Four Student Athletes Sign College "Letters of Intent"

Four student athletes signed college “letters of intent” on Tuesday, April 23, building on the skills learned at Saint Joseph Academy and opening new chapters in their lives.

Seniors Karen McGraw, Brenna McGrath, Daija Jones and Claire Violand were all selected by colleges for skills shown in their chosen athletic endeavors.

“We are so proud of Karen, Brenna, Daija and Claire. They are shining examples of both academic and athletic ability,” stated Jennie Amodio, Athletic Director.

Karen, a National Merit Commended Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society, is signing with (Division I) Lehigh University for her outstanding performance as a member of the Saint Joseph Academy Crew team. Karen plans to study engineering.

Brenna shines in the classroom and on the Saint Joseph Academy Track & Field team. She is signing with (Division I) Xavier University. She also is a member of the National Honor Society and plans to major in special education.

Daija was a standout on the Basketball team, named Honorable Mention All-District and as the “McDonald’s Athlete of the Week” by Channel 5 TV. She is signing with (Division II) Lake Erie College and plans to focus on pre-med studies.

Claire is a four-year letter winner on the Tennis team and a member of the National Honor Society. She is signing with (Division II) Limestone College and plans on studying graphic design.
Classical Concert Showcased Instrumental, Vocal Musicality of Students

The annual “A Touch of Classical” concert was held Tuesday, and the standing-room-only crowd obviously enjoyed the presentations from a collaboration of the Instrumental and Vocal music classes. Performances included the Concert Band, String Orchestra, Cecilia’s Song and the Concert Choir, as well as numerous student soloists.

Selections by the Orchestra featured works by Mozart, Beethoven and selections from Les Miserables. Concert Band selections included Cantus Jubilant and Three Ayres from Gloucester and the Broadway play Mama Mia.

The program also included featured soloist Kaitlynn Mandola ’15, viola, Karianne Stanton ’14, vocal, Clare Panek ’14, trumpet and vocal, Samantha Velasco ’15, vocal, Cari Milowicki ’16, piano, Sarah Dziak ’15, piano and Erica Uhler ’14, harp.

Highlights of the evening included the choir and band performing The Glory (from the Civil War: An American Musical), and Cecilia's Song singing My True Love Has My Heart and Dobru Noc.

Art Students Receive Regional Awards in State Competition

Two Visual Arts students received Regional Awards recently in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition, a show dedicated to the educational and artistic advancement of talented young artists in the state of Ohio.

Kaleigh Macalla '13 was recognized for a woodcut of a sea otter and Bridget Egan ‘13 received kudos for a watercolor "wash series."

"I entered work into the Governor's competition from the body of work I am creating for my AP Studio Art portfolio. This is a series of prints inspired by my swim and dive experiences. A few of my works received regional awards for the Governor's show," shared Kaleigh.

"I was so honored that my work was selected for a regional award!" added Bridget.

The exhibition was open to all students of Ohio's 1,112 high schools, both public and private.

Spring Play "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" Is This Weekend

Please join us this weekend for the Spring play, “The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940,” a murder-mystery comedy with disappearing characters and lots of bodies! The play is today, Friday, April 26, and tomorrow, Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m. General admission is $10 and senior/student is $5.
Student Art Exhibition Next Thursday

The work of Visual Arts students will be on display next week during an art exhibition titled "Making Art Work!" being held on Thursday, May 2, from 6-8 p.m. at the school (the same time as the Paws for Pride walk-through). The annual exhibit includes work from such classes as Mixed Media, Introduction to Jewelry, Painting & Drawing, Printmaking & Enameling, Sculpture & Ceramics, Graphic Design, Digital Photography, The Art of the Motion Picture and Web Design.

"We hope to see a huge crowd at this event," shared Visual and Performing Arts Department Chair Mrs. Shelly Ahern. "We have some very talented students."

4th Annual Wigs for Kids/ Locks of Love Event

Do you have long hair and are considering getting it cut for the summer? You might want to take advantage of a free cut and style that at the same time helps those who have lost their hair due to disease or chemotherapy.

On Monday, May 20, from 9 a.m. -2 p.m., stylists from Options Salon and Spa in Fairview Park will be at the school for the 4th Annual Wigs for Kids/ Locks of Love Event. The donated hair, in turn, will be used to create wigs.

Interested students must sign up for Locks on Love on a Google spreadsheet (see your school e-mail for the link) and get written parental permission. Students must have hair at least 10 to 12 inches in length.

Please contact sophomore Allie Hippler at ahippler@sjastudents.org with questions.

Friday, May 10 "Dress Down" Day will Benefit CSJ Youth Hostel in Tanzania

In January 2009, Sister Jackie Goodin, CSJ, embarked on a physical and spiritual journey to Songea, a small rural town in southwest Tanzania, an East African country. She ministers at St. Joseph Hostel, a residence for girls and teenagers sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambry.

The Hostel provides a safe and caring environment that allows the girls to successfully complete their high school education.

Sister Jackie was at our school recently, sharing her mission work with Theology class students. In response to her story, on Friday, May 10, students, faculty and staff may have a "Dress Down" - for a donation of $1 or more for students and $2 or more for all others. The money raised will be used to buy clothing for the young women in Tanzania.

If you are interested in learning more about the hostel and the CSJ mission, you are invited to attend a breakfast and presentation by Sister Jackie at St. Joseph Center (next door to Saint Joseph Academy) on Thursday, May 9, from 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Paws For Pride "Walk Through," Special Bookstore Hours Next Thursday

On Thursday, May 2, from 6-8 p.m., parents, families and friends are invited to tour the hallways decked out from ceiling to floor by Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors for Paws for Pride! As in previous years, each class will no doubt have created jaw-dropping and clever displays! We have added this walk-through event because Friday's activities are truly for our students. Parents and family are not permitted to attend.

As a special treat, the Paw Prints Bookstore also will be open on Thursday from 6-8 p.m. for visitors to take advantage of big savings. Storewide "Spot the Savings" bargains available throughout the month of May will include mark-downs of 30 to 50 percent on such items as shirts, sweatshirts, athletic items, mugs and socks.

Please note, Paws For Pride walk-through visitors also may tour the Visual Arts students exhibition (see story elsewhere in this newsletter).

Cecilia’s Song Performing at Progressive Field

Please join us on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:05 p.m. at Progressive Field as the Cleveland Indians take on the Detroit Tigers and Cecilia’s Song, our famed a cappella choir, sings the National Anthem.*

The event is sponsored by the parent support group STArts (Support The Arts). Lower box seat tickets are $20 (face value $34). Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit the performing arts at Saint Joseph Academy.

Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. For tickets, please fill out the attached order form and return with your payment to 3470 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, OH 44111, or call 216.906.3068, or email STArts president Matt Walsh at walshma@cox.net.

Paid ticket orders must be received no later than next Friday, May 3.

*Same night as the Spring Sports Banquet.

Spring Scholarship Lunch Is May 8

Ladies, please join us on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 for the 15th Annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon! This popular event, sponsored by Ennis Court and Charles Schwab, will be at the Westwood Country Club, 22625 Detroit Road, in Rocky River, starting at 11:30 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a delicious lunch and support our students! Cost is either $50 or $40 for the luncheon. Contact Alumnae Director Mary Ann Fischer ’66 at 216.619.1653 or maf@sja1890.org if you have questions. Register and pay online at www.sja1890.org/alumnaeevents. SJA graduate or not, all are welcome!

Attention Seniors! Monday is the Deadline To Turn In Acceptance Letters

Seniors will be called down from homeroom on Wednesday, May 1, to the "College Acceptances" wall to place a paw print sticker on their college choice. In order to participate in this popular Saint Joseph Academy tradition, seniors should have already turned in all college acceptance letters. If you haven't, please note that the deadline to turn in those letters is next Monday, April 29, in the College Counseling offices.

On May 1, seniors also have the privilege of wearing the T-shirt or sweatshirt of the college they plan to attend, along with their regular school uniform. Faculty and Staff also may wear their college shirts on that day.

Keep up the good work, seniors!
Rugby
On Sunday, April 14, JV took advantage of beautiful weather with a 37-10 victory over Brunswick High School. Tries were scored by Kerry Reddy '16, Rachael Kean '16, Ashley Kocian '15, Shauna Slezak '15, Mary Timmons '14 and Christina Abdelshahid '16. Mary Timmons also converted one kick for 2 points. Ashley Kocian defended Jaguar Territory and scored two tries earning her “Maiden of the Match.”

On Wednesday, April 17, JV lost to Mayfield 25-12. Players scoring for the Jaguars included Emily Hirzel '14 and Mary Timmons '14. Ashley Kocian '15 again made some monster tackles and again earned herself “Maiden of the Match.”

Track & Field
For the first time in the short history of the SJA vs. Magnificat Dual Track and Field Meet, the Jaguars took home the win with a score of 108-29. Jaguars won with a balanced effort by taking first in 15 of the 17 events.

Winning efforts included: kyrielle Williams '16, first in high jump; Brenna McGrath '13 - first in long jump, 100m dash, 200m dash, and part of the winning 4 x 400 relay;

MaryKate Caja '13, first in 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, part of winning 4 x 200 and 4 x 400 relays; Becca Sedlak '14, first in 400m dash, part of winning 4 x 200 and 4 x 400 relays; Nicole Rave '14, first in discus; Brittany Morrison '15, first in shot put; Bridget McGuire '16, first in pole vault; Rachel McGuire '14, first in 1600m run; and Emily Bauer '13, first in 3200m run.

On Friday, April 19, Track and Field finished third at the Lakewood Ranger Relays. There were three first-place finishes: junior Gab Leon dominated the 100m dash with a Top 10 all-time performance of 12.8 seconds; the long jump relay of Brenna McGrath '13, Sarah Reardon '15, and Olivia Terry '13 were the top relay; and the shuttle hurdle relay team of Monica Hahn '16, Bea Ridmann '13, Ky Williams '16, and MaryKate Caja '16 also placed first.

Junior Becca Sedlak was named a Player of the Week on Thursday, April 25, in The Plain Dealer feature “The Locker Room.” Becca, a track athlete, also ran cross country. Read all about it here. Congratulations, Becca!

Crew
The Jaguar Navy raced well at the Lake Dillon Invitational held last weekend in Nashport, Ohio. In a competitive field of Midwest High School teams, Varsity Lightweight 4+ (Julia Herrel '15, Sarah Johanek '15, Nicole Hegeman '13, Annie Grove '14 and coxswain Brittany Hegeman '15) took first place. In the Varsity 4+ event, Maggie Sudetic '13, Hannah Smith '14, Karen McGraw '13, Casey Sudetic '13, and coxswain Mackenzie Schoenherr '15 won the event with a six-second margin of victory.

In other action, the team saw three third-place finishes. Crew’s next race is on Saturday April 27, at the Ohio Governor’s Cup Regatta in Columbus, Ohio.

Softball
The Jaguars opened a busy week of softball! On Tuesday, April 16, the team played against Holy Name High School. The Jags scored a run on an RBI single by Shannon Scaggs '14 in the first inning and held a 1-0 lead going into the 5th inning, but ended up losing 3-1. The team then faced Beaumont on Thursday, April 18, losing 7-6.

On Sunday, April 22, the team participated in the Strike Out Cancer tournament hosted by Trinity High School. In the first game, the Jags won against Holy Name 8-4. Pitcher Brenna Heffernan '15 got the victory and sophomore Mary Caraballo went 2-2 with one walk and 3 runs scored in the game. The Jaguars then lost 5-2 to Padua. Senior Ashley Klimezyk went 1-1, 3 walks and run scored in the game. The Jags finished the day with an 8-4 victory over Trinity. Sophomore Brenna Heffernan got the win to improve her record to 4-5.

JV vs. Cuyahoga Heights-W 5-2
JV vs. Beaumont-L 10-4
JV vs. Holy Name-W 11-4
JV vs. Elyria-W 10-3
JV vs. Kenston-W 28-0