

DIVERSITY ADDS TO THE SAINT JOHN'S EXPERIENCE



(L to R) Phillip York, Fr. James McElroy Founders Award recipient and Dr. Pastoor, President

Last year, our marketing research showed that our diversity was a key component of the Saint John's learning experience. Diversity of all sorts was seen as one of the strengths of the school. Alumni, parents, and students noted that racial, religious, ethnic, socio-economic, and geographic diversity gave a real value to the school community. Twenty-five percent of our student body represents the racial, ethnic, and religious diversity for the 2006-2007 academic year. It is our goal to continue to further diversify our student body.

In order to strengthen our diversity, we are fortunate to have Ms. Young Lee join us as a partner and Coordinator of the International Student Program in our effort to attract more foreign students to our school. Ms. Lee will focus her attention on recruiting students from Korea, China, Thailand and other countries in Asia. To support those students upon their arrival, Dr. Bernard Mambo, of our Foreign Languages Department, and Mr. Robert Boyer are spearheading our efforts to work with these students in our new ESL program (English as a Second Language).

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

On May 26th we marked Commencement by awarding our diplomas and awards to the Class of 2006. Sixty-one Seniors were awarded their diplomas, 100% of whom were accepted into colleges and universities across the country. The average SAT score for the class of 2006 was 1675 out of 2400 which was 157 points higher than the national average, 164 points higher than the average for the State of Maryland, and 118 points higher than Frederick County. In addition, our students achieved an average GPA of 3.3 and were awarded 3.4 million dollars of financial aid to further their education. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments! Phillip York was awarded the first annual Fr. James McElroy Founders Award for his outstanding character and leadership while a student at Saint John's. Phillip is continuing his studies at Marietta College in Ohio, one of the premier liberal arts schools in the Midwest.



(L to R) Bill Mohan, Micah Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and Dr. Pastoor, President

HONORING ONE OF OUR OWN

Mr. Bill Mohan, Saint John's class of 1954 was awarded the first annual Micah Distinguished Alumni Award for his outstanding service to Saint John's, Catholic education, the nation, and the church. Bill was a student leader while attending Saint John's at the downtown location. He served his country as a member of the United States Army and had a fruitful career in the General Accounting Office. He has served as a member and President of the Board of Directors at Saint John's and as President of the Saint John's Alumni Association. Bill was a founding member of Friends of Catholic Education and received their highest award, the Fr. McElroy Award in 2004. Today, Bill is a member of the Board of Directors of Visitation Academy in Frederick and is a member of the St. John the Evangelist Board of Directors.

In May of 2007 we will be awarding another Distinguished Alumni Award to a deserving alumnus/alumnae. If you would like to nominate someone for the award, please send your nomination to me by March 15, 2007 and describe how this individual has distinguished themselves in service to the school, nation, and the church. This award is meant to be a fitting tribute to one of our own and a special way to say thank you for a life well lived.

LIVING THE GOSPELS



Thank you Fr. Reid for your 30 years of dedicated service to St. John's

For 30 years Fr. George Reid has graced our halls as he has volunteered his time to work with our students in their spiritual development. Fr. Reid, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, came to us in 1976 and has been with us ever since presiding at our masses and providing individual and group spiritual advice. He provided this invaluable service at a time when Saint John's had just become an independent Catholic school without the daily services of a priest on the campus. In an effort to show our appreciation for his dedication to Saint John's, we will be celebrating his 30 years of service at an event on October 29th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the

FSK Holiday Inn. If you wish to join us in saying thank you to Fr. Reid, please contact the Institutional Advancement Office at 301-662-4210, ext. 181

BY THE NUMBERS

Last year we established an enrollment goal of 300 students, including 80 freshmen, for 2006-2007. We are pleased to welcome 81 new freshmen this year, 17 transfer students and our returning students for total enrollment of 303 students. In order to continue to attract new students we are undertaking new efforts to market Saint John's and have developed a new 12 page admissions view book. We have also taken out a full page ad in the August 28th issue of U.S. News and World Report as part of the magazine's "America's Best College" review. The ad targeted the Frederick and Northern Montgomery County region. We will continue to develop new marketing strategies as we try to slowly grow the student population while, at the same time, solidify our retention efforts.



Students take advantage of a beautiful day having lunch outside

ALUMNI TAILGATE – OCTOBER 20TH – PLEASE JOIN US

On October 20, 2006, all Alumni are welcome to join us for an Alumni Homecoming Tailgate party at McCurdy Field in Frederick from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come out and watch the Vikings take on Severn High School and enjoy the Homecoming festivities. All Alumni are invited to stop by the Tailgate party to say hello to fellow classmates, faculty members, and the Advancement Office Staff. For additional information, please call the Institutional Advancement Office at 301-662-4210 Ext. 182.

LET ME COUNT THE WAYS

Included in this Presidential Letter is the Honor Roll of Donors Report for fiscal year 2005-2006. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have generously given to Saint John's. This past year, \$191,000 was raised through various fundraising efforts and because of your support, Saint John's continues to be a strong Catholic presence in the Frederick Community.

ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF

The 2006-2007 Annual Fund Campaign will kick off the middle of October with a cash goal of \$50,000. The Annual Fund underwrites the operating budget at Saint John's and thus enhances every facet of student life – inside and outside the classroom. Each gift has a meaningful impact on every aspect of the school and on all those who work and study here. When your Annual Fund Appeal arrives in October, it is my hope that you will please consider a contribution.

The percentage of giving from Alumni, current and past parents, and friends for Annual Fund increased over last year's campaign. Your support is extremely important to us in our daily work but also for our future work in attracting donations from foundations. These foundations look closely at the level of alumni giving and make awards based on the percent of alumni who support the school. Consequently, I urge you to help us this year during our Annual Fund solicitation no matter how little or how much you can give.

THE ODDS ARE BETTER THAN THE LOTTERY

Saint John's is conducting a Cash Raffle with \$10,000 in cash prizes and 12 chances to win! Proceeds from the Cash Raffle are directly applied to the operating budget which helps keep the tuition more affordable for all our families. The drawing will take place at the Homecoming Football Game on October 20, 2006 at half time. Tickets are \$2.00 each and can be purchased from current families or by calling the Institutional Advancement Office at 301-662-4210 Ext. 182. You don't have to be present to win so please make sure to buy your tickets soon and good luck!



Congratulations Class of 2006!

WORKING ON OUR NEW HOUSE



Students celebrate start of new school with mass.
Fr. George and Julia Marks

Over the summer the Board of Directors, the Building Committee of the Board, and the faculty and staff were very busy planning for the eventual relocation of Saint John's. The Board enlisted the services of Bowie Gridley Architects based in Washington, DC to start the design of our new campus. The architects worked with the Building Committee and the faculty and staff in programming the new building which, as of right now, looks as though it will encompass approximately 85,000 square feet compared to about 30,000 square feet of space at the Prospect Hall site. It is still our goal to break ground for the new campus during the spring of 2007 and to open the new campus in the fall of 2008. I will have much more to share with you in the next Presidential Letter in the spring. In the meantime, we will be holding meetings for the parents, alumni, and friends of the school during the year to keep you abreast of our progress.

BUSINESS LEADERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Saint John's embodies the type of educational platform that can benefit many students. Forty percent of our students depend on financial aid and in 2003 the school started the Corporate Scholar Program. The Program partners a local business who provides tuition assistance to deserving student(s). We are extremely grateful to the following companies who are participating in the Corporate Scholar Program for the 2006-2007 school year:

**Dan Ryan Builders, George Moehrle Masonry, Inc., Jefferson & Eastern Corporation
Morgan-Keller, Inc, The Plamondon Companies**

If you would like information about the Corporate Scholar Program please contact Diane Favret, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, 301-662-4210 Ext. 181.

PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION



From left to right: Chrissy Stefaneli, Amy Foss, and Barbara Brock. Lots of Great Things at the New Spirit Shop.

On Thursday, September 14, 2006, I was pleased to personally thank last year's donors whose gifts to Saint John's were above the \$1,000 level. The donors gathered at Holly Hills Country Club for food and friendship. I was able to share with them the good news about our academics, school activities, and show them the tentative drawings of the new campus.

HAVE PRIDE IN THE PAST – SUPPORT TODAY – INVEST IN TOMORROW

My job is to serve the whole Saint John's community and I can best do that by hearing from you and communicating with you. If you want to share your stories about Saint John's and your ideas about how we can best continue to develop our school, you may contact me at 301-662-4210 or email me at rpastoor@stjph.org. It is a privilege for me to serve the Saint John's community and together we will reach new heights in the Catholic education of our students.

Very best wishes,

Robert A. Pastoor, Ed. D.
President

Message from the Chairman of the Board of Directors

Please accept my personal appreciation for all your contributions to Saint John's Catholic Prep over the past year. As a parent of a recent graduate and a parent of a current sophomore, I share with you the passion for excellence at Saint John's.

The Honor Roll of Donors reflects the various levels of giving through both cash and in kind donations. Each and every gift enables us to offer an affordable tuition, as well as varied enrichment programs for the young men and women of Saint John's. In addition to receiving an excellent college preparatory education, over 90% of our students are involved in an extracurricular activity. From the music program to the athletic fields, students are actively seeking ways to be challenged and prepared for college. They are enriched in many ways because of the generosity of each and every one of you.

As you know, the next few years will be very challenging for Saint John's as we move into the phase of building a new school campus. I ask that you please continue to bless Saint John's with your gifts and support as we continue our mission of providing an environment for young men and women to grow spiritually, morally, academically, and physically for the glory of God.

I sincerely thank you for your generosity and for choosing to support our mission.

Gregory E. Harraka
Board Chair

2005-2006 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank you to our loyal supporters! Your gifts throughout the year have made a positive impact on every student and staff member at Saint John's and for that we are extremely grateful. During the 2005-2006 school year, alumni, parents, board members, staff and friends of Saint John's came together and raised over \$191,000 for the school. Outlined in this report are the various contributions.

KEY/AFFILIATIONS:

- AAC = Alumni Advisory Committee
- AL = Alumni
- BD = Board Member
- CP = Current Parent
- DC = Development Committee
- FR = Friend
- FS = Faculty Staff
- GP = Grand Parent
- HBM = Honorary Board Member
- MG = Memorial Giving
- PB = Past Board
- PF = Past Faculty
- PP = Past Parent

2005-2006 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

The Annual Fund generated a total of \$78,179. The operating budget received \$45,000 in cash donations and the in-kind gifts received were \$33,179. The cash donations reflected an increase of 29% from the previous year.

St. John's Platinum Club (Gifts of \$10,000+)

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rakich CP
Mr. Michael Smariga BD, AL '62

Trustees Silver Club (Gifts of \$1,000+)

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