Jesuit's first floor. Some poems he wrote a long time ago, others were unfinished works permanently in progress.

Unfortunately, all of Charlie's poems were destroyed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. When the federal levees failed, flood waters covered 82% of the city for several weeks. Jesuit and the Mid-City neighborhood it anchors was submerged by more than five feet of stagnant water. Everything on Jesuit's first floor, including Charlie's classroom where he taught English for many years, was destroyed. None of his poetry was ever found.

Charlie is perhaps best known as Jesuit's PSAT dragon slayer, a career path of sorts that he embarked upon in 1982. Fr. Anthony McGinn, S.J. '66, who was principal at the time, asked Charlie to address the decline in the number of National Merit Semifinalists Jesuit was producing (nine were announced that fall).

Charlie set to work researching the PSAT at public libraries, taking the test himself, and devising strategies to help Blue Jays up their scores. Perhaps the most famous of Charlie's resources is the "2961." All of Charlie's students know what "2961" is — the vocabulary list that he claims (and sometimes swears) is the key to performing well on the verbal sections of the PSAT.

Initially, progress was slow; but by 1986, Jesuit had 30 semifinalists, the largest number in the school's history.


Under Charlie's tutelage, Jesuit eventually produced 54 semifinalists in 2004, which remains a school record to be surpassed by future Jays. Because of Charlie's work preparing students to take the test, Jesuit established a reputation for consistently turning out more National Merit Semifinalists than any other Jesuit prep school in the country.

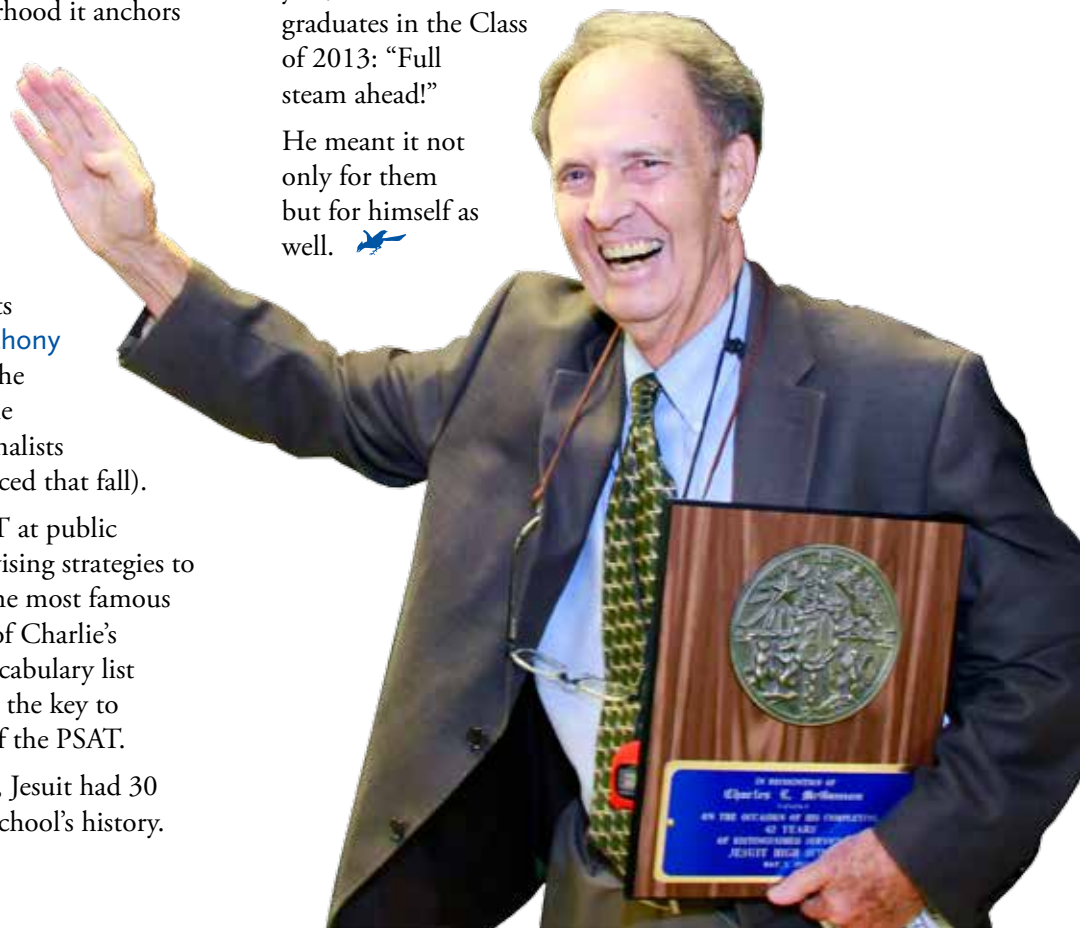
However, Charlie's impact on his students goes well beyond PSAT preparation. Charlie prepares students for life beyond Jesuit by insisting that they take responsibility for their learning and by encouraging them to explore everything.

At the urging of his own father, Charlie began exploring while he was still in high school. By the time he was a senior, Charlie had visited every state in the continental U.S. To date he has visited 205 countries, an incredible accomplishment and one that tends to support his claim of being the "best-traveled person in the State of Louisiana."

In a few weeks, Charlie and his wife Pat will be enjoying their whale watching experience off the coast of Scotland. And after that, who knows? Wherever the Holy Spirit leads him.

For Charlie, there is still much to explore. When he formally announced his retirement at the final assembly of the school year, he addressed the graduates in the Class of 2013: "Full steam ahead!"

He meant it not only for them but for himself as well. 



Out of the Blue, Jays Cop a District Title

About halfway through the 2012-13 varsity basketball season, Jesuit head coach [Chris Jennings '78](#) privately, and perhaps not so privately, expressed frustration and disappointment with the progress of the Blue Jay team. "I thought we'd be further along," confided Jennings, referring to a handful of experienced players who were backed up by a bench of strong, consistent, and spirited reserves. By the end of the season, Jennings could not have been prouder of his team's accomplishments.

The Blue Jays surprised everyone, especially the many skeptical prep pundits — and even a few of their own dubious fans — when they twice beat the all-but-canonized favorite team on Elysian Fields Avenue to steal the District 9-5A title.

The season featured lopsided wins over a lowly district opponent and a 30-point blowout loss in the annual Georgetown Prep tournament. Then there was the thrilling 59-57 double overtime victory over Holy Cross in the Birdcage that came when sharpshooting guard [Matt Felger '13](#) sank a jumper with 3.8 seconds on the clock.



Matt Felger '13

The regular season ended on Lundi Gras (February 11) with an exhilarating 62-57 win at home over the Crusaders. Minutes after their victory, the Jays were surprised to learn that Chalmette upset West Jefferson, a scenario which resulted in Jesuit walking away with the district title, hardly undeserving with an impressive 8-2 record.

Seeded ninth in the playoffs, the Jays opened with a 49-37 win in the Bird Cage over Central High School (Baton Rouge). In the second round, the Jays took to the road to play the Wildcats of East St. John. Early in the season, the Wildcats dealt the visiting Jays a crushing 67-49 defeat. In the playoff game, the Jays almost pulled it off, but in the final seconds, lost to the Wildcats by a single point, 39-38. The Jays finished with an overall 18-13 record.

"The two games we played against East St. John were symbolic of the improvement we showed throughout the year," Jennings said.

Felger, who averaged 14.1 points per game, was named to the All-District and All-Metro teams by the *Times-Picayune*. The paper also named forward [Trey LaForge '15](#) to the All-District team and stuck a feather in Jennings's cap by naming him district coach of the year.

Have Talent, Need Experience

Young. Eager. Enthusiastic. These adjectives describe the 2013 Jesuit varsity baseball team, which concluded its prep season with a 27-9 overall record, an 8-2 district performance, and a second round appearance in the Louisiana High School Athletic Association state playoffs.

Along the way, the Blue Jays — led by 11 seniors on a 24-player roster — posted two eight-game winning streaks and finished impressively at the Jay Patterson Shootout, a pre-



Brett Leonhard '13

district tournament in which they emerged undefeated, chalking up a 4-0 performance against talented clubs from Dutchtown, St. Amant, Destrehan, and East Ascension.

"Regardless of the competition," said Jesuit head baseball coach [Joey Latino](#), "our boys worked hard all season to make good things happen."

On the mound, steady pitching from seniors [Cody Migliore](#), [Brett Leonhard](#), and [Andrew Mitchell](#) (who will play college ball next spring at LSU) was complemented with promising performances from junior [C.J. Avrard](#) and sophomore [Jack Burk](#). Although the squad will miss the bat and the leadership of seniors [Mitchell Alexander](#) and [Dylan Weston](#), juniors [Blake Baker](#) and [Brandon Sequeira](#) and sophomores [Trent Forshag](#) and [Ben Hess](#) showed their diamond talents throughout the season.

In the opening round of state playoffs, Jesuit won a 1-0 nailbiter against the Acadiana Rams at John Ryan Stadium. A few days later, the Jays ended their season on the road against the Catholic High Bears, 8-3.

"Our boys were limited in the time they played as a team," coach Latino explained in assessing the year. "But they combined an excellent work ethic with hard play to accomplish a great deal,

while also shoring the foundation for better things next season.”

Great Expectations, Fulfilled

When the lacrosse team brought home Jesuit's first state championship trophy in 2012, expectations were naturally high among players, parents, fans — and even head coach **Mike Brantley** — for the Blue Jay Lax squad to make it two in a row by the end of the 2013 season.

Loaded with 18 experienced seniors and a wealth of talented underclassmen, the Jays were shocked when they lost three of four matches (and the district title) during the regular season to their nemesis on the Northshore, the Wolves of St. Paul, the team Jesuit defeated in the 2012 state tournament. Sometimes, losing can be a good thing, a gut-check where players rededicate themselves to achieving their goals.

The team worked hard to be able to stake one of the four spots in the state championship tournament, held in late April in Lafayette. In the two semifinal matches, Jesuit dispensed Loyola (Shreveport), 7-4, and St. Paul's ousted the tourney's host, St. Thomas More. And just like that, the 2013 season would



Austin Triay '13

conclude with the dream rematch everyone was anticipating.

The Blue Jays jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and at halftime, had an uncomfortable 5-4 advantage over St. Paul's. After a scoreless third period, the Wolves tied the game with 4:13 left to play. The final four minutes seemed to play out in slow motion. With only three seconds left on the clock, Jesuit's **Austin Triay '13** beat the Wolves' goalie to snatch a 6-5 victory that triggered a frenzy among Blue Jays and their fans.

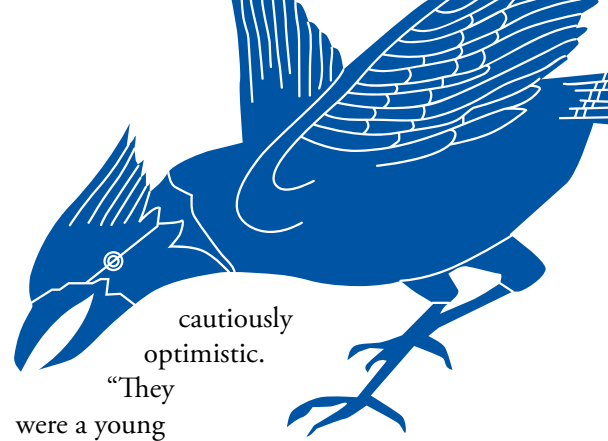
Jorge Abadin '14, who was outstanding in goal all season long, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player on defense, while Triay took home offensive honors.

“It was an up and down year, but when it counted, we came together as a team,” said defender and two-time All-American **Antonio Scelfo '13**.

Jesuit's second championship lacrosse trophy is the best evidence of great expectations, fulfilled.

Bogeying Fest

After the Jesuit golf team pocketed the fall and spring district titles, the competition suddenly became much fiercer. Team starters — **Nick Ingles '13**, **Colton “C.J.” Blagrove '14** (the only Blue Jay named to the *Times-Picayune's* All-Metro golf team), **Will Dufour '14**, **Carlo Carino '16**, and **Grant Glorioso '16** (with **Jack Culotta, Jr. '13** serving as alternate) — mustered not-even-close second place finishes in the bi-district and regional tournaments. The team played just well enough to secure a spot in the two-day state championship tournament in Shreveport, but the Jays forgot to bring their game to East Ridge Country Club. After the first day, the team was 30 bloated strokes behind the lead. Shaving seven strokes off their scores on the final day might seem to be too late, but not too little. The slight improvement left first-year head coach **Owen Seiler '75** feeling



cautiously optimistic. “They were a young team and needed some experience,” said Seiler. “Next year, I see them playing with much more confidence.”



C.J. Blagrove '14

Hobie Hobie Hobie

What more can be said or written about Hobie Hotard of Jesuit's Class of 2013?

That the Blue Jay is a gentleman on and off the court?

That he doesn't rub opponents' noses on the baseline as they futilely chase his wicked serves and attempt any sort of sustained volley?

That he hadn't lost a single set in Louisiana high school competition, yet he was seeded second at state?

That he lost only one game while knocking off the number one seed in the championship match?

That he is Louisiana's first-ever, four-time boys' singles state champion?

That he and teammates **James**

Sampognaro '13 and **Trevor Lew '13** missed their senior prom and the commencement luncheon to compete in the state tournament in Monroe?

That the senior Blue Jays were shining examples for the team's underclassmen and never complained about the upheaval to schedules when inclement weather delayed play for almost two days?

That he committed early to LSU and will major in biology?

That the Allstate Sugar Bowl selected him as May's Amateur Athlete of the Month?



Hobie Hotard '13

Pay close attention to **Peyton Fine '13**, editor of The Blue Jay student newspaper, who wrote in the May issue: "What makes Hotard's accomplishments so unheard of is today's tennis culture. Most players of his caliber do not play for their high school teams. Many are home-schooled so that they can focus on their tennis career full time. Hotard instead played for Jesuit in addition to his individual career and will continue to play collegiately at LSU."

Congratulations, Hobie, on your significant achievements in prep tennis.



Manny Armour '13

Wrestling Champions Capella, Armour

The wrestling team exited the Pontchartrain Center at the conclusion of the 2013 state tournament as runner up — nothing to sneeze at. In the past 10 years (2004 – 2013), the wrestling team captured four state championships (2004, 2005, 2006, and 2009) and finished as runner-up on five occasions (2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, and 2013). In 2012, the Jays limped home with a fourth place finish at the state meet.

Jesuit finishing a distant second to Brother Martin at the 2013 state tournament should not diminish the achievements of Blue Jay wrestlers **Mitchel Capella '13** (113) and **Manny Armour '13** (195), each of whom won an individual championship. They join 21 other Blue Jays who have won a total of 26 individual state titles since 2004. Armour has the additional distinction of being the first African-American Blue Jay wrestler to win an individual state championship. Capella, Armour, and **Efosa Eboigbe '15** (145) were named to the All-Metro wrestling



Mitch Capella '13

team by the *Times-Picayune*. **Spencer Harris '89** completed his second year as head coach of the varsity team.

Ledet Bowls Them Over... Again

Champion bowler **Cory Ledet '13** (average 222) won his second consecutive individual bowling title at the 2013 state tournament. For all of Ledet' was one of two seniors on a team of young, spirited bowlers, a competitive bunch with pockets of raw, undeveloped talent. The team will have a new coach for the coming year. **Marcelle Ledet**, Cory's father, assumed coaching responsibilities in the inaugural (2012) bowling season and stayed on for season number two. Both he and Cory are moving on to UNO where the father-son team will be establishing a bowling team for the Privateers. Cory and **Andrew Prejean '14** were named to the All-District bowling team by the *Times-Picayune*.



Cory Ledet '13

Run Like the Wind

The track team, coached by **Richard Bohn III**, was competitive in various events at several meets during the 2013 season. A couple of the highlights were the sprinting of **Trey Legier '13**, who runs the 100 in 11.2 seconds, and the long distance running of **Neal Fitzpatrick '13**, who at the state meet at LSU won third place in the 3,200-meter event with a time of 9:31. Fitzpatrick will attend St. Louis University on a cross country/ track scholarship.

Rugby Makes It 4 in a Row

Congratulations to Jesuit's rugby team, more specifically the B side, which won its fourth consecutive state championship in April.

A Special Championship

By Joseph F. Kepper '13
Co-Captain, 2012-13
Varsity Soccer Team

Champions. That's how the 2011-12 varsity soccer team finished the season. The 2013 team — 15 seniors, 18 juniors, one sophomore, and one freshman — had big shoes to fill. The players knew that another state title would be the only sufficient way for this historic season to spool out.

It fell on the shoulders of head coach [Hubie Collins](#) and assistant coaches [David Storm](#) and [Steven Cabos '11](#) to unify the Jays, many of whom were playing together for the first time. The inexperience showed as the Jays struggled on offense, netting just a few goals in their first few games of the season. An early 1-0 tournament loss to Brother Martin should have effectively unified the Jays, but it didn't happen. When the two teams met again — two of the best in the state — they were playing the first-ever district match at John Ryan Stadium. Mental breakdowns and a lack of communication kept the Jays from posing any semblance of a threat. As a result, Jesuit suffered one of the worst defeats in years to the Crusaders, 3-1.

Losing twice to Brother Martin had more than a few Jesuit fans burying the team for the rest of the season. Not so fast.

Jesuit and Brother Martin met for a third match, this one on the Crusaders' home field and with the district title at stake. When [Mason Belle '13](#) sent the ball



The final whistle blows and the Jesuit players jump into the stands overflowing with Blue Jays.

to striker [Jacob Stansberry '14](#), who buried it in the corner of the Crusaders' goal for a 1-0 win, Jesuit's dominance was not yet over.

Seeded number two in the state playoffs, the Jays scored 17 unanswered goals in shutting out their first three opponents. That set up a semifinal match — more like a fourth close encounter of the season — against the Crusaders at John Ryan Stadium. Scoreless until the 67th minute, Jesuit's [Joe Kepper '13](#) had a free kick 40 yards out and [Bo Devenport '13](#) was in the right place at the right time. Devenport chipped the ball in to score only the second goal of his Jesuit soccer career. "It feels amazing!" he said afterwards, and rightfully so, for he had punched the Blue Jays' tickets to the state championship match for the fifth consecutive season.

For the third consecutive finale at Tad Gormley Stadium, Jesuit would square off against the Wolves of St. Paul's, a "championship series" currently tied 1-1. The atmosphere on the field and the stands crackled with unusual intensity on the evening of February 23. A defensive lapse by the Jays early in the game put the Wolves up, 1-0. In the second half, the Jays struggled to find that equalizing goal. Finally, [Evan Kramer '14](#) placed a corner kick — as he so often did during the season — right in the box where it needed to be. Kepper headed the ball in and

the Jays were playing a new game.

A fusillade of shots by the teams kept both goalkeepers busy and Jesuit's goalie, [Nick Tadros '14](#), made some incredible saves. When regular time ran out with the score tied, 1-1, the teams headed to overtime. Not one but two overtimes. The Jays had always prided themselves on their fitness and smelled blood when the Wolves started to cramp. The Jays stayed strong, and then Kramer did it again. He placed a corner kick perfectly for [Sebastian Pereira-Pinzon '13](#) to head across and into the St. Paul's goal. The final whistle could not come soon enough.

The 2013 soccer Jays, who struggled mightily at the start of the season, notched the school's 12th state championship. In doing so, they filled those cleats left by the 2012 team. And the bar was set high for the next team, the 2014 Blue Jays, to repeat as... Champions. 🦋



[Joe Kepper '13](#) played soccer five years at Jesuit and was captain of the 2012-13 team. Kepper, [Mason Belle '13](#), and [Evan Kramer '14](#)

were named to the All-Metro team by the Times-Picayune, which also honored Kepper as the defensive player of the year and Jesuit's [Hubie Collins](#) as coach of the year.

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