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Students, circa 1887

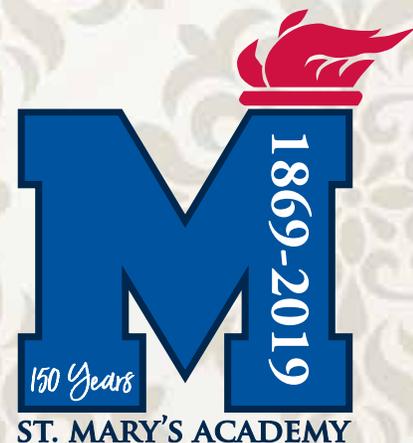


Students on the tennis team in 1922

Preparing to celebrate 150 years



Alumnae Gathering in 1915



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President's Message



As I enter my fifth year as President of St. Mary's Academy, I look back with gratitude for the many life-giving moments and embrace the inevitable challenges as we have transitioned from a religious-led to lay-led executive leadership model. I extend sincere thanks to the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM) for their constant support, to both the St. Mary's Academy Inc. and St. Mary's Academy Foundation Inc. Boards for their expertise and dedication, and to students, faculty, staff, parents and alumnae who are an endless source of encouragement and vision. Together, all of us move the Academy towards the future while at the same time remaining faithful to our roots and legacy!

With our five year Strategic Plan, **Leading, Learning and Legacy** continuing to gain momentum, strategic goals have successfully been achieved and a timeline with definitive tasks has been developed for the coming school year (see page 6 for details). I am grateful to our SMA community whose cooperation and active engagement have been instrumental in moving the Plan forward and realizing goals.

Every June the SNJM Provincial Leadership Team hosts an appreciation event for all those who serve the Academy on boards or in a leadership capacity—they acknowledge and give thanks to the many

I welcome and look forward to working with Dr. Mary Shariff '83 and Rebecca Sisler '07 on the School Board and Franca Cerqueti, Ginette Lavack '92 and Mike Boucher on the Foundation Board.

2019 is a very significant year—it is the year that St. Mary's Academy turns 150 years old! A Steering Committee, including School and Foundation Board members, staff and SMA community members have been brainstorming since the spring of 2017 to vision about honoring the Academy's 150 year legacy of education. Several events are planned which begin in May 2019 and conclude in December 2019 (see back cover for celebration events), you are invited to join us to honor and celebrate St. Mary's Academy's 150th Birthday!

Warm regards,
Connie Yunyk (Scerbo '77)

Together, all of us move the Academy towards the future



Of great importance, 2018 marks the 175th anniversary of the SNJM. In 1843, Eulalie Durocher, better known as Mother Marie-Rose, founded the order of the SNJM in Longueuil, Québec. *Jésus et Marie, Ma Force et Ma Gloire (Jesus and Mary, my strength and my glory)* is the motto that was bestowed upon the teaching congregation, and this dictum has indeed guided these faithful women to be of great service to our world. I extend both gratitude and congratulations to the SNJM on the occasion of their 175th anniversary—their charisma and selfless service continues to uplift and inspire me. See page 5 for a story on the 175th anniversary.

women and men who serve tirelessly, and they give special recognition to those whose terms of service have expired. I, too, am grateful to these individuals who so genuinely share their expertise and commitment to SMA's mission and vision. Thank you Paul Franzmann, Joyce Dalmyn and Mike Pyle who served on the Foundation Board and Scott Greenlay and Mabini Pagtakhan who served on the School Board.

Each year the Nominating and Governance Committee of each Board is tasked with evaluating needs, reviewing possible candidates and recommending the election of new directors to the Members.

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St. Mary's Academy is a Catholic school for girls, rooted in the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Our mission is to nurture young women in spirit, mind and body, so that each student reaches her full potential as an individual created in God's image.

MISSION



Message from Bob Cox Chair, St. Mary's Academy Board of Directors

Portage Avenue and Main Street were dirt cart trails and Louis Riel had yet to seize Fort Garry when two Grey Nuns opened St. Mary's Academy in 1869 in what is now Winnipeg's Forks area. As we prepare to mark the 150th anniversary of the school in the coming year, it is a good time to reflect on all the changes that have taken place since that humble beginning in a settlement that had no bank, no lawyers and only one doctor and one police officer.

The Academy has gone from being run by the Grey Nuns to the stewardship of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM) in 1874, from a rented house to a permanent building, and from a downtown location to "out on the prairies."

It now sits as a modern educational institution in the middle of a modern and bustling city—with paved streets, even if we complain about them a lot.

Change continues apace at the Academy. We welcome two new faces to senior leadership posts—Richelle Friesen (St. Croix '03) as Controller and Natalie Leroux as Director of Advancement and Alumnae Relations. The School and Foundation Boards of Directors were pleased to assist President Connie Yunyk in the selection process for these important posts.

The School Board continues to change as the needs of the school change. This past year, the Board added a human resources committee chaired by Kevin Klippenstein, to provide support and guidance to the President in the development of human resources best practices. One result is that St. Mary's Academy has engaged Sue Kathler from Catalyst HR to review human resources practices and policies and to present an HR Strategic Plan as the school continues the executive

transition from religious-led to lay-led leadership. We expect to see the results of Sue's work in the coming months.

Progress also continues on the implementation of the school's Strategic Plan—**Leading, Learning and Legacy**. For instance, the Academics, Learning and Innovation committee has been busy—a lead writer was hired to collaborate closely with the committee with the focus of developing the first-ever SNJM Teaching and Learning Framework to guide education at the school consistent with SNJM core values and principles. This will support one of the key goals of the Strategic Plan, to ensure the Academy continues to fulfill its role of educating young women within a Catholic faith community and in the tradition of the SNJM, at a time where there is less of a direct role of the SNJM as teachers, administrators and in day-to-day operations. For even as we live with change, we strive to keep constant our belief in the Charism, Mission and Vision that started St. Mary's Academy 150 years ago.

Message from Sr. Michelle Garlinski '88 Director, Charism and Mission

As we begin this journey towards the 150th Birthday of St. Mary's Academy, it is filled with great anticipation and much preparation. It is a privilege to be in the Charism and Mission office—I am blessed to read and learn about our school's story, cradled in the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM) story, which is anchored in the Gospel narrative. This is a very exciting time ahead! Try to imagine the preparations for our 150th Birthday as a kind of pilgrimage. Parker Palmer defines pilgrimage as, "a transformative journey to a sacred centre." This year of preparations will hopefully lead us more deeply into the

stories that have shaped our legacy—our sacred centre. The learning, faith, service and leadership that has evolved throughout our 150 years has been and continues to be transformative in our church and world. What a blessing and gift. Let us join our hearts and minds together as we prepare to celebrate St. Mary's Academy's 150th!

My office continues to fulfill its purpose, which is to facilitate the continuation of the SNJM spirit (charism) and mission (how we express the charism), as a SNJM school. Some of the initiatives and activities over the year were as follows:

- Further development to our Religion curriculum and day-to-day student activities to ensure the founding spirit continues to permeate our school.
- Another group of faculty participated in **Encountering Our Story** in Longueuil, QC (see story on page 12).
- Three times during the year we gathered new and existing staff to participate in



Charism Mission Communities. These were opportunities for intentional learning, prayer and community focused on our SNJM story, how the Academy evolved and how we live out our Charism and Mission today.

- Intentional connections with both our School and Foundation Boards through formal on-boarding of new members, as well as participating in a joint retreat day.
- Continuation of **Charism Corner** in the school's Daily Bulletin (provides weekly messages about the history of the SNJMs).
- Sharing of Charism information at faculty meetings.



Sr. Michelle Garlinski '88 professed first vows with the SNJM on January 3, 2018.

Preparing to celebrate

150

St. Mary's Academy turns 150 years old on May 1, 2019

The year was 1869, two years *before* Manitoba became a province and four years *before* Winnipeg became a city, when Archbishop Tache declared the need for a Catholic school in the Red River Settlement. On May 1, 1869, two Grey Nuns opened St. Mary's Academy in the vicinity of the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers (present day Pioneer Street), and commenced teaching a handful of students—records do not indicate the number of students for the first two years however, records show that in the 1871-1872 school year there were 34 students.

On August 10, 1874, four Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM), between the ages of 21 and 27, set out by boat from Hochelaga, QC, en route to Winnipeg, to assume responsibility for the Academy. After a harrowing 12 day journey—the temperature was hot, food was sparse and mosquitoes were abundant—the Sisters arrived on the banks of the Red River. On September 1 the Sisters registered their first students, 12 girls and 7 boys. This school year saw a total of 126 enrolled students, with 50 of them being boys. Both English and French classes were offered.

From a rented two room schoolhouse in 1869 to a 140,000 square foot building in 2018, St. Mary's Academy has navigated many changes however, one thing has remained the same—its Mission, **to educate in the Faith.** To date, 62,736 people have graduated from St. Mary's Academy—a spirit, mind and body education has endured since the beginning.

Over the years:

 In the Academy's very early days there were two classrooms, juniors (grades one to six) and seniors (grades seven to ten). Subjects taught were: Religious Instruction, Spelling, Reading, Writing, Object Lessons, Behaviour, Grammar, Composition, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Drawing, Vocal and Instrumental Music, Mythology, Needlework, Logic and Natural Philosophy. Specialists were hired in areas the Sisters considered important, such as physical training and elocution.

 In 1890, the Manitoba Government cancelled funding to denominational schools and established the public school system. The Academy, and other schools that wished to remain independent, became "private" schools. For a time the Academy operated with revenue from music and art lessons, boarding fees and donations. Finally, in 1901, the Academy could manage no longer and became a private school dependent on tuition fees—average tuition charged was \$3.75 per month.

 In 1901, a 15 acre site was purchased in Crescentwood (present day site) for a new Academy, the cost to construct the new building was \$75,000.

 After the Sisters announced that the Academy was moving from the area around the Forks to present day Crescentwood, the Manitoba Free Press published an article questioning why the nuns would build so far out on the prairies!

 On September 6, 1903, the school opened at 550 Wellington Crescent with 27 Sisters, 148 borders and 48 day students. The following year a Commercial Course was offered where young women prepared to take their place in the workforce by learning typing, shorthand, accounting and comptometer.

 The Academy operated as a boarding school from 1870 until 1960.

 From 1926 to 1963 the Academy was affiliated with the University of Manitoba and operated as St. Mary's Academy and College. At the time, the Academy was the West's only Catholic institution where full college courses were offered to women. Students could graduate with high school diplomas, commercial diplomas, BAs and ARCTs (Associate of the Royal Conservatory).

 Elementary school closed in 1965.

 In 1971 the Commercial (Secretarial) department closed and the academic program became oriented more to preparation for post-secondary education.

 This year a 150th Birthday Committee was formed and preparations are underway for several celebration gatherings. The celebrations are for everyone who is and has been connected to the Academy—SNJM, Grey Nuns, alumnae, students, parents, faculty, staff, board members and friends. Celebrating 150 years is as much about the revelry of friendships developed during formative years, old friends reuniting, new friends becoming better acquainted and colleagues reminiscing as it is about observing and honouring the learning, faith, service and dedication of the founders, leaders and all those who have walked the halls of St. Mary's Academy. The back cover of this magazine lists events that will take place from May 1 to December 8, 2019—please join in one or many of the celebrations!

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Students in 1892 on the front steps of the Academy



Rachel & Mathilde Bernier graduated in 1900 (first recorded twins to graduate)

175th Anniversary of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary



Mother Marie-Rose Durocher

In 1843 Mother Marie-Rose Durocher professed vows with the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM)—she was officially the first sister in the Order that she

founded. The teaching congregations' mission was, and still is, to seek the full development of the human person through education, social justice, contemplation and the arts, especially with people who are impoverished and marginalized.

Mother Marie-Rose, along with sisters, Mélodie Dufresne and Henriette Céré,

started the first SNJM school in Longueuil, QC. Soon after, they were joined by sisters Hedwige Davignon and Salomé Martin. These five pioneers laid the foundation for a congregation that has gone on to serve far and wide.

In 1960, there were 4000 SNJM spread over three continents, 277 facilities were providing education to 100,000 students. In 2018, there are 721 Sisters, 558 Associates and 15 Consecrated Lay Persons, and there are eight schools sponsored by the SNJM (St. Mary's Academy in Winnipeg, MB, and other schools are located in, Oregon, California, Florida, New York, Washington State and Lesotho, South Africa).

In the mid-to-late 20th century, the Congre-

gations growing commitment to the causes of Justice and Peace led to the realization of ministries such as Rossbrook House, Artbeat Studio, Holy Names House of Peace and Esther House in Winnipeg, MB (numerous others in other cities). The SNJM also solidified corporate stands against human trafficking, water as a human right and public good and a commitment to immigrants and refugees—all of which they actively create awareness of, seek to bring change to and provide hands-on assistance.

Like Mother Marie-Rose, current and past SNJM are attentive to the needs of society as they serve, lead and inspire with their hearts devoted to the holy names of Jesus and Mary. Find out more about the SNJM at www.snjm.org.

Network of Schools

Holy Names Academy
Seattle, WA

Holy Names High School
Oakland, CA

St. Mary's Academy
Winnipeg, MB

Academy of the Holy Names
Tampa, FL

St. Mary's Academy
Portland, OR

Ramona Convent Secondary School
Alhambra, CA

Academy of the Holy Names
Albany, NY

Each spring Presidents and Principals from seven SNJM schools gather for **Network of Schools** to discuss successes, challenges and topical issues. From March 18 to 20, 2018, Holy Names High School in Oakland, CA, hosted **Network of Schools** with the following topics on the agenda:

- Restorative Justice
- Student Advisory Counseling
- College and University Counseling
- Mental health of students
- Managing Executive transitions
- Future realities of the SNJM no longer

actively leading and administering the schools

- Group discussion for Principals/Presidents cohort groups

In addition to meetings, prayer and Mass are incorporated daily, building a sense of unity and solidarity among the network. The Academy will host **Network of Schools** in 2021.



Gonzaga Middle School

Tom Lussier, Executive Director of Gonzaga Middle School provides the following update:

Thanks to the continuing commitment and hard work of many people, Gonzaga Middle School (GMS) successfully completed its second school year in June. GMS students continued to benefit from intensive support in reading, writing and mathematics and from many enrichment activities, cultural excursions and other field trips—one of which was the gift of tickets to the GMS Choir for the Tom Jackson Canada 150 Christmas Concert at SMA last December (see photo).

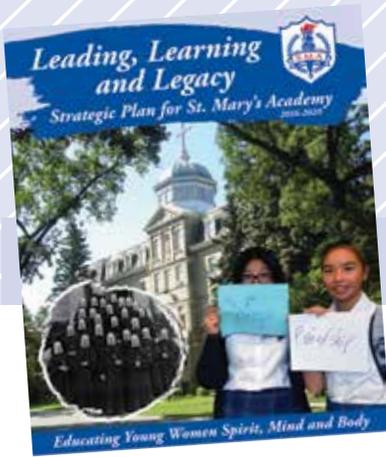
GMS concluded the 2017-18 school year

with a total of 29 students making up its Grades 6 and 7 classes. These students of diverse backgrounds live in the North East Downtown and North End neighbourhoods. In September 2018 a new Grade 6 class joins GMS, and with new students added to the Grade 7 class, the total student population will exceed 50 pupils.

Last year student reading and writing levels increased on average by almost 2 grade levels and mathematics levels by 1.3 grade levels!

We look forward to the third year of GMS' journey, as well as collaborating with other communities, including St. Mary's Academy and St. Paul's High School, to fulfill our mission of helping students develop to their full potential, break the cycle of poverty and become leaders for the service of others.





Leading, Learning and Legacy

Update on the Academy's five year strategic plan - 2016 To 2020

Leading, Learning and Legacy, St. Mary's Academy's five year strategic plan will soon enter its third year of implementation. The Academy extends gratitude to School Board members, students, parents, alumnae, faculty, staff and consultants for intentionally and passionately engaging in the intensive and life-giving process of implementing **Leading, Learning and Legacy**.

The strategic plan is anchored in five pillars, each pillar is listed below with a synopsis of completed strategic actions as well as specific goals for the coming school year.

Identity

Nurture and proclaim the St. Mary's Academy identity as a community of learners who live their faith and spirituality based on the SNJM Charism.

2017-2018

- **Grade 10 Religious Studies** program updated and ready for implementation in September 2018.
- Reviewed and assessed mission/outreach program for students—revised and rebranded as **Extended Service Experiences** (senior students) **Just 5 Days** (junior students).
- Implemented Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM) and Mother Marie-Rose formation activities such as **Charism Mission Communities**.
- Four faculty members took part in the **Encountering Our Story** retreat to Longueuil, QC.
- Planning and development for **SMA Archives**—completed alumnae photo project back to 1930s and hired an Archive Audit Specialist who will report recommendations for next steps.

2018-2019

- **Grade 11 Religious Studies** program to be reviewed and updated for implementation in September 2019.
- Continue development of onboarding package for faculty, staff and board members.
- Continue **Encountering Our Story** retreat for staff and possibly Board members.

Academics, Learning and Innovation

Prepare students to engage deeply, excel and be lifelong learners.

2017-2018

- Curricular, extra-curricular and co-curricular program review completed and skills inventory template developed.
- Introduction of new course, Coding and Technology in Action, for junior students.
- Academic Advisor and Alumnae Relations Coordinator working together to develop mentoring and networking opportunities (**Ask an Alum** and **Alumnae Career Speakers**) and assist with university readiness (**Panel Interviews**) for students.
- Reviewed and revised mechanisms for faculty performance and professional development.

2018-2019

- Hiring a researcher/writer to work with a committee on the SNJM Teaching and Learning Framework (to guide and support holistic teaching pedagogy consistent with SNJM values and principles).
- Conduct feasibility study and survey community regarding visioning for a music program and summer programming.
- Develop mentoring strategy for new faculty.

Well-Being

Value, promote, and sustain the development of lifelong mental, physical and spiritual well-being.

2017-2018

- Growth of relationship between Well-Being Committee and all constituents (build trust, increase awareness of resources).
- Extensive data collection through surveys and group meetings regarding well-being of students and faculty/staff (information forms baseline for future data collection).

2018-2019

- Establish a “safe place” room for students, develop a risk management plan, increase physical health literacy and conduct second round of well-being surveys.

Governance and Leadership

Govern and lead in achieving the Academy's Mission, Vision and Values through clarity, collaboration, and transparency.

2017-2018

- Finalized digital and social media policies.
- Finalized Employment Manual for faculty.

2018-2019

- Research and establish Codes of Conduct for faculty, staff, parents and students.
- Research and establish Leadership Succession Strategy.

Stewardship

Foster the Mission of the Academy through responsible and forward-thinking stewardship of its physical and financial resources.

2017-2018

- Traffic Flow Assessment was undertaken with designs being shared in September 2018.
- Building Condition Assessment was undertaken and report was shared with executive committees of School and Foundation Boards in June 2018.
- Bursary fund investment income sufficient to award 85 bursaries, totaling \$375,000.

2018-2019

- Continue Bursary Fund growth to ensure sustainability.
- Extensive event and activity planning for the Academy's 150th Birthday.





Around the Academy



People of Joy

St. Mary's Academy's theme for the 2017-2018 school year was **People of Joy**. This theme, promoted by the Campus Ministry department, permeated every aspect of school life. The following quote from Karl Barth was used to help spread the message of joy, "Joy is the simplest form of gratitude."

The Academy's themes for the next two school years deviate from the usual cycle of six themes in order to recognize and honour the 150th anniversary. Next year's theme is **Preparing to Celebrate our Legacy**. Attached to the theme is a verse from Genesis, "I will indeed bless you, and make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore."

Excellence in Teaching Award

This spring Mrs. Michelle Klus, Senior School Principal, was presented with the University of Manitoba's (U of M) **Excellence in Teaching Award**. Recipients of this Award are chosen by outstanding students who are graduating from the U of M—they choose a teacher who made significant contributions to their education. Mrs. Klus was chosen by former student, Anuoluwapo Okunnu '13, who graduated from the College of Pharmacy.



l-r: Anuoluwapo Okunnu
Michelle Klus

40th Annual Walk for Cancer

On September 21, 2017, Grades 9 to 12 students, along with students from Balmoral Hall, joined St. Paul's High School (SPHS) students in the annual **Walk for Cancer**. This walk raises funds for the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation. Students walk from SPHS to and around Assiniboine Park. The afternoon is capped-off with activities and entertainment at SPHS. The Walk has been taking place for 40 years.



Saint John's Bible

Last year SMA hosted the **Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition**. The Bible is the creation of renowned calligrapher, Donald Jackson—it uses modern images and classical art tools to illuminate the Word of God. The Bible was on display and used during Mass at Homecoming, Mother Marie-Rose Week and the December Celebration and Tea.



International Day

The 43rd annual **International Day** took place on November 4, 2017. This event is a time honoured tradition at SMA that showcases cultural diversity. **International Day**, along with a Cash Raffle, are signature fundraisers for the Parents' Guild. Combined, the Guild raised \$25,000 to support learning at SMA—three 3D printers, five Apple TV's and two large TV monitors were some of the items purchased with the funds.



Cinderella: Enchanted Edition

A talented cast and crew of Grades 7 to 12 students staged *Rodger's and Hammerstein's Cinderella: Enchanted Edition*, from November 29 to December 2, 2017. The strong female cast was accompanied by a few talented young gentlemen from St. Paul's High School and Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute. Audiences enjoyed a magical and unforgettable performance of this classic story and its musical numbers.





Mother Marie-Rose Week

Mother Marie-Rose Durocher, the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM), is celebrated at SMA each year around the days of both her birth and death (October 6, 1811—October 6, 1849). During **Mother Marie-Rose Week** (MMR Week) students took part in activities that deepened their understanding of Mother Marie-Rose and the SNJM. A special feast day Mass was held with Fr. Mike Koryluk presiding. Following Mass all grade 12's who have been students at SMA since grade 7 were presented with 'Super-Sixer Pins'. Next was a lovely brunch for SNJM and SNJM Associates that the Campus Ministry team hosted. A fun aspect of MMR Week is having a student dressed-up as Mother Marie-Rose.



Retrally

On February 7, 2018, SMA's Campus Ministry team hosted its annual **Retrally** (Retreat/Rally) with a theme of "Wake up and smell the coffee: Ignorance is not bliss." This is a school-wide day of community building with a focus on deepening faith. Guest musician and presenter was the talented Greg Walton. Greg conveyed his message of the importance of loving one another through both song and engaging conversation.



Campus Ministry Retrally Team with Greg Walton (back, centre), Sr. Michelle Garlinski '88, (bottom, left) and Mrs. Joanne Steeves (Weight '90) (middle, right)

Québec Trip

From February 16 to 20, 2018, twenty-nine Grades 10 to 12 French students along with Mme. Maria Marasco, Mlle. Alyssa Nabess and Sr. Michelle Garlinski, explored Québec City, Montréal and Longueuil. Highlights included a military history sound and light show at Musée du Fort, dogsledding, a ferry ride across the St. Lawrence River, Mass at Sanctuaire Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and visiting SNJM at Centre Marie-Rose.



Group at SNJM Congregational House

Debate

Students Kyla Goulet-Kilgour '21 and Gabriella Barone '21 took part in the Donahoe Cup in Halifax, NS on April 28 and 29, 2018. Kyla placed first and Gabriella placed third in the Novice Individual category. Approximately 60 debaters from six provinces took part in this annual top-level tournament.



l-r: Gabriella Barone and Kyla Goulet-Kilgour

Concours D'art Oratoire

Six students participated in **Concours d'art oratoire** at l'Université de Saint-Boniface on May 5, 2018. All students excelled in their competitions, the following four placed in medal standings: Gregoria Ginakes '22: Gold in Late Immersion Grades 7/8, Hana Chyzyy '21: Bronze in Français Grades 9/10, Bethany Kolisniak '19: Bronze in Impromptu Grades 11/12 and Milèna Audino '19: Bronze in Français Grades 11/12.



l-r: Gregoria Ginakes, Hana Chyzyy, Milèna Audino Emma Callbeck, Bethany Kolisniak, Ainslee Tolentino

Generations Day

SMA's second annual **Generations Day** took place on April 17, 2018. Generational mentors (grandparents, extended family members and/or family friends) of Grades 7 and 9 students enjoyed having their student tour them around the school, meet teachers and staff and mingle with other families.



Torch Talks

On January 20, 2018, the Parents' Guild hosted **Torch Talks**, an informative session for parents, based on the popular 'TED Talks' format. The topic was, Perspectives on Cultivating Wellbeing in Young Women. Guest speaker was Katya Adamov Ferguson '03, sharing her arts-informed research about the power and influence of language. The presentation was followed by a panel discussion, moderated by teacher Stephanie Zirino '07, with panelists Lindsey Fennell '07, Andrea Jackson '09 and Julia Jones '13.



l-r: Julia Jones, Andrea Jackson, Lindsey Fennell Stephanie Zirino, Katya Adamov Ferguson



Clubs and Activities

SMA has 18 Clubs and Activities that address many interests. These extra-curriculars foster an environment that broadens students horizons and encourages the development of community. Eight of the clubs have two co-heads who make up the Leadership Council—these co-heads help guide the planning of student-led events and activities. Approximately 75% of the Academy's student body take part in an extra-curricular activity (pictured above are some of the students). Find out more at smamb.ca/student-life/clubs-activities.

Green Team

The Green Team promoted Bottled Water Free Day (March 15) and World Water Day (March 22) at the Academy—they started each day with a school-wide special prayer, showcased the lifecycle of plastic water bottles on a bulletin board and conducted presentations to Grade 7 classes about the SNJM Corporate Stand against the use of bottled water, and the importance of being good stewards of water. Additionally, they hosted Alex Martin, who did a presentation to students about his two month solo circumnavigation of Lake Winnipeg.



l-r: Sophie Partyka '18, Jummy Akinola '18 (Green Team co-chairs), Mrs. Kendra Lê

Human Rights Team Music

On March 18, 2018, the Human Rights Team (HRT) hosted its annual dinner, with the theme, **IGNite, Inspiring Generations Through The Value Of Empathy**. Masters of Ceremonies were HRT co-chairs, Isha Khandelwal '19 and Cameron Armstrong '19. The evening included a thought provoking keynote speech from teacher, Ms. Stephanie Zirino '07, and there was an alumna at each table who mentored guests through activities which promoted a greater understanding of empathy.



Human Rights Team with Ms. Stephanie Zirino '07 (front, left) and Mrs. Tejal Friesen (Kristjanson '11) (back, right)

The **People of Joy** Spring Concert took place on April 29, 2018, with performances from Con Fuoco (SMA's Performance Choir) and the String Club. On May 23, 2018, Con Fuoco performed individually and together with both the St. Paul's High School and St. Boniface Diocesan High School Choirs at Cantamus 2018, which took place at St. Bernadette Parish.



Con Fuoco performing at the People of Joy Spring Concert

SNJM Youth Justice Forum

From July 17 to 24, 2018, four students, accompanied by Mrs. Joanne Steeves, Campus Ministry Coordinator, took part in the **SNJM Youth Justice Forum** at Holy Names University in Oakland, CA. Forty participants from SNJM schools across North America and Africa formed friendships and built community while learning about and discussing SNJM corporate stands regarding immigration and refugees, human trafficking and water. They also took part in service work at soup kitchens, shelters, urban farms and cleaned the shores of Lake Merritt.



l-r: Kyla Goulet-Kilgour '21, Joanne Steeves (Weight '90), Ainslee Tolentino '20, Ashlynn Argo '21, Angela Lawrence '20

Table for One Hundred

SMA hosted its first-ever Father/Male Role Model and Daughter event on June 1, 2018. **Table for One Hundred** included activities such as ping pong, miniature golf, Mario Kart and more followed by dinner served at long tables down the 2nd floor hallway. This sold-out event was attended by over 100 fathers and daughters.



Graduation

On June 27, 2018, 110 students graduated from the Academy. Isha Khandelwal '18 gave the salutatory address and Claire Healey '18 gave the valedictory address. Melissa Serbin '01, Crown Attorney, gave the address to graduates—she encouraged them to, “be the hero of your own story and that the adventure ahead of you is your journey to fulfill your purpose and potential.”



Sports at the Academy



High School Hockey

In the 2017-2018 season, the Flames High School Hockey team played 22 regular season games in the CTV Division of the Winnipeg Women's Hockey League (WWHSHL), the team won 21 of their games. At the end of February 2018, the Flames went into playoffs and successfully defeated College Jeanne-Sauve in semi-finals. They went on to defeat the Dakota Lancers in two out of three games in a best-of-three-series to become WWHSHL CTV Division Champions. The League named Emily Shippam '21 Top Goalie, Alexia Lecocq '18, won the Sami Jo Small Award and coach Noel Rautert won the Referee's Award, given to the League's top coaches.

Female World Sport School Challenge

The Academy hosted the 6th annual **Female World Sport School Challenge** (FWSSC) at the Bell MTS Iceplex from March 1-4, 2018. This Hockey Canada sanctioned tournament brings together elite-level female teams from across North America. In addition to the Flames Prep team, the following teams participated in the tournament: Balmoral Hall Blazers from Winnipeg, MB, Banff Hockey Academy from Banff, AB, Gentry Academy from St. Paul, MN, Minnesota Revolution from St. Paul, MN and Thunder Bay Queens from Thunder Bay, ON. Tournament Gold Medalists were the Flames Prep, Silver went to Gentry Academy and Balmoral Hall claimed Bronze. The tournament featured a banquet with keynote speaker, Bailey Bram, 2018 Women's Hockey Olympic Silver Medalist.

Prep Hockey

The 2017-2018 season was the 2nd season the Flames Prep team competed in the Canadian Sport School Hockey League, Female Prep Division. The team played 47 games throughout the season, 21 were regular season league games and the remainder were tournament, exhibition and playoff games in Canada and the USA. Final team stats were 26 wins, 19 losses and 2 ties. Players on the team who made National or Provincial teams are as follows: Logan Angers '18, played in net for the Canadian National Women's U18 Team that competed in the IIHF U18 Women's World Championship in January 2018 in Russia. Logan Angers '18, Kaitlyn Chatyrbok '18, Lexi Cheveldayoff '18, Sarah Dennehy '19, Kate Gregoire '19, Hailey Karbonik '18 and Ashley McFadden '18 played for Team Manitoba at the U18 Women's National Championship in November 2017 in Quebec. Kate Bumstead '20, Danica Namaka '20, Lainie Nichols '20, Chloe Oleksiuk '20 and Aimee Patrick '20 played for U16 Team Manitoba, capping off the U16 Program of Excellence with a tournament in Portage la Prairie in September 2017.



Basketball

Early in the season the Flames Varsity team won the Java Jam Tournament in Brandon, MB (pictured) and the Grades 7 and 8 team took 2nd place in the John W. Gunn Tournament. The varsity team, ranked 11th in the province, made it to the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association Provincial playoffs, losing in a close game to Garden City.



Volleyball

The Flames Varsity Volleyball team were ranked 9th in the Province and made it to provincial play. The Junior Varsity Team finished in the West Winnipeg Athletic Association Championship playing a great match against Portage Collegiate. The Grade 8 team were Champions of the Grade 8 Spikers league in the Pembina Trails Athletic Association. They went on to participate in the first ever Grade 8 Provincial Championships and finished in 4th place.

Grey Cup Legacy Coach of the Year

In June 2018, SMA teacher and coach, Mrs. Christine Rewniak, was named the 2018 Grey Cup Legacy Female High School Coach of the Year.

This award is presented by the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association. Christine has been coaching volleyball for over 24 years, and has been SMA's varsity volleyball coach since 1997.



Sports at the Academy

Cross Country

The Senior Flames Cross Country team won the Varsity Conference Championship, the Athletics Manitoba (AM) Senior Championship and topped off its season by successfully defending their Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association (MHSAA) Varsity Provincial Championship. Alyssa Moon '20, finished 3rd overall at the varsity level at the MHSAA Provincial Championships. The Junior Flames team won the AM Provincial Championship with Cadence Christie '22 as the Flames' top athlete. In September 2017, both the senior and junior teams made a trip to the East Grand Forks Invitational and won the meet in a close battle with the host school, East Grand Forks High.



Track & Field

SMA fields both indoor and outdoor Track & Field teams. The indoor season takes place from January to March and outdoor from May to June. The Flames had three senior athletes bring home medals in the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association Championships: Ella Thomson, silver, Tristan Chambers, bronze, Lily Francis, bronze.

In the outdoor season, the Grade 7 Flames team came in second in overall points and the Grade 8 team were champions in the Pembina Trails Athletic Association Conference.

In a two day event held in June, the Junior Varsity Flames team captured the West Winnipeg Athletic Conference Championship and at Provincials the 4x400 team claimed gold.

The Senior Flames team had a great season with some athletes performing personal bests. At the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association Provincial Championships the 4x400 team were bronze medalists.



Indoor Team Medalists: l-r: Lily Francis '22, Ella Thomson '20, Tristan Chambers '18.



4x400 Junior Team: l-r: Chloe Oleksiuk '20, Annika Falkenberg '21, Ella Thomson '20, Jessica Haner '20

Soccer

The Flames Soccer team had a successful regular season and went on to claim the championship title in the West Winnipeg Athletic Conference. The team proceeded to play in the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association Provincial Championship and narrowly lost in the gold medal game against Glenlawn Collegiate that went scoreless into overtime and then to a shootout.



Athletic Banquet and Awards

SMA's annual **Athletic Banquet** was held on May 30, 2018 and featured guest speaker, Ace Burpee, Host at 103.1 Virgin Radio. The sold out event included dinner, silent auction and presentations of Coach and Assistant Coach of the Year Awards.



l-r: Connie Yunyk (Scerbo '77), Jennifer O'Leary (Heywood '85), Ace Burpee, Adriane McElrea

The **Athletic Awards** Assembly took place on June 4, 2018. Both events recognized and honoured athletes and coaches for their effort, enthusiasm and dedication to their respective sports. Of special note are the following awards:



l-r: Noel Rautert, Michael Zirino Isabella Dingman '13, Taylor Bradshaw '16

Nikki Redekop Coach of the Year
Michael Zirino, High School Hockey
Assistant Coach of the Year
Megan Ross, Junior Varsity Volleyball
Senior Athlete of the Year
Ashley McFadden '18

Junior Athletes of the Year
Talia Kantautas '21 and Sarah Pattie '21
Sr. Susan Wikeem Athletic Service Award
Coco Koltek '18 and Sarah Watson '18
Sr. Mary Gorman Athletic Spirit Award:
Alexia Lecocq '18
Sr. Marylyn Gibney and Sr. Vera Hoelscher Team of the Year Award
Cross Country and High School Hockey



Ashley McFadden



Talia Kantautas



Sarah Pattie

Faculty and Staff News

Encountering Our Story

From October 19 to 22, 2017, four faculty members, Mrs. Allison Challes, Ms. Rebecca Mandrick, Mrs. Dana Sigurdson and Ms. Janet Zonneveld, accompanied by Sr. Michelle Garlinski, were in Longueuil, QC, to experience the roots of our SNJM foundress, Blessed Mother Marie-Rose Durocher (MMR) and the SNJM community. This pilgrimage to sacred sites helps staff better understand the Academy's

charism and rich history. During the trip, the group toured the SNJM Congregational House, Archives, Co-Cathedral where MMR's tomb is and the SNJM Foundation house. They also traveled along the Richelieu River, saw the place of MMR's baptism, ancestral home and the parish she served in before moving to Longueuil and beginning the SNJM congregation.



l-r: Rebecca Mandrick, Dana Sigurdson
Allison Challes, Janet Zonneveld

New Faculty and Staff

The Academy is pleased to announce the following people joined the Academy in 2017 and 2018.

Faculty

Jason Athayde, Math and Interactive Digital Media
Christine Dado (Aaron '00), Resource
Alannah Thibodeau '13, Math and Science

Staff

Richelle Friesen (St. Croix '03), Controller
Natalie Leroux, Director of Advancement and Alumnae Relations

Retirement, Farewell and Recognition

Faculty and Staff retirements, farewells and years of service were celebrated at the annual President's Luncheon at the end of June, at The Gates on Roblin. The Academy thanks all of these devoted people for their service and we wish them God's blessings.

Retirement

In August 2018, fond farewells were said to **Mary Akins-Peters** and **Judy Ashcroft '80**. Mary held the position of Controller for 25 years. Judy served as the Executive Assistant to the President and Registrar for 11 years. The Academy thanks both Mary and Judy for their many years of committed service and wishes them joyful retirements.

Farewell

Lisa Barkman-Hobbs, Resource
Jessica Dyck-Lyons, Resource
Katie Friess, Humanities
Alfina Grande, Français
Meghan Slater, Science, Economics and Digital Media
Gina Unger, Human Ecology
Brenda Van Raes, Accountant

Years of Service Recognition

10 Years

Martha MacKinnon, English and Drama
Carmen Sichewski, Textiles
Celina Wierzbicki, Receptionist

20 Years

Michelle Klus, Senior School Principal
Connie Yunyk, President

25 Years

Mary Akins-Peters, Controller
Deborah May, Foods and Nutrition
Brenda Van Raes, Accountant

30 Years

Garry Normand, Maintenance



Retirement, Farewell and Recognition

Back row l-r: Connie Yunyk, Michelle Klus, Katie Friess, Carmen Sichewski, Meghan Slater, Celina Wierzbicki, Gina Unger, Jessica Dyck-Lyons, Lisa Barkman-Hobbs, Martha MacKinnon
Front row l-r: Brenda Van Raes, Garry Normand, Mary Akins-Peters, Deborah May. Missing: Judy Ashcroft '80 and Alfina Grande.

MARIAN AWARDS



FOR EXCELLENCE *Hold High The Torch*

The Marian Awards For Excellence were instituted by the Academy in 2005 to recognize distinguished alumnae who embrace and exemplify the Academy's mission and vision in the community and the world. As the Academy evolves, in 2018 the **Marian Awards For Excellence**

selection process was refreshed—the community was asked to nominate alumnae for **Marian Awards For Excellence**, and a recognition category was added; Young SMA Alumna (alumna between the ages of 25 and 35). The strength and number of nominations received was incredible! A seven

member selection committee, comprised of alumnae, SNJM Leadership, staff and friends of the Academy chose the following four outstanding alumnae as the **2018 Marian Awards For Excellence Recipients**.

2018 MARIAN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS



Dr. Diane Clare '69

Diane has a committed interest in professional health care education, and maximizing the well-being of women and children, specifically in providing quality nursing education to rural education centres. She attributes the lessons and care she received at St. Mary's Academy in her adolescent years as shaping her career in the service of others.

Cheryl Prokopanko (Balaberda '72)

Cheryl has made exceptional contributions in the field of education in Manitoba, especially in incorporating technology and regulating international education. Throughout her professional life, Cheryl has been a strong example of the mission, vision, and values of St. Mary's Academy, as a thoughtful, caring, and innovative educator and leader.



Brigitte Sandron (Van Ginkel '77)

Brigitte is a recognized leader and marketing executive in the field of Tourism. Brigitte is an outstanding role model of St. Mary's Academy, using her leadership abilities to serve our Province and many community boards of directors and foundations.

Melissa Serbin '01 Young Alumna Recipient

At 34 years of age, Melissa is a Crown Attorney who has advanced the rule of law through her advocacy, teaching and commitment to furthering legal education. She embodies what it means to Hold High The Torch in her commitment to balancing a lifestyle of academia, leadership and social responsibility.



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14TH ANNUAL MARIAN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE BRUNCH

MAY 12, 2018 AT THE GATES ON ROBLIN



l-r: Connie Yunyk (Scerbo '77), SMA President, with Marian Award For Excellence recipients Cheryl Prokopanko (Balaberda '72), Brigitte Sandron (Van Ginkel '77) Dr. Diane Clare '69, Melissa Serbin '01, Dr. Leisha Strachan '92, Master of Ceremonies



An Evening at the Academy



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
John 1:5

Fundamental to the mission of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM) is the ethos of serving the impoverished and marginalized. At the Academy, one of the ways this value is accomplished is through the **Bursary Fund**—this Fund provides tuition assistance to deserving students. The confidential bursary application process begins after a student is accepted into the Academy, and tuition support is accessible to the family for as many years as they need it. The **Bursary Fund** is made possible due to generous contributions from the Academy's community. *An Evening at the Academy* is the signature fundraising event

that supports the **Mother Marie-Rose Bursary Fund**. Mother Marie-Rose Durocher was the foundress of the SNJM, and she believed that an entire society can be transformed when the minds and hearts of young women are nurtured and directed.

On January 27, 2018, the 3rd annual *An Evening at the Academy* took place. The gala was a progressive dining experience with cocktails and appetizers in the Academy's historic 1902 building, followed by dinner and live auction in the cafeteria (which was transformed into a fashionable dining hall) and the evening

was capped off with dancing to the Keith McPherson Trio in the Sheila Chipman Atrium.

Through the benevolence of the community, *An Evening at the Academy* raised over \$105,000. Sincere gratitude is extended to all guests, sponsors, donors and volunteers who made the event a sold-out success and an evening to remember!

The 4th Annual *Evening at the Academy* takes place on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Tickets will be available October 2018 at www.smamb.ca.

For the 2018-2019 school year, 85 bursaries totalling over \$375,000 were awarded.

Sentiments from a recent graduate who received bursary assistance.

"At SMA, my teachers were partners in my academic journey. They not only taught me, they helped me in all areas of my growth and development—I was challenged to ask questions, engage in dialogue, strive for empathy, develop an appreciation for diversity and recognize that we all have an opportunity to be of service. Dr. Martin Luther King said, "the purpose of education is twofold, to build knowledge **and** character." A St. Mary's Academy education helps girls discover what their gifts are so that they can go out into the world and share those gifts.

There but for the Grace of God, go I!"

If you would like to support the Academy's Bursary Fund, your donation can be made online at smamb.ca/support-us/donate-today.





An Evening at the Academy

Saturday, January 27, 2018



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Message from the Alumnae Association President



The past year provided several opportunities for alumnae and friends to come back to our beloved St. Mary's Academy. We were excited to have two groups of alumnae approach us with new event ideas, both of which launched—**Celebrating SMA Alumnae in Business**, a professional networking event, took place on October 26, 2017, with guest speaker Susie Erjavec Parker '92, and **Academy Closet**, a gently used clothing pop-up shop, made its debut on February 10, 2018. Thank you to both groups for organizing enjoyable and successful events, and thank you to everyone who came out to support these events. We also held a **Kitchen Party** in June where guests

not only made a meal with Mrs. Deb May, but also got to take one home.

Our role as a Board is to gather alumnae and to serve the community when possible. Our first event of the coming school year is **Homecoming Day** which will be held on September 29, 2018. Commemorative graduate years will celebrate with their classmates at a brunch reception in the morning, then we have our Association AGM followed by Mass. Beginning at 1:00 p.m., alumnae and friends are invited to roam the school, have tea and dainties in the Sr. Susan Wikeem Boardroom (SSWB) and visit with alumnae. If you miss the nostalgia of the traditional alumnae tea, we invite you to attend our **December Celebration and Tea** on December 2, 2018—we start with Mass in Holy Names Chapel followed by Tea in the beautifully decorated SSWB. We will also prepare Christmas care packages for shut-in alumnae in November. In December we host **Drinks Under the Dome** for 2018 graduates, which is an opportunity for them to pick up their yearbooks and reconnect with friends.

In the coming year we will work with the school to celebrate **SMA's 150th Birthday!** In preparation for birthday celebrations, we

are seeking a few alumnae to assist us in reaching out to our community to confirm and update mailing information, to ensure that everyone receives an invitation to join us for Birthday party celebrations in 2019. If you're interested in helping, please contact Amy Houston, Alumnae Relations Coordinator, at ahouston@smamb.ca or 204-477-0244 ext. 242.

As I finish my final year as president, I am proud of the direction that our Board is headed. To the amazing women who sit on our Board, it has been an honour to work with you and I thank you for meeting each task with enthusiasm and professionalism. To my fellow alumnae, we are always open to ideas that can help us achieve our mission to gather and serve our alma mater. I encourage all alumnae to serve as a board member, volunteer or attend events. We look forward to the coming year and the opportunities that exist to gather and serve. To learn more about coming events and getting involved, visit the Alumnae Association page on the SMA website at www.smamb.ca/alumnae.

Wishing you peace and happiness,
Irene Mestito-Dao '89



2017-2018 SMA Alumnae Association Board of Directors

Back row l-r: Cassandra Loiselle-Walker '99, Carolyn Eva Meadows '83, Cheryl Dixon (Memka '89), Michelle Saltel (Moore '95), Maria Mitousis '95, Marcia McKenzie (Maia '92)
Front row l-r: Christina Kenny (Shelest '96), Stephanie Grabau '07, Irene Mestito-Dao '89, Sr. Marylyn Gibney, Lois Bosc (Dusessoy '83), Connie Yunyk (Scerbo '77), Kerri Moore (McIvor '94)

Homecoming | September 30, 2017

Commemorative Years Brunch | Alumnae Association Annual General Meeting | Mass | Open House



Class of 1967 | 50th Reunion



Class of 1957 | 60th Reunion



Class of 1977 | 40th Reunion



Class of 1987 | 30th Reunion



Class of 1992 | 25th Reunion



Class of 1997 | 20th Reunion





Message from the Alumnae Coordinator



Greetings Alumnae,

I hope everyone is having a great year! Upon returning to work in January after a year-long maternity leave, I was reminded of the warm and welcoming feeling of the Academy. I am delighted to be back and connecting with our many wonderful alumnae. It is my hope that each of you feel a sense of belonging when you think of the Academy.

This year, I have had the pleasure of visiting many alumnae across Canada. In May, while I was with a broad range of alumnae dining out in Calgary, our server asked me, “What do you do exactly? I mean, all of this is for a high school? Wow! That’s amazing”. I replied, “At St. Mary’s Academy, we have always celebrated our alumnae. And, we will continue to invest and develop meaningful relationships with each and every one of them, because they continue to do the same for the Academy.” It’s just that simple. When 12 ladies, spanning seven decades, and many of them strangers to each other, can sit down at a table together and reminisce about stories and cherished memories from one building, you know you have something special. I wish that everyone may share in a similar celebration, near or far, in the coming years.

Over the years, it has become clear to me that the relevance and meaningfulness of your connection to the Academy may ebb and flow throughout your life. If now is not the right time for you to reconnect with the

Academy, perhaps you will feel differently months or years down the road. We are here for you when the time is right. And perhaps in the future, you may choose to answer our call to share your time or talent with the Academy and our future alumnae.

Thank you to everyone who said, ‘YES’ this past year and helped bring new ideas to life! Our successes are your successes and without you, none of it would be possible. For that, we are eternally grateful.

Feedback and input from alumnae is always welcome. As well, we welcome suggestions for reunion locations and career and mentorship opportunities. You may contact me at ahouston@smamb.ca or 204-477-0244, ext. 242.

The door is always open, you are always welcome here!

Take care,
Amy Houston '03

Regional Reunions

Go to www.smamb.ca/events/reunions to see reunions coming up in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario. If you are interested in helping organize a gathering, contact Amy Houston at ahouston@smamb.ca.

British Columbia

The 59th annual Vancouver Chapter Reunion took place on November 5, 2017. More than 25 alumnae were in attendance, along with Sr. Marylyn Gibney and Kerri Moore (McIvor '94). The 60th annual reunion takes place on November 4, 2018. New for this milestone reunion is an evening gathering in downtown Vancouver on Saturday, November 3, 2018. Details will be published at www.smamb.ca/events/reunions.



Alberta

A reunion was hosted in Calgary, AB on May 24 and 25, 2018. Over 20 alumnae from 1954 to 2008 gathered over two days. Activities included a Rustic Sign Night Party at Aussie Rules, wine tasting at Truve Wines and dinner at Murietta's.



Ontario

On June 23 and 24, 2018, reunion gatherings took place in Toronto and Burlington, ON. Over 20 alumnae from 1967 to 2006 attended over two days. The Toronto gathering included dinner and drinks at the InterContinental Hotel and in Burlington alumnae gathered for brunch at Spencer's At The Waterfront.



Events for Alumnae



December Celebration and Tea

Over 100 community members attended the annual **December Celebration and Tea** on December 3, 2017. Following tradition, a Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass was celebrated in Holy Names Chapel followed by tea, dainties and socializing in the Sr. Susan Wikeem Boardroom. Please join this year's **December Celebration and Tea** on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.



Drinks Under the Dome



On December 20, 2017, the graduating class of 2017 was welcomed back to the Academy. These young women picked up their yearbooks and reminisced with friends while enjoying appetizers and refreshments in the Sr. Susan Wikeem Boardroom.

Alumnae Induction



The Class of 2018 was inducted into the SMA Alumnae Association on June 5, 2018. The newly minted alums enjoyed brunch, wrote messages to each other on their uniform shirts, took selfies and put together items for their time-capsule (which is kept at SMA and given to them at their 10 year reunion).

Tea Time

Alumnae from 1954 and earlier enjoyed **Tea Time** in the Home Economics Studio on April 24, 2018. Alumnae were served delicious food and tea from Mrs. Deb May and her Grades 8 and 9 students. They also received beautiful reusable tote bags, sewn by Ms. Carmen Sichewski's '86 Grades 8 and 9 sewing students. If your class would like to join a future **Tea Time**, please contact Amy Houston at ahouston@smamb.ca or 204-477-0244, ext. 242.



Kitchen Party

On June 8, 2018, twenty alumnae put on aprons and enjoyed a fun and fruitful **Kitchen Party** with Mrs. Deb May. Guests enjoyed dinner prepared by Mrs. May and then they donned aprons and made braided pizza and Mexican lasagna, which they took home.



Alumnae Initiatives



Celebrating SMA Alumnae in Business

In 2017 a group of alumnae, in cooperation with the Academy, formed the SMA Alumnae Business Networking Committee. Committee members include Delaney Vun '03 (Partner, Fillmore Riley LLP), Richelle Friesen (St. Croix '03), (former Manager at Deloitte LLP, current Controller at SMA), Chelsea Arns (Duszak '05) (Owner, Tutor-Bright Central Canada), Jessica Albrechtsen '07 (Associate, Ryan Downey Wealth Management Group) and Kelsey Stevens '11 (District Sales Leader, PepsiCo Foods Canada). Joining the Committee in 2018 was Emma Sherren '11 (Marketing and Events Coordinator, Cabela's Canada).

On October 26, 2017, the Committee hosted its inaugural, sold out networking event, **Celebrating SMA Alumnae in Business**. Guest speaker was Susie Erajavec Parker '92, sharing her expertise

and experience in social media, business and public relations. With over 50 alumnae in attendance, the event provided ample opportunities for networking and mingling.

The second annual Celebrating SMA Alumnae in Business gathering will be held on November 15, 2018. Alumnae business owners and professionals are

encouraged to attend to network and be inspired by the success of business leaders from the vast SMA community. Tickets will be available in October at www.smamb.ca/events/alumnae-in-business. SMA will also send out an email to all alumnae when tickets are available. Last year's event sold out quickly, so don't delay in purchasing tickets.



l-r: Jessica Albrechtsen, Richelle Friesen, Delaney Vun, Susie Erajavec Parker
Kelsey Stevens, Chelsea Arns



Academy Closet

In 2017 a group of alumnae, Katherine Pulak '12, Alexis Bailey '12, Claire Aiello '12, Emily Palmer '13 and Orycia Karpa '14 were inspired to host a pop-up-shop at the Academy with net proceeds directed to the Bursary Fund. On February 10, 2018,

Academy Closet opened its doors in the Sheila Chipman Atrium, offering hundreds of pieces of gently used clothing and accessories for sale. Additionally, **Academy Closet** sold prints of a graphic rendering of the Academy created by Leigh Vossen '13.

This one day sale raised over \$8,000 for the Bursary Fund! Leftover merchandise and donated feminine hygiene products were given to North Pointe Douglas Women's Resource Center, Centre Flavie-Laurent, Clothes Closet and Rossbrook House.



back l-r: Emily Palmer, Claire Aiello
front l-r: Orycia Karpa, Katherine Pulak, Alexis Bailey



Career & Mentorship Program

This past year the Academy launched a **Career and Mentorship Program** which aims to engage alumnae to share their time and talents with students by participating in mentorship and networking opportunities—alumnae share their insight and expertise regarding their post-secondary journey and their career, and students benefit from

their experience and wisdom. The **Career and Mentorship Program** is a partnership between the Alumnae Office and the Career Development and University Advising Program. Managing the **Career and Mentorship Program** are Amy Houston '03, Alumnae Relations Coordinator, and Lindsey Fennell '07, Academic Advisor.

Activities that took place during the 2017-2018 school year are as follows:

- **Ask an Alum**
- **Panel Interviews**
- **Career Speakers**
(details on next page)

Career & Mentorship Program



Ask an Alum

Ask an Alum was held last fall and featured a number of graduates, many of them recent, who have or are currently pursuing post-secondary studies. In casual, small groups, students had their questions answered about what to expect from post-secondary education as well as helpful hints to navigate university life. Alumnae who spearheaded this initiative were Julia Jones '13 and Andy Jackson '09.

Taking **Ask an Alum** a step further was Dr. Alanna Junaid '06, who welcomed two Grade 12 students, Alexia Lecocq and Veeta Zakrevsky, with the opportunity to job shadow her at Edge Dental.



l-r: Emily Palmer '13, Michelle Prendiville '13, Julia Jones '13, Christine French '13, Erika Fridrik '10, Annie Quinton '12 and Julia Krovatz '12



Back l-r: Lindsey Fennell '07, Debra Russell, Shannon Earle, Edgar Head, Cynthia Campbell '90, Melodie Ho (Tomas '03), Anne-Marie Brown-Degagne, Susanne Parent '81, Leslie Finch, Stephanie Gordon, Kate Kiernan '79, Amy Houston '03, Danielle DeiCont '13. Front: Kori Osmond (Wachniak '03), Kaitlynn Kriss '11, Samantha Beiko '07, Monica Carranza, Rachel Beazley '16



Panel Interviews

On April 9, 2018, 30 alumnae and parents acted as panelists and mentors for 30 Grade 12 students. Students presented their resumes, school transcripts and/or post-secondary aspirations to panelists, and panelists provided students with feedback and tips on their interview and post-high school readiness skills.

Career Speakers

In the fall of 2017, Grade 9 students heard a career presentation about traveling medicine from Dr. Aneria Gupta '00 who works for the Family Medicine Department at Northern Nevada Medical Group in the USA.

In the spring of 2018, Grade 10 students heard the following career presentations:

- Engineering presented by Andrea Almeida '97, Manitoba Hydro
- Finance presented by Deanne Magnus '01, Cambrian Credit Union

- Dentistry presented by Dr. Shoban Sivananthan '93, Academy Dental Group
- Law presented by Melissa Cattini '03, MLT Aikins and Dayna Queau-Guzzi '06, Senior Advisor Manitoba Legislature



front, centre: Dr. Aneria Gupta with Grade 9 students and Mrs. Michelle Klus, Senior School Principal (back, far left)



l-r: Deanne Magnus '03, Andrea Almeida '97, Lindsey Fennell '07, Shoban Sivananthan '93



l-r: Dayna Queau-Guzzi '06, Amy Houston '03, Melissa Cattini '03

The Academy extends heartfelt thanks to the many alumnae and friends who gave of their time and talent to support and encourage students, programs, alumnae and the bursary fund!

Share your career experience with the Academy



For the 2018-2019 school year, the Academy is seeking alumnae to share their career knowledge and experience in one or more of our **Career & Mentorship** programs. In particular, alumnae with experience in trades, computer science/IT, engineering, non-medical science fields, women in underrepresented industries or a unique/interesting field are sought. Opportunities listed below:

Grade 9 Career Speakers: October 25, 2018

Take Our Kids to Work Day (host a Grade 9 student in your workplace for a day of job shadowing): November 7, 2018

Ask an Alum: November 22, 2018

Career Speakers for Grade 10 Students: (International Women's Day): March 8, 2019

Panel Interviews for Grades 11 and 12 Students: April 4, 2019

French speaking alumnae to participate in Grades 11 and 12 Advanced French Conversational Exercises: between October 2018 and April 2019

Interested alumnae and friends are asked to contact Amy Houston, Alumnae Relations Coordinator, at ahouston@smamb.ca or 204-477-0244 ext. 242. Details found at www.smamb.ca/alumnae/volunteering.

Grapevine

Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave,
and impossible to forget.
-Anonymous

1940

Stella Jo Dean (Kozack) passed away on January 6, 2018. She was best known for her community and public service. Stella was one of the founding members of the SMA Vancouver Chapter of Alumnae, which began in 1958. Stella was a frequent hostess of their annual get-togethers and she never missed a gathering until last year. SMA honoured Stella Jo in 2008 with a Marian Award. She will be missed dearly, especially by those in the Vancouver area.



1946

Happy 90th birthday to the Class of 1946!

1948

Violet Knight (Blain) is excited to be travelling from the UK to Winnipeg this fall for the **Class of 1948's 70th reunion**. Violet hopes that classmates who are able, will join her and **Sr. Mary Gorman** at SMA for Homecoming activities on September 29. Classmates who wish to participate in Homecoming may contact Amy Houston in the Alumnae Office to make arrangements. For many years, Violet remained in close contact with classmate **Denise LaFleche**, who passed away on June 27, 2018. This past spring, Violet flew to Bordeaux to spend a week in France with friends, and enjoyed a river cruise in Germany.



1956

Happy 80th birthday to the Class of 1956!

1958

The **Class of 1958** will be celebrating its **60th reunion** this fall. **Sr. Alice Konefall** and many others look forward to catching up with classmates. Alumnae that are interested in planning a reunion gathering are asked to contact Amy Houston in the Alumnae Office.

1961

Happy 75th birthday to the Class of 1961!

1965

In January, **Barbara Clubb** received a "Leading Women and Girls Building Communities Recognition Award" in Ottawa. This award acknowledges and celebrates women and girls who demonstrate exceptional leadership in working to improve the lives of others in their communities, and who have made substantial contributions through volunteer work. She shares her time with many organizations including Institute for Canadian Citizenship and READ Rosemount.



middle and right, Barbara Clubb and her husband

Marie Price (Leseach) (pictured in a studio on Granville Island) moved from Toronto to Vancouver in 1990 and retired from nursing to work full-time as an artist within the medium of printmaking. She works mainly in etching and woodcutting with some mixed media and digital processes. Her work has been exhibited in BC, across Canada and internationally in Japan, Australia, Finland and Peru.



1966

Happy 70th birthday to the Class of 1966!

1967

Jackie Frank (Pippy) enjoyed a trip to Crete this past spring and indulged in both the Grecian sunshine and the feta cheese! She enjoyed reconnecting with alumnae at the reunion gathering in Ontario this past June. She currently **resides in Waterloo, ON**.

Gwen Buccini (Pucci), founder of Tabs for Wheelchairs (TFW), is delighted to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the program this year. She started this initiative in 1998 at Holy Cross School where she was a teacher. In the 20 years of TFW, 20 wheelchairs have been donated to deserving youth. Gwen estimates that around 350 million tabs were collected in the last 20 years. Her son Anthony was a dedicated volunteer with TFW and made a significant contribution to the success of the program. Anthony passed away in June of 2017.

Veronica Graver (pictured below left in 1967) lives in Port Credit/Mississauga, ON. In her high school days she was known as 'the ballerina'. After graduation she pursued her dancing career with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet on a scholarship for a year-and-a-half and then joined the company professionally for five years. She went on to hold a variety of jobs while raising her three daughters. All of her daughters are employed in senior roles in theatre production. At the age of 63, Veronica went back to school and became a Massage Therapist. She maintains close contact with her dear friend, **Gwen Buccini**.



1968

The **Class of 1968** will be celebrating its **50th reunion** in September at Homecoming. The Alumnae Office is seeking a class captain (or two) to help coordinate celebrations. If anyone is interested, please contact Amy Houston in the Alumnae Office.

1968

Barb Prefontaine (Garroni) and husband Cam operated their family business, Custom Gourmet Coffee, which started in 1985 with Barb serving as Financial Manager until they sold the business to their sons. Since 2015, Barb has been enjoying retirement in Calgary. She likes to travel, stay in touch with friends, keep fit, paint and teach ladies bible study. Barb and Cam have three sons (two live in Calgary and one lives in Seattle) and six grandchildren. She looks forward to attending the fall reunion in Alberta with fellow classmates on November 1 and 2. Barb would love to hear from old SMA friends.

1976

Happy 60th birthday to the Class of 1976!

In December 2017, **Kimberly Prost**, was elected as a Judge of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands. Prior to this election she was appointed by the Secretary General as Ombudsperson for the United Nations Security Council Al Qaida Sanctions Committee (1267 Committee). She completed her five year term in that role in mid July 2015. Subsequently, she served for two years as Chef de Cabinet for the President of the International Criminal Court.



Georgina Brown (Marino) and husband Steve Branch retired to cottage country, east of Toronto, one year ago. They purchased a former United Church in the Hamlet of Bailieboro and opened it up as "How Great Thou Art Emporium" that welcomes visitors. The Emporium features numerous works by primarily Ontario Artists in a diverse plethora of mediums. The Brown's find it interesting to live in a former institutional building, and they love that it combines character and charm with modern-feeling wide open spaces. Perhaps they will greet SMA alumnae at the Emporium this year!



1976

Patricia Ford retired in December 2017 from a 35 year vocal music teaching career with the Toronto Catholic District School Board. She's pictured on her last day of teaching.



1978

The **Class of 1978** will be celebrating its 40th year reunion in September. **Anna-Marie Kulas** is organizing a class dinner at SMA on Saturday, September 29. Please RSVP to Anna-Marie at, annamariekulas@gmail.com. She hopes that the turnout is even better than in past years!

Erin Berezney (Kelly) is looking forward to the **Class of 1978's 40th reunion** this fall. Erin works for Manitoba Families as a Clinical Services Supervisor. She stays in touch with many old friends from SMA, most recently connecting with **Andrea Currie** (Cape Breton, NS) and a few others (pictured below). Erin and her husband of 33 years, Oliver Berezney (SPHS '78), have two daughters, **Camilla Waitt (Berezney '05)** and **Tia Berezney '11**. Camilla graduated from the University of Manitoba with a degree in Kinesiology and she works at the Executive Director of the Charleswood 55 Plus Active Living Center. Tia graduated from the University of Manitoba Asper School of Business and she works at Direct Focus, a marketing firm in Winnipeg.



l-r: Monika Keddy (Mann), Aideen Nash, Erin Berezney, Mary Morton (Evans), Anna-Marie Kulas

1979

Bridget Kimak has been living in London, UK for many years. She works, internationally, as a designer of sets and costumes for opera and theatre productions (pictured right). Recently she designed the set and costumes for Bergen National Opera's acclaimed production of *Die Fliegende Hollander*.

1981

Tara Magnus-Walker recently completed her Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Winnipeg, and has started a private practice as a nurse-therapist. She began her career with a psychiatric nursing diploma and went on to complete her RN and BN. Tara has returned to her roots and her true passion, as a mental health practitioner and also teaches communication and mental health nursing at Red River College.

1983

This year **Dr. Mary Shariff** was a recipient of the University of Manitoba Terry G. Falconer Emerging Researcher Award. Her research examines the contemporary, controversial practice of termination of life in Canada known as 'medical assistance in dying'. Her research contributes to ongoing policy surrounding this practice.

1986

Happy 50th birthday to the Class of 1986!

1987

In the last few years, **Heather Skublics Lampman** and her family have taken up sailing (which was a big part of Heather's childhood). The family enjoys hosting their Hungarian cousins during the summer months. Heather cherishes meeting people who remember being taught by her mother and former SMA Principal, Mrs. Christine Skublics.



Grapevine



Do you have questions about a class reunion?
Contact Amy Houston '03, Alumnae Relations
Coordinator at ahouston@smamb.ca or 204-477-0244

1988

The **Class of 1988** will be celebrating its **30th reunion** in September at Homecoming. **Andrea McLandress (Litwin)** and **Janette Hedley (Richardson)** are making arrangements for celebrations. If you wish to participate or help with the planning please contact one of them at, amclandress@shaw.ca or jjmhedley@highspeedcrow.ca.

Sherri Pucci Sosa recently moved to Las Vegas and works for Caesars Entertainment as the General Manager of the Flamingo and Linq Hotel & Casinos. Recently she gave a tour of the property to a group of Manitobans and ironically one of them had a daughter at SMA. She's eager to travel to Winnipeg for her 30th reunion this fall.

1992



Genéa Gaudet moved to Los Angeles two years ago after her daughter graduated from high school. She moved to continue pursuing her

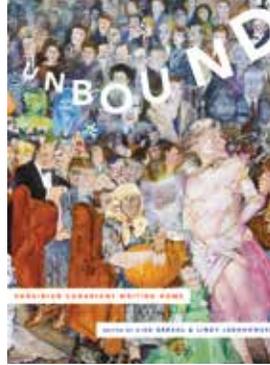
career as a non-fiction and music video filmmaker. In 2015, she released a short film that premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival and is now an episode of the Emmy-award winning, New York Times Op-Docs Series. In 2016, she travelled to Cairo to film a short documentary about a girl who was competing in the Egypt World Cup as a Pentathlete against her sister, on her way to the Rio Olympics in 2016. The documentary aired on ESPN. Recently, Genéa released a music video for a folk supergroup called 'I'm With Her', which was featured in Rolling Stone magazine.

1993

The **Class of 1993** will celebrate its **25th reunion** at Homecoming this fall. Plans are underway with the help of **Janine Bremault Bamford**. Classmates who wish to help or attend a gathering are encouraged to contact Janine at, bremaultbamford@gmail.com.

1994

Lindy Ledohowski was the recipient of the Kobzar Literary Award in March 2018 for the University of Toronto Press book that she co-edited, *Unbound: Ukrainian Canadians Writing Home*. She's proud of this book as it brings together diverse voices to analyze and contemplate what it means to be Ukrainian in today's Canada. The Kobzar Literary Award is a national book prize that is awarded every two years for books on topics and themes relating to Ukrainian Canadian issues.



Kimberly Feher enjoyed visiting SMA with her dad, Greg, on a trip to Winnipeg this past winter. Kim resides in Calgary and works as a Librarian. As a hobby she enjoys collecting wine. She received a Level 1 Wine and Spirit Education Trust Award in wines this year. Kimberly enjoyed gathering with SMA alumnae at the reunion held this past May in Calgary.



1995

Tania Batuwantudawe enjoyed the company of alumnae at SMA's Calgary reunion in May. What started as an idea to catch up with some of her classmates (after relocating back to Calgary from Toronto two years ago) turned into two lovely evenings of laughter, storytelling and camaraderie. Tania and her 14 year old son live in Calgary, where she works as a Clinic Manager and Physician Assistant.



1996

Happy 40th birthday to the Class of 1986!

1997

Kristy Beriault (James) is the owner and operator of 'And a Cupcake Too', a quaint restaurant that opened in January 2016 in Winnipeg. Kristy and her husband Rob have three daughters; one currently at SMA in Grade 8, one starting in September of 2018 and the youngest hopes to join the Academy in a few years.

1998

Claire Gagne lives in Toronto with her husband and three children. She is a freelance writer and regularly writes articles about parenting, child development, personal finance and health. She's happy to still be in touch with her best friends from SMA. Claire hopes to travel to Winnipeg to celebrate her 20th year reunion in September.

Adrienne Dudek has been working with Main Street Project for over two years and is the Director of Supportive and Transitional Housing. In 2007, **Miranda Murphy (Anderson)** and Adrienne helped start the first women's tackle football team in the province. In 2011, Adrienne started a women's football team called the Winnipeg Wolfpack. Last year these two ladies became coaches in the Western Women's Tackle Football League. Adrienne is also active as a coach in the Manitoba Amateur Football community. In the near future, Adrienne hopes she can share her knowledge of homelessness, advocacy for rights, harm reduction and Housing First Philosophies in SMA classrooms. She credits SMA for having a profound impact on her life and giving her the self-esteem to advocate for others.



back left: Miranda Murphy
front right: Adrienne Dudek

1998

Charlene Cleary (Caron) resides in Victoria, BC with her family and children. She opened her own law practice two years ago, Westshore Law.

Theresa Danyluk (Vandean) is looking forward to reconnecting with classmates at the 20th reunion this September. Theresa is gathering input and suggestions from classmates for a class gathering in the fall or later this year. Please send your feedback to Theresa at tvandean@hotmail.com.

1999

Suzan Goritz Tetrault works as a radio producer and won the first two awards of her professional career this spring; winner and first runner up in the 28th annual Radio and Production Awards for Best Commercial, Medium Market.

2000

Niki Little (pictured below, right) was named co-curator of the 4th edition of the Contemporary Indigenous Art Biennial (BACA). As co-curator, Niki explored the theme of Indigenous sisterhood as the conceptual focus of the 2018 Biennial titled, "My Sister". The Biennial took place this past May and June in Montreal. Niki is a mother, artist/observer, arts administrator and a founding member of an artistic and curatorial collective, The Ephemerals. She is the Director for the National Indigenous Media Arts Coalition.



2001

Vitalia (Marie) Daza lives in Calgary with her husband Jeremy. This year she began temporary residence in Toronto to complete her Diploma as an Osteopathic Manual Practitioner.

She plans to return to Calgary to open 'Vitalia Clinic', and begin her practice. Maria and her husband enjoy retreating to their cottage in the Crowsnest Pass Mountains.



2002

Talia Bailey-Robertson has been enjoying family life for the last five years with her husband, Tom Bailey-Roberston (SPHS '03), and their three children, Callie (5), Nicholas (3) and Noelle (9 months). Talia has taken a break from teaching to focus on family. She and Tom celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary in July. Tom continues to work as a Pastoral Associate at St. John Brebeuf Parish and in the Spiritual Care Department at the Health Sciences Centre.



Candace Maxwell has spent this past year working with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet (RWB) and Alberta Ballet. This past May she was the Stage Manager for the World Premier of 'All of Us', a post-apocalyptic ballet based on the music of The Tragically Hip. Rob Baker of The Tragically Hip attended shows in both Calgary and Edmonton. In July, Candace returned to the RWB as their resident Stage Manager for her first full season with them. Candace hopes she can be an inspiration to young SMA students wanting to pursue careers in Dramatic Arts.



2003

Kori Osmond (Wachniak) graduated from the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Pharmacy, in 2009 and has worked in the Pharmacy at Safeway since graduation. She resides in East St Paul with her usband, Tyler, and 2 sons, Carter (3) and Blake (1). They look forward to vacationing in Maui this December. This past school year she returned to SMA to participate as a panelist in Panel Interviews.



2003

Melodie Ho (Tomas) and Nita Sharda (Abbi '04) have grown and worked together over the past 17 years. They started as teammates on the Flames' basketball team, they remained close friends even when living in different provinces, and now they both work as Registered Dietitians in Winnipeg. In 2014, Nita launched a private practice called Carrots & Cake: Balanced Nutrition Consulting. Melodie recently moved back to Winnipeg from Eastern Ontario and is collaborating with Nita to assist in expanding Carrots & Cake.



l-r: Nita Sharda and Melodie Tomas

2004

Allison Komishon and her husband, Stefan Bars (SPHS '03), have lived in Toronto for the past eight years. Allison completed her MSc. in Nutritional Sciences at the University of Toronto and works in Clinical Nutrition Research at St. Michael's Hospital.

2005

Zephyra Vun, owner of Anarchi Design, was awarded a BIZ award in May 2017 from Mayor Bowman for her community leadership in the Exchange District. Zephyra is passionate about bringing awareness to design, arts and culture in Winnipeg, especially in the city centre. She serves as Executive Director of Design Quarter Winnipeg.



Grapevine

TENEAMUS ALTAM FACEM
HOLD HIGH THE TORCH

2006

Andrea Berger is a nuclear weapons specialist at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in London, England. Much of her current research focuses on North Korea's nuclear and missile programs and international efforts to address them. In the last few months she has been working with a team to produce informed insights into the situation, she has travelled to relevant capitals delivering briefings to the UN, the Canadian and British parliaments, NATO and the G7.



2007

Hilary Taylor has a degree in Economics from the University of British Columbia, and recently finished a Master of Supply Chain Management Certificate Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Prior to graduating from MIT she was recruited for a job at Apple's headquarters in Silicon Valley. She now lives in California working in her new career and enjoying the sun and sand.

2008

Aimee Van Dam recently completed her MBA at the University of Alberta. She works as a Client Marketing Manager for Venture Communications. Aimee and **Raquelle Sorenson-Padua '04**, enjoyed the reunion gathering in Calgary this past May.

Kaitlynn Porath graduated with a Law Degree from the University of Western Ontario in June 2017. She articulated at Phillips Aiello in Winnipeg. Kaitlynn was called to the bar in June and she will work as a Junior Associate at Phillips Aiello. This May, Kaitlynn played the role of court clerk/usher in the Manitoba Theatre Centre/Manitoba Bar Association play, Witness for the Prosecution by Agatha Christie.



2008

The Class of 2008 looks forward to celebrating its 10 year reunion at Homecoming in September. **Larissa Yuynk, Sara Craven, Stephanie George** and **Elizabeth Dow** have made plans to gather with classmates at Merchant Kitchen on Saturday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m. RSVP via Facebook group—www.facebook.com/events/393309857867440/?ti=icl.

Giovanna Minenna and **Lisanne Pajot '00** were each awarded the BMO Celebrating Women Award this May. Giovanna was the recipient in the Expansion and Growth in Small Business category. She owns Brows by G, a company she started in 2015 that now has two Winnipeg locations. In addition to the services provided at the boutiques, on an annual basis Giovanna and her team donate their services to restore the eyebrows of people who have been affected by chemotherapy treatment.

Lisanne won in the category of Innovation and Global growth for 'Indie Game: The Movie', a feature documentary that debuted at the Sundance Film Festival. The film was produced by Lisanne's company, BlinkWorks.



left: Giovanna Minenna, right: Lisanne Pajot '00

2009

Juliet Daet graduated in May 2018 with her Juris Doctor from the Faculty of Law at the University of New Brunswick. During her time in law school she was awarded the Leycester D'Arcy Q.C. Prize in Evidence, for highest academic standing in Evidence Law. Juliet now lives in Ottawa and is articling at OLLIP Intellectual Property and Technology Law.



2009

Kiersten Hudson graduated from the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba in June 2017. She works as a Grade 5 teacher at St. Emile School. This year, Kiersten and Court Isaak (SPHS '08), became engaged to be married. Kiersten is rarely seen without her two year old rescue dog, Mishka.



Amanda Camara has been living in BC for the past year, working as a contracted Marketing Communications Manager with the Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association. She also operates a strategy firm where she works with clients from Canada and the USA to create marketing strategies that fit their business needs.

Melynda Love graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce, Honors degree, in Accounting from the University of Manitoba in 2014. She went on a University Exchange program to England and also participated in the Co-Operative Education Program where she was offered full time employment with MNP LLP. Since graduation, she has completed her Chartered Professional Accountant designation and is working towards management at MNP LLP.

2010

Nicole Del Rosario began her Masters in Clinical Psychology at the University of Regina this September. She will study under the supervision of Dr. Beshai in the Depression, Cognition and Culture Laboratory.



2010

Krystyl Bergen married Keith Senden (SPHS '10) in June at Brereton Lake, MB. Much of their wedding party and guests were SMA and SPHS graduates. Krystyl has an Environmental Design degree from the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Manitoba and is now finishing her Masters in City Planning.



2011

Jessica Korol graduated from the Red River College Creative Communications and University of Winnipeg Joint Communications Degree program this year. She moved to Kitchener, ON and is working as a freelancer in Communications, while looking for full-time employment. Jessica organized 'Dancing to Nationals', supporting Special Olympics Manitoba, which took place at SMA in February.



Navdeep Brar, Amanda Finch '14 and Nicole Bailey '14 have all been accepted into the College of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba, they begin classes in September 2018.



l-r: Amanda Finch, Navdeep Brar, Nicole Bailey

2012

Rachel Nickel is a second year graduate student in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Manitoba. Last year she was awarded the Dr. Archie McNicol prize at the Three Minute Thesis Competition, and she also received the People's Choice Award. Her research looks at finding inventive ways to treat antibiotic resistant bacteria.

2012

Benedicte LeMaitre graduated this year as a Certified Ashtanga Yoga teacher from Yoga Alliance International in Bali, Indonesia. Since her return to Winnipeg, she has been teaching and practicing yoga. This fall she will begin studying for her Masters in Religious Studies at the University of Manitoba.



2013

In June of 2017, **Brianna Jarvin** graduated with a Bachelor of Kinesiology degree from Acadia University in Wolfville, NS. She received an entrance scholarship to the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto and began studying in its Doctor of Chiropractic Program this summer.



Bronwyn Seier lives in London, England and studies at the London College of Fashion, working towards her Masters in Fashion and Sustainability. She won the Simons Fashion Design Student Award at the 5th annual, 2018 Canadian Arts & Fashion Awards for Canadian graduates. In 2017, Bronwyn graduated with honours from Ryerson University with a degree in Fashion Design.

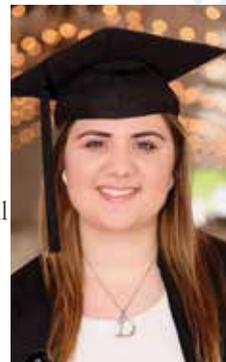


2014

In the 2017-2018 school year, **Chantale Bosc** was the Senior Stick of the St. Paul's College Students' Association (first female Senior Stick since 2004). This spring, she graduated from the University of Manitoba (U of M) with a Bachelor of Science degree (major in Genetics). Chantelle received the Paulinian of the Year award from St. Paul's College. She plans to pursue a Masters Degree in Physiotherapy or as a Physician Assistant at the U of M.

2014

Danielle Krzyszczyk graduated from Harvard with a degree in Psychology. She was the senior student athlete winner of the John P. Fadden Award, which honors one athlete among 42 varsity sports, who has overcome physical adversity to make a contribution to their team. She hopes to attend graduate school in the future.



2016

This spring, **Fiona Vowell** attended the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York. While there she helped organizations with the presentation of their panels and other interviews. This summer she worked at Camp Stephens as a climbing coordinator and led canoe trips.



In June, **Rachel Beazley** received the 2018 Terry Fox Humanitarian Award for her numerous efforts raising awareness and reducing stigma around mental illness. Rachel was one of 21 people to receive this Award, out of 2000 applicants. She attends the University of Winnipeg and studies in the Integrated Education Program.

Brianna Patrick was named the University of Toronto's Athlete of the Week in January. She plays volleyball for the Varsity Blues and is in her third year studying Environmental Biology.

2017

Taylor Boughton attends the University of Winnipeg and plays volleyball for the Wesmen. **Kearley Abbott '16** attends the University of Manitoba and plays volleyball for the Bisons. Taylor and Kearley shared the honour of being named the 2018 Duckworth Classic Players of the Match in January.



far left: Taylor Boughton, far right: Kearley Abbott '16

Births



With joy St. Mary's Academy acknowledges the birth of children to alumnae.

Meadow Vienna born August 16, 2017 to **Christina (Caliguiri '03)** and Mark Stuart
Amelie Aida born September 23, 2017 to **Renée El-Gabalawy '03** and David Perrin
Margaux Jewell born October 5, 2017 to **Krissy Jarema '02** and Kevin Leander
Mia Veronica born October 13, 2017 to **Alexa (Drepko '05)** and Shane Yanke
Elodie Pauline born October 23, 2017 to **Maddie (Mirus '03)** and Myles Fontaine
Ellie born October 24, 2017 to **Priscilla Liu-Mak '06** and Jay Mak
Ellie Violette born October 30, 2017 to **Julie Gratton-Edwards '01** and Joel Edwards
Joseph James Michael born November 4, 2017 to **Gillian (Dow '04)** and Anthony Romeo
Noelle Elizabeth born November 24, 2017 to **Talia (Bailey '02)** and Tom Bailey-Robertson
Isla Ryan born December 2, 2017 to **Jamie (Starosilec '97)** and Sean Forsyth
Quinn Violet born January 5, 2018 to **Shannon McNicol '02** and Chris Ateah
Clara Pauline born January 11, 2018 to **Lynsey (Vokey '04)** and Brendon Corbett
Sidney Bella born January 17, 2018 to **Kathryn (Carlson '03)** and Dan Blaze Baum
Riley Everett born January 22, 2018 to **Erika (Pinga '05)** and Mark McCann
Kip Doughie born January 31, 2018 to **Olivia Bilson '02** and Chris Walstra
Adelaide Julia born February 1, 2018 to **Pamela Ritchot Sand '02** and Bryan Sand
Theo Zbigniew born February 6, 2018 to **Chelsea (Duszak '05)** and Jeremy Arns
Austin Martin born February 13, 2018 to **Jacinta Mulhern '01** and Casey Shanks
William born March 7, 2018 to **Celine (Marks '04)** and Scott Boston
Connor Patrick born March 21, 2018 to **Caitlin (Puchniak '05)** and Trevor Mahoney
Ella Winnie born April 19, 2018 to **Ashley (Brown '05)** and Jesse Hamonic
Harlow Winn born April 22, 2018 to **Katie Moe '04** and Joel Lacey
Mila Rae born June 2, 2018 to **Meghan Corbett '06** and Chet Pickard
Huxley Christopher born June 9, 2018 to **Jocelyn Martens Preston '99** and Michael Black
Natalie Lily born June 25, 2018 to **Laura (Fox '05)** and Dave Olmstead
Hannah Lucy Marie born July 1, 2018 to **Laura (Nichol '08)** and Curtis Patterson
James born July 27, 2018 to **Sarah (Downs '02)** and Ian Carpick

For this child I have prayed,
and the Lord has granted
the desires of my heart.
1 Samuel 1:27

In Memoriam

I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.
John 11:25

With sorrow St. Mary's Academy acknowledges the passing of alumnae and former teachers.
Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Mary Bernice Kennedy (Sister Bernadette
Cecilia) '35
Rebecca Octavia Gibson (McRae '37)
Elizabeth (Betty) Rewcastle (O'Keefe '38)
Josephine Ernestine Fenny
(de Goesbriand '39)
Rita Dowling (Murphy '39)
Ruth Margaret Rogers (Danaher '39)
Stella Jo Dean (Kozak '40)
Alice Irene Rothwell (Small '40)
Mary Powers Maxwell (Gale '42)
Yolanda Mignotta (Gerbas '44)
Helen Bernice Sheehan '44

Elizabeth (Betty) McMullan '45 (BA)
Lois Arline Dearden '45 (Grade 11)
Jean Agnes Pitre (Beaudois '46)
Marjorie Joan Reed '48
Denise LaFleche '48
Alice Irene Rothwell (Small '48)
Agnes Miller (Dutchak '48)
Sheila Johnson (McCarthy '49 Commercial)
Cornelia Thomaschewski (Prevost '52)
Norma Gerrine (Renee) Mott (Chase '52)
Diane Margaret Stefanson (Kleinfelder '58)
Mary Louise Szajewski (Thibault '59/'60)
Barbara Ann Spiess (Lennon '60)

Suzanne Styles (Bibaud '62)
Charlene Ann Wild '64
Sylvia Theresa Marsico (Oldham '64)
Gayle Marie Timlick '65
Maryellen Edwards '69
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In September 2018, Natalie Leroux assumes the position of Director of Advancement and Alumnae Relations. Natalie holds a Bachelor of Arts, Honours degree from the University of Western Ontario. She comes to the Academy with a wealth of business experience, most recently as a Business Development Manager for Online Business Systems. She looks forward to putting her years of her knowledge to work in the service of advancing the mission of the Academy.

Natalie is married and the mother of three children. In her spare time she enjoys both teaching and practicing yoga.

Natalie is eager to meet the many wonderful people who comprise the Academy's community. She can be reached at nleroux@smamb.ca or 204-478-6030.

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On October 3, 2017, the Academy had the honour of unveiling its **Legacy & Hope** donor wall. Many of the generous people who supported the **Legacy & Hope** Campaign from September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 were in attendance for this memorable event.

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St. Mary's Academy's mission is to "nurture young women in spirit, mind and body, so that each student reaches her full potential as an individual created in God's image." To assist with this Mission, the Academy was pleased to launch the *Deo Gratias Fund* in September 2017. This Fund ensures that economically disadvantaged students have access to the necessary financial resources to help them reach their full potential. The *Deo Gratias Fund* is used for day-to-day, curricular, extra-curricular and co-curricular expenses to ensure an equitable experience for all students.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact Natalie Leroux at 204-478-6030 or nleroux@smamb.ca.

SNJM Associates

Associates of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM) are lay women and men who share a special relationship with the SNJM Congregation and who strive to reflect the core values and spirit of the SNJM in their daily lives.

Associates are called to:

- Grow in awareness of injustices in the world.
- Nurture their relationship to the earth and all forms of life.
- Care for the poor and the marginalized.
- Respect and be open to all people.
- Be of service to others.

Associates gather regularly to:

- Build Community.
- Nurture their spiritual lives.
- Grow in understanding of justice issues through education and action.

- Lead and participate in retreats and workshops.
- Share leadership responsibilities and outreach projects.
- Volunteer at SNJM related ministries such as Holy Names House of Peace, Artbeat Studio, Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre, Rossbrook House and St. Mary's Academy.
- Participate in social gatherings.

If you are interested in knowing more about the SNJM Associates or would like a brochure contact Associate Co-coordinators Catherine Kelly and Gina Hoe at 204-475-7673 or snjmmb@mymts.net. You can also visit the Associates page on the SNJM Manitoba website at www.snjmmb.ca/associates.



Out and About

Global Forum on Girls' Education

Leadership in faith-based schools is in transition, especially in North America. Due to a decrease in men and women entering vocational life, many religious orders are divesting governance and operational authority to lay-led Boards and lay Presidents/Heads

of Schools. This type of transition presents many challenges. From June 18-20, 2018, over 800 school leaders met in Washington, DC for the second **Global Forum on Girls' Education**, sponsored by the National Coalition of Girls' Schools. A session curated by Connie Yunky, SMA President, titled **New Habits and Tin Hats**, unpacked the challenges and successes facing faith-based schools as they embrace the transition to lay leadership. A panel of five Presidents/Heads of School spoke about their personal

experiences and responded to questions from session attendees.



Far left, Connie Yunky with panelists

Coming Events

Homecoming

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Commemorative Years Brunch: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | SMA Cafeteria | \$30 per person

For alumnae from the Classes of 2008, 1998, 1993, 1988, 1983, 1978, 1968, 1958, 1948 and 1938 and all alumnae from Class of 1960 and earlier. Tickets available at www.smamb.ca/events/homecoming. For more information, contact Kerri Moore (McIvor '94) kmoore@smamb.ca or 204-478-6031.

SMA Alumnae Association Annual General Meeting: 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Alumnae Hall

Mass: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Alumnae Hall

Afternoon Activities: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Tour the school and enjoy tea in the Sr. Susan Wikeem Boardroom. Everyone welcome!

International Day

Sunday, October 21, 2018 | Mass at 10:30 a.m. | Pavilions open at 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the diversity and culture of the SMA community while enjoying a variety of ethnic food, live entertainment and a bake sale.

Alberta Alumnae Reunion

Thursday, November 1, 2018 in Edmonton, AB

Friday, November 2, 2018 in Calgary, AB

Visit www.smamb.ca/events/reunions for more information.

Coming Events cont

British Columbia Alumnae Reunion

Saturday, November 3, 2018 in downtown Vancouver, BC

Visit www.smamb.ca/events/reunions for more information.

60th Annual Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, November 4, 2018 | 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Richmond Girl Guide House, 4780 Blundell Road, Richmond, BC

For information contact Darlene Burns (Woerlee '69) at darlene_burns@telus.net.

Celebrating SMA Alumnae in Business

Thursday, November 15, 2018 | 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. | Sheila Chipman Atrium

You are invited to SMA's second annual alumnae business networking event. This event provides an opportunity for SMA Alumnae business owners and professionals to network and be inspired by the success of business leaders from the SMA community.

RSVP by November 8, 2018 to alumnetworking@smamb.ca.

"A Poppy Cock Christmas" Kitchen Party

Friday, November 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

SMA Foods & Nutrition Studio

Tickets on sale October 15 at www.smamb.ca/events/kitchenparty. Everyone welcome!

Willy Wonka – St. Mary's Academy's Dramatic Arts Production

Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. | Friday, November 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. | Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets available in November from www.smamb.ca/events/dramatic-arts-production.

December Celebration and Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass: 11:00 a.m. in Holy Names Chapel

Christmas Tea: following Mass in the Sr. Susan Wikeem Boardroom

Donations of non-perishable food items, new hats, mitts and scarves, or monetary donations will be accepted and donated to Rossbrook House.

Drinks Under the Dome

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 | 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Grads from the Class of 2018 gather in the Sr. Susan Wikeem Boardroom to share a Christmas beverage and snacks, pick up their yearbooks and take the opportunity to get their classmates' autographs. Please use the 550 Wellington Crescent entrance. RSVP to Amy Houston '03 at ahouston@smamb.ca.

Alumnae and Staff Hockey Game

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Bell MTS IcePlex. Details will be available at www.smamb.ca.

An Evening at the Academy

Saturday, January 26, 2019 | Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., Dinner and Live Auction at 7:00 p.m. | St. Mary's Academy

An Evening at the Academy is a progressive dining experience that will take you through time and space within SMA's historic walls. Cocktails and appetizers in the 1902 facility, dinner in the 1963 wing and dessert and music in the 2013 Sheila Chipman Atrium. Tickets on sale in October 2018 from www.smamb.ca/events/an-evening-at-the-academy/EAA2019. For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Natalie Leroux at nleroux@smamb.ca.

Female World Sport School Challenge (Hosted by the Flames Prep Hockey Team)

January 31 – February 3, 2019 at the Bell MTS IcePlex

Come watch elite level female hockey at the 7th annual FWSSC. Visit www.fwssc.ca for more information.

Generations Day

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Generational mentors of new students gather for a morning to share, connect and tour St. Mary's Academy.

Ontario Alumnae Reunion

May 2-4, 2019 in Toronto and Ottawa

Visit www.smamb.ca/events/reunions this winter for more information.

15th Annual Marian Awards for Excellence Brunch

Saturday, May 11, 2019 | Reception at 10:00 a.m. | Brunch at 10:30 a.m.

The Gates on Roblin, 6945 Roblin Boulevard

Tickets are \$75 each and will be available in February 2019 from www.smamb.ca/events/marian-awards-for-excellence.

Table for One-Hundred

Friday, May 24, 2019 | 6:00 p.m.

Students and their fathers/male role models share dinner and special moments at St. Mary's Academy

Tickets available Spring 2019 at www.smamb.ca/events/tablefor100.



Happy Birthday St. Mary's Academy



Birthday Celebrations

150th Birthday Celebration Kick-Off

Wednesday, May 1, 2019
School day event for students and staff

150th Birthday Picnic

Wednesday, August 28, 2019
St. Mary's Academy Grounds
Community celebration

150th Birthday Gala Dinner

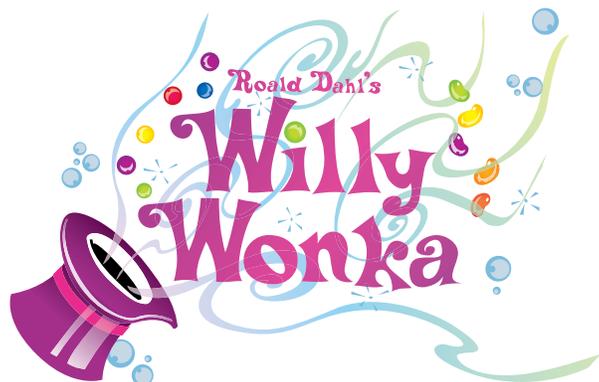
Friday, September 27, 2019 (Homecoming Weekend)
Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Avenue
Celebration of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary

150th Birthday Mass

Sunday, September 29, 2019 (Homecoming Weekend)
1:00 p.m.
St. Boniface Cathedral-Basilica, 180 Avenue de la Cathedrale

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass and High Tea
Sunday, December 8, 2019
Mass at 2:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Cathedral, 353 St. Mary Avenue
High Tea from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
The Delta by Marriott, 350 St. Mary Avenue



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Tickets available this fall from www.smamb.ca



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St. Mary's Academy, 550 Wellington Crescent

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