On Saturday, May 11, 10 outstanding athletes were inducted into the Saint Joseph Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. The honorees were Maureen Fallon Adler ’79, Brigid Arbeznik Radigan ’97, Tressa Satanek Kemer ’91, Jennie Stockdale ’01, Rachel Mistur ’02, Bridgid McHugh Szlompa ’02, Miranda Forgac Portteus ’03, Sheila Peters Vance ’01, Sarah Welch ’03 and Vanessa Georgeson ’01.

Maureen, Bridgid and Tressa were honored for participation in multiple sports throughout their four years at SJA. Between the three of them, they were captains of volleyball, basketball and softball teams, set numerous school records and were models of sportsmanship. Rachel, Jennie, Bridgid, Miranda, Sheila, Sarah and Vanessa were members of the 2000 OHSAA Tournament Qualifying Cross Country team - a first in SJA sports history.

Congratulations to all!

Maureen Fallon Adler ’79
Maureen was team captain of the volleyball and softball teams her senior year, named an All-Conference All-Star for volleyball in 1977, and was named to The Plain Dealer Dream Team for softball in 1979. Highlights of Maureen’s high school athletic career include the 1979 softball team’s victory at the sectional championship, her unassisted triple play in a game senior year, and her hitting streak that season. She graduated from John Carroll University with a Bachelor’s degree in Business. At JCU, Maureen played basketball and worked diligently to start a university softball team. That planning reached fruition her senior year with the formation of JCU’s first team. After college, she taught theology at Holy Name for four years and then at SJA for 13 years. Maureen coached golf, basketball and softball at SJA. Her proudest moments, she shares, included when the 2010-2011 freshman basketball team went 17-2 and won the Magnificat Holiday Tournament, and when the 2012-2013 golf team advanced in the state tournament to the semi-finals. She and her husband of 25 years, Chuck Adler, have three daughters – Erin Adler ’06, Mary Grace Adler ’08 and Eileen Adler ’10. The family resides in Fairview Park. Currently Maureen is the high school youth minister at St. Angela Merici and the assistant golf coach at SJA. Sisters who are SJA graduates are Anne Fallon ’81 and Laura Fallon Fibi ’77.

Bridgid Arbeznik Radigan ’97
Brigid’s Dad and Mom, Maureen McCafferty Arbeznik ’69, exposed her to a variety of athletic activities. As a Jaguar, she played basketball and softball for four years, volleyball for three years, and soccer for a year. Brigid was a two-year Varsity starter in volleyball, earned All-District Honorable Mention, was named to All-Tournament teams, and was team captain her senior year. In basketball, she was a three-year Varsity starter and set a school record for most assists in a game. She was a three-year Varsity starter in softball and team captain her senior year. She was named All-Conference as a sophomore, the year before SJA began playing an independent schedule, and was also named to The Plain Dealer All-County Team, First Team All-Sun, and Team MVP. Brigid earned eight Varsity letters in her high school athletic career. She was the first recipient of the Don Kostell Award for Excellence in Athletics, a scholarship named for SJA’s first athletic director. Brigid graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Education, a Master’s degree in Sports Management from Cleveland State University, and an adapted physical education endorsement from the University of Toledo. She coaches volleyball in the district and was the Varsity assistant coach at Olmsted Falls High School in 2008 when the team won the Division I State Championship.

She and her husband, Sean, have two daughters, Keeley and Maggie, and live in Olmsted Township.

Tressa Satanek Kemer ’91
Tressa was MVP all four years at SJA in basketball and was team captain her sophomore, junior, and senior years. During her senior year basketball season, she was named All-GCCGAC (Greater Cleveland Catholic Girls Athletic Conference) First Team with a scoring average of 14.5 points per game. She was named to several of The Plain Dealer top performance lists that season: 30+ Points Club, 25+ Points Club, 15+ Rebound Club, and 8+ Assist Club. She was named Player of the Week as well. She was also named Cuyahoga County Girls All-Scholastic Basketball Player and an All-Conference All-Star that season. Tressa’s stats in softball were no less impressive. During her sophomore year, the Jaguars won their fourth straight GCCGAC softball title. She was named GCCGAC Player of the Week during her junior year with a batting average of .538. She was team captain for softball her senior year. She was chosen by the Cleveland Indians Wahoo Club as the “best softball player at all Westside Catholic girls schools” – an academic and athletic honor. She graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Physical Therapy. She and her husband, Rich Kemer, live in Avon Lake, with their four boys - Ryan, 10, Nicholas, 9, Timmy, 6 and Michael, 3. Sisters who are graduates are Jill Satanek Garlock ’92 and Janet Satanek ’97.
**2001 Cross Country State Qualifying Team**

**Jennie Stockdale ’01**
Jennie earned Varsity letters in both cross country and track, and qualified for Regionals in the 3200m as a freshman and in cross country as a sophomore – and qualified again with the entire cross country team her junior year. She served as the co-captain of the cross country team her senior year (2000-2001), when the team earned a spot in SJA sports history by qualifying for the State Meet. Jennie earned Academic All-Ohio honors that season. She graduated from the College of Wooster in 2005 with a Bachelor's degree in English and has a Master’s degree in English from Miami University and a Master’s in Poetry from the University of Notre Dame. She currently teaches composition in Illinois at Lake Forest College, Dominican University and Triton College. She and her husband Eliot Fackler live in Chicago.

**Rachel Mistur ’02**
As a freshman, Rachel joined the volleyball and track teams. She ran both track and cross country from sophomore year on. When Coach Fred Kieser put her in a 3200m race, it opened her eyes to cross country. Rachel was captain of both the track and cross country teams. She broke SJA records in cross country for the 5K and in track for the 3200m. She earned three Varsity letters in both sports. After SJA, she earned a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Columbia University, a Master’s in Biology from New York University and a Master’s in Physiology from the University of Cincinnati. She finished her second year of medical school at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Rachel is the daughter of Coletta Neforos ’76 and the sister of Jennifer Mistur ’98.

**Bridgid McHugh Szlempa ’02**
Bridgid and her teammates qualified for the State Meet during Bridgid’s junior year. In her senior year, she served as co-captain of the cross country team with her teammate Rachel Mistur ’02, and earned Varsity letters in both sports. She also received an award from SJA for athletes with high academic standing. Bridgid graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Communications from Cleveland State University. She will begin the BSN program at Chamberlain College of Nursing this fall, and is currently employed by Hospice of the Western Reserve. Bridgid and her husband John live in Bay Village. Bridgid is the sister of Eireann McHugh Kanzig ’01.

**Miranda Forgcac Portteus ’03**
Miranda was a state qualifier with the cross country team her sophomore, junior, and senior years. She also qualified as an individual in cross country her senior year and was the team captain that year. She lettered all four years in both cross country and track. At the Regional Meet at Tiffin her senior year, Miranda qualified individually for the State Meet, which was a personal accomplishment. She graduated from Ashland University with a Bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education and History. Miranda and her husband Tom Portteus have one daughter Elizabeth, and another child on the way. The family lives in Flower Mound, Texas. Miranda is the sister of Allison Forgcac Wankowski ’04.

**Sheila Peters Vance ’01**
Sheila put her foot skills to work freshman year in basketball, cross country and track. With the cross country team of 2000, Sheila qualified for the State Meet. She served as co-captain of the cross country team. She was the team captain that year. She was a three-time state qualifier with the cross country team. She was the team captain for cross country her senior year and earned three Varsity letters in both cross country and track. Sarah graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences from The Ohio State University and earned a Doctor of Pharmacy from the Northeast Ohio Medical University. She is a pharmacy practice resident at the Cleveland Clinic, pursuing a specialty in critical care. She lives in the Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland.

**Sarah Welch ’03**
When she transferred to SJA her sophomore year, Sarah joined the cross country and track teams and racked up many running-related achievements. She was a state qualifier in track for the 4x800 relay her senior year and finished fourth at that meet. She was a three-time state qualifier with the cross country team. She was the team captain for cross country her senior year and earned three Varsity letters in both cross country and track. Sarah graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences from The Ohio State University and earned a Doctor of Pharmacy from the Northeast Ohio Medical University. She is a pharmacy practice resident at the Cleveland Clinic, pursuing a specialty in critical care. She lives in the Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland.

**Vanessa Georgeson ’01**
Vanessa joined the cross country and track teams her sophomore year. It was the road to the Cross Country State Meet during her senior year (2000-2001) that proved to be a very special time for Vanessa. “Winning Districts, then qualifying from Regionals to the State Meet was an incredible honor,” says Vanessa. The untimely death of her teammate and friend, Kristin Eucker, had a profound impact on Vanessa during her sophomore year. She graduated from the College of Wooster with a Bachelor’s degree in American History in 2005. After college, Vanessa worked as an AmeriCorps member, servicing the homeless and communities-in-need. She worked for three years as the Associate Director of Veterans Housing for the national non-profit, Rebuilding Together. Vanessa recently received her Juris Doctorate from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. She is pursuing a career in public interest law. Vanessa lives in Fairfax, Virginia.

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L-R: Jennie Stockdale ’01, Sarah Welch ’03, Rachel Mistur ’02, Coach Fred Kieser, Michelle Pomfrey (assistant coach at the time), Vanessa Georgeson ’01 and Miranda Forgcac ’03. Not pictured: Bridgid McHugh Szlempa ’02 and Sheila Peters Vance ’01.