Seniors Awarded Scholarship at Heroes Run

Seniors Jill and Jessica Bresnahan had a pretty awesome Sunday. They found out that day that they were the recipients of $1,000 SJA scholarships through the 11th Annual Cleveland Heroes Run, an event held to honor officers from West Park who have died in the line of duty. Their father Jerome is a Cleveland fire fighter.

“We were both so grateful for this honor,” shared Jessica. “I was very excited to tell my parents. We didn’t find out about it until the day of, which was a great surprise!” added Jill.

In addition to working hard on their academic careers, the sisters are active community volunteers and SJA athletes. Both are members of St. Adalbert Church’s Youth Group. They have participated on the Cross Country and Track teams for four years and are enthusiastic members of ECOS Club and the Care Youth Group.

Jill and Jessica would like to attend the same college, although they do not necessarily want to room together! Universities under consideration by the sisters include Lake Erie College, Walsh, Ashland and Cleveland State Universities.

Congratulations!

Every Day Reveals Benefits, Blessings of SJA

As I greet our students every morning as they arrive for a new day at SJA, I am struck again by each young ladies’ enthusiasm and respect. All have smiles on their faces and a warm “Good Morning!” as they climb the steps and face new challenges. It is our duty as teachers and administrators to foster and nurture that enthusiasm and continue to prepare them to be leaders in the 21st Century - no matter what careers or interests are being pursued! Last Friday, a “Blessing of the Boats” was held for our Crew athletes. It’s a perfect example of merging athletic and spiritual pursuits at SJA. Good luck, Crew, and know that God is always with you, keeping you safe!

~ James M. Cantwell, Ed.D.
Senior Spends Summer Working at NASA with Alphaport Summer Internship

Senior Julie Simmons has had an exciting 10 weeks this summer, working as an intern with the prestigious Alphaport Internship Program and conducting research alongside one of the company’s senior physicists. Julie’s work with Alphaport, an engineering services company that works on systems, products and solutions for aerospace, took place at NASA Glenn Research Center.

“The summer was amazing. We worked on the effect of inorganic particulate fill on the atomic oxygen erosion yield of organic polymers and paints,” stated Julie.

“The most enjoyable parts of the summer were the lab research and working with my mentor, Bruce Banks. I knew I wanted to study engineering in college, but this reinforced that I want to work in research and development when I become an engineer.”

Julie plans to major in mechanical or electrical engineering. The University of Cincinnati, Marquette University and Purdue University are among the schools she is considering.

Congratulations, Julie!

Jaguar Jackpot ticket deadline
The first ticket acceptance deadline for the Jaguar Jackpot Raffle program is Friday, September 28, 2012. All tickets and money should be returned to the Finance Office, Room 126, on or before this date to be included in the first drawing on Thursday, October 4.

Blood Drive
SJA will host a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Wednesday, October 10. All are encouraged to donate! If you are 16 and under, you will need a signed permission slip from your parents. Forms will be available from Intervention Specialist Ms. Courtney Koz. Those 17 and older can go to www.redcrossblood.org and click on “Donating Blood” to schedule an appointment. Our sponsor code is: SJA. A Halloween Basket raffle will be held for all those donating. Recruit your friends and family for the drive, also!

France Trip Information Meeting
Students interested in traveling to France over Easter break 2013 may attend an informational meeting on Friday, September 21, in Room 341 during the first and second activity block. The same information will be presented in both sessions.

Even if you have not taken a French class at SJA, you are welcome to attend the meeting! Students who have already enrolled in the trip do not need to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jessica Tindira.

College Corner

Penn State

Location: State College, PA (4 hours from Cleveland). Small city, rural.
Enrollment: 37,000 undergraduates.
Strongest Programs: Earth Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Business.
Fun Fact: Penn State’s dairy farm manufactures its own ice cream. Tradition dictates that you can only order one flavor at a time!

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Support the Students and “Celebrate the Academy”!

Calling all parents! We are looking for volunteers to serve on the planning committee for our annual Celebrate the Academy benefit, being held on February 23, 2013, at La Centre in Westlake. This elegant, memorable evening with our students benefits SJA's scholarship and academic initiatives.

The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 26, at 7 p.m. If you are interested in joining the Celebrate the Academy committee or learning about other ways you can get involved, please contact Liz Kantor, Development Associate, at 216-251-6788 ext. 224 or ekantor@sja1890.org. Hope to see you there!

Crew

On Saturday September 15, Varsity competed in the Head of the Cuyahoga regatta held on the Cuyahoga River. In the regatta’s largest event with 28 boats competing, the Jaguars Navy’s Junior 4+’s placed 9th, 14th and 27th respectively. Later in the afternoon, Crew competed in the Junior 8+ event, finishing 8th and 18th respectively out of 21 crews. The team met U.S. Olympic team rowers Susan Francia of the 2008 and 2012 gold medal women’s 8+, and Margot Shumway of the 2012 women’s double sculls. Before racing took place Saturday, Crew celebrated the second annual “Blessing of the Boats” Friday, September 14, at the Rivergate Park boathouse with friends, family, faculty and staff. The team’s five newly purchased used racing shells were christened Founding 22, James Cantwell, Jennie A, Beth and Alisa. Crew will travel to Pittsburgh on Saturday, October 6, for the Head of Ohio regatta.

Soccer

On Monday, September 10, the Jaguars played the Normandy High Invaders. Varsity beat the Invaders 2-1. Niki Mikolcic ’13 scored two goals assisted by Caroline Becker ’14 and Sarah Schwind ’13. Chelsea Hirzel ’13 had five saves in goal. The Jaguar record is 3-2-2.

JV beat the Invaders 4-1. Clare Sonby ’15 scored two goals, Allie Hippler ’15 scored a goal and recorded two assists, and Jessica Runyon ’14 scored and had one assist. Courtney Kuntz ’14 and Rebecca Tent ’15 each had three saves. The JV record is 4-2-1.

On Saturday, September 15, the Jaguars shut out the Lake Ridge Academy Lions 8-0. Scoring for the Jaguars: Niki Mikolecic ’13 (2), Catherine Carey ’14 (2), Lauren Brooks ‘13, Michelle Costanzo ’13, Jackie Harter ’15 and Nicole Rave ’14. Moria McGuire ’13 had an assist. Chelsea Hirzel ’13 recorded the shut-out in goal with two saves.

Also on Saturday, JV shut out the Vermilion Sailors 7-0. Grace Reinhold ’15 and Allie Hippler ’15 recorded hat tricks (three goals each) and Clare Sonby ’15 scored one. Megan Traine ’14 (2), Allie Hippler ’15, Clare Sonby ’15 (2) and Jessica Runyon ’14. Becky Tent ’15 recorded the shut-out in goal with four saves.

Volleyball

On Wednesday, September 12, Varsity lost 0-1 to Holy Name. Juliana Withers ’15 lead the team in kills with 15. Julie Colaianni ’13 and Kerry Colatruiglio ’13 lead the team in digs with 22 and 21 respectfully. Sisters Ali Rogozinski ‘14 and Kira Rogozinski ’16 had 19 and 13 assists respectfully.


**Golf**

On Tuesday, September 11, at the Sweetbriar Golf Club, the Jaguars shot a team score of 174 over the Bay Rockets with a score of 192. Kaitlin Rose ‘15 had a score of 41. Lindsey Keefe ‘14 continues to shoot well, scoring 43. Also with scores in the 40s were Alicia Abele ‘16 with a 44 and Alex Mills ‘13 with a 46. Katie Battaglia ‘13 and Patricia Kay ‘13 provided solid back-up scores of 51 and 52. Congratulations to Patricia who scored a birdie 2 on the second hole of the match.

On Thursday, September 13, Jaguars took on Rocky River and Brecksville at Mastick Woods. Freshman Bridget Mahoney was top golfer with a 45 and sophomore Nicole Hettrick was not far behind with a 47. Holly Fox ’16, Hannah Hill ‘16, Clare Tirpak ‘16 and Patricia Kay ‘13 all shot low 50’s.

**Tennis**

Varsity split four matches last week, picking up wins over Midpark and Padua on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 11 & 12. Missy Drapac ‘14 led the Jaguars over Midpark with a 6-1, 6-2 victory at first singles.

Ellen Saracina ‘13 and the teams of Brooke Kahl ‘14/Sidney Ruebensaal ‘14 and Emily Rouse ‘14/Grace Powers ‘14 also added victories.

Claire Violand ‘13 and Sidney Ruebensaal ‘14 led the team to a 3-2 win over Padua with a 6-4, 6-0 victory at first doubles.


The Jaguars also defeated Padua 5-0, led by Molly McAfee ‘15 and Colleen Fitzgerald ‘16 in singles and Ciara McGlynn ‘14, Allison Saracina ‘15, and Claire Sanfilippo ‘13 in doubles.

**Cross Country**

SJA stayed closer to home on Saturday, September 15, participating in the McDonough Invitational in Cleveland Heights. The Jags had a strong day, finishing 4th of 19 teams in the Varsity race, 2nd out of eight teams in the JV race, and 3rd out of 16 teams in the open race.

Varsity players used a strategy of sitting back for the first mile, then moving up as the race progressed. This plan worked well as all seven girls moved up in place the last two miles. Emily Bauer’12 moved from 47th place to 12th by the time she finished. Alesha Vovk ‘14 came across next with Mel Ward ‘12, Rachel McGuire ‘14, and Mallory Fahey ‘15 close behind. Jill and Jess Bresnahan ‘13 came across not much later, rounding out the Varsity placers.

JV ran short-handed as a key runner was ill, but nonetheless scored a 2nd place finish with junior Maddie Zimmerman finishing as the top Jaguar and 4th overall. Rachel Cogar ‘16, Maeve Kroeger’11, Lauren Marconi ‘15 and Molly Moore ‘14 were the other scorers.

In the open, senior Helen Steve led early and held on for a 4th place finish. Running her best race of the year, freshman Katie Butterfield finished 11th overall. Emma Stalder ‘16, Libby Pipak ‘13 and Sara Hurley ‘14 were the next three finishers.

For her breakout race in the open competition, the team voted Katie Butterfield ‘16 the team’s Athlete of the Meet. She ran a minute faster than her best time.

The team travels to Dayton on Saturday, September 22, for the annual All-Catholic Invitational.