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Students Shine at Model United Nations at The Hague, Netherlands

Three students had an international adventure last week when they traveled to
The SJA students attending were Daniella Saul ’17, Claudia Stephens ’18 and Frannie Smith ’17. They "represented" Monaco. All three are veteran Model United Nations competitors. Last year, they were an award-winning team in the Haileybury MUN conference in London.

"THIMUN was an amazing experience," shared Claudia. "Our experience in London helped with this conference. The biggest difference was the need for collaboration on resolutions. My committee was one of the smaller ones and had about 180 delegates. Speaking in front of that many people can be nerve-wracking, but we did it! My group's resolution passed within our committee. I was honored to be the main co-submitter of the resolution. At THIMUN, no awards are given out, but it is a delegate's goal to be the main submitter, or the delegate chosen to present the resolution to the larger group. As the main co-submitter, I was the delegate referred to if she was not in the room, or if she could not answer a question."

"It was appropriate that THIMUN was held in The Hague," shared Assistant Principal Emily Hanson ’99. "The Hague, City of Peace and Justice, is closely associated with the United Nations. It is the seat of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the International Criminal Court (ICC), the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)."

Congratulations to all who participated in this international example of leadership!

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**Time to Select Courses for the 2016-2017 School Year**
March 4
Joe's Clothes Day.

March 4
Sophomore Mixer, 8-10 p.m., at SJA. Email here for more information.

March 8
Freshman and Sophomore College Information Night, at SJA, 7-9 p.m. in the auditorium.

March 9
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

March 15
Health Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 16
Class of 2020 registration, 3:30-7:30 p.m.

March 16
STArts (parents group supporting the arts) meeting, 6:30-7:30, the Dining Hall.

March 17

March 18
Feast of St. Joseph Mass, 1:30 p.m.

March 18
Easter at the Academy, 6:30-8 p.m., 2-6th grade girls. Fun Easter activities!

March 22
Easter Prayer Service.

March 23-April 4
Easter break. No school.

It's hard to believe, but it is time to select courses for the 2016-2017 school year. Here is a link to the 2016-2017 Course Offering Book and here is an extra Course Selection Worksheet for your daughter's use (the class of 2019 received a special form from guidance with course recommendations).

Beginning next Monday, February 8, students will have individual meetings with counselors to review requests and plan for the 2016-2017 school year. Signed course registration worksheets are due to Guidance no later than Wednesday, March 9.

If you have questions about courses or the process of selection, please don't hesitate to ask your daughter's teachers, counselors or the academic administration, or email Assistant Principal Emily Hanson '99 here.

Students Experience Power of Spirituality at Loyola Club Luncheon

This week's Catholic Schools Week celebrations provided an opportunity for continuing education for local professionals. Eight SJA seniors were among 280 people who attended the Loyola Club luncheon on Thursday. The Loyola Club is a group of Jesuit alums and friends who meet three times each year to probe ways that people can apply Jesuit spirituality in our daily lives. SJA president Mrs. Corrigan-Davis '71, a graduate of John Carroll University, is the Loyola Club chair this year.

Featured speaker was Jeanne Colleran, Ph.D., the Academic Vice President and Provost at John Carroll University.

Clare Tirpak '16 shared that, "Dr. Colleran was very inspiring and helped me realize how wonderful a Jesuit education is. She also talked about how it is so important to continue to grow in our faith and put it into action even after we are done with school."

Catholic Schools Week Appreciation for a Faith-filled Academic Environment
March 23, 24
No school, office open.

March 23-31
Trip to Spain.

March 25
No school, office closed.

March 27
Easter Sunday.

March 28
No school, office closed.

March 29-April 4
No school, office open.

Spotlight

Name: Jessa Nauman '18

Accomplishment: Jessa has been selected to attend Harvard University's prestigious seven-week Summer Program. She will be among the elite high school group chosen from hundreds of applicants to attend the program at Harvard for college credit. Some 200 different classes will be offered.

Fun Facts: Jessa will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities that will expose her to college academics, campus life, and the admission process.

L-R: Tram Pham '17, Kelsey Iverson '16, Grace Schumann '17, Marisa Petticord '17

Saint Joseph Academy, as well all Catholic schools nationally, just concluded celebrations of National Catholic Schools Week. The five-day event is in recognition of the components that make Catholic schools special. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2016 was "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

Our celebration included ice cream sundaes and shout-outs of appreciation for students, expressions of gratitude and love to parents for their sacrifices to make a Catholic education possible, staff and faculty appreciations with a student-supplied lunch, a special Mass and expressions of thanks to our sponsors, the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph.

Students expressed their thanks to you for a Catholic education in a video that can be viewed here.

Here are some photo albums of the celebrations.

Conflict Mediators Commissioned

Last week, eight students were trained to be Conflict Mediators. A student mediator's role at SJA is to help students work through conflict if and when it happens. Participants in the conflict mediation program go through a confidential, guided, six-phase discussion. A mediator's role is to create a formal, safe, and controlled atmosphere which provides those in conflict an opportunity to work things out on their own. The final phase is an agreement created and approved by those in conflict and a follow up with their mediator a week later.

The Conflict Mediation program has been at SJA for almost 20 years. Presently, there are 18 trained student mediators and four trained faculty
A college fair with more than 60 colleges
Organized visits to New England colleges such as Brown and Yale
College counseling sessions
Workshops to prepare students to write a college application essay or take college exams

“I was browsing the Harvard website my freshman year to see how hard it is to get in, and I came across the link for the summer school,” shared Jessa. “At the time I was too young to attend the program, but I signed up for more information. This fall, I got a call from Harvard! It was the scariest and most exciting phone call of my life! They wanted to know if I had any questions about the summer program and suggested I apply. I found out the day after I submitted the application that I was guaranteed acceptance.”

She added, “I love school - especially chemistry and biology classes - and I like to take every opportunity I can get to enrich my education. At Harvard, I plan on signing up for science and math classes.”

Jessa is hoping to attend an Ivy League university, concentrating on math and science on a path to attending medical school and becoming an oncologist.

In addition to her academic mediators.

Students pictured, L-R: Jonae Williams ‘17, Marisleysis Gonzalez ‘18, Bryanna Mateo ‘18, Katie Ross ‘17, Emma Mathe ‘18, Di’Avian Scruggs ‘17, Aysha Strama ‘17, (back) Alyssa Jones ‘16.

A Special Night for Dads and Daughters!

Dads have a great opportunity to celebrate their special bond with their daughters on Saturday, February 27, at the annual Father/Daughter Dance. The dance - for all grade levels! - is at Brennan’s Party Center, 13000 Triskett Road, from 6-11 p.m.

The evening includes dinner, dessert and beverages. Entertainment is being provided by a DJ and there will be a photo booth to preserve the night’s memories.

RSVP forms are available in the Main Office. You may also find the form here. Deadline to reserve a spot is Thursday, February 18. Make checks payable to Saint Joseph Academy.

Questions? Please contact Mothers’ Club President Mary Zavoda P’17 at Zavoda@sbcglobal.net.

Please Join Us for ’Celebrate the Academy’

We are getting closer to the night when the SJA community comes together to “Celebrate the Academy!” The gala is Saturday, February 20 at SJA. The event helps us fund vital academic initiatives and scholarships. Event chairs are Michael and Lisa Adkins Lonsway ’84, P’18.

“Celebrate the Academy” begins with cocktails and the silent auction at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m., followed by a live auction. For more information or to buy tickets, click here.

For more information on “Celebrate the Academy,” please contact Carolyn Novak ’06 at 216.251.6788 x224 or by email.

Can You Help Us Meet This Challenge?

We are so grateful for the generosity of SJA parents. We know from your daughter’s presence at SJA that you realize how vital it is in today’s challenging
pursuits, Jessa is on the Executive Board of the Student Ambassadors, the Sophomore Leadership Team, a member of the Health Sciences Honors Program HPAC, the Cancer Awareness Club, the Math Club, the Model United Nations Club, Ski Club, Academic Jaguars, Sursum Libra Book Club, the Ultimate Fan Club, Latin Club and Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice. She also participated in the Jaguar Navy in the Fall and is on the Rugby team. Next year, she plans to focus on Cross Country and Rugby.

College Corner

Beloit College

Location: Beloit, WI (7.5 hours from Cleveland) Large town.

Enrollment: 1,500 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: Anthropology, economics, English, geology, modern language/literature, natural and social sciences, theater arts.

Fun Facts: Several Indian burial mounds are on campus and Beloit's Logan Museum of Anthropology owns the largest archaeological collection of any college. Much of this collection was provided Beloit graduate Roy Chapman Andrews, the most famous archaeological explorer of the 20th century and the rumored model for the film character.

Help us continue the mission of Saint Joseph Academy for this and upcoming generations of young women. A generous benefactor has offered us $25,000 to mount the second annual Parent Participation Challenge.

Like last year, parents are being challenged to make a minimum gift of $25 to the Annual Fund in gratitude for the opportunities being provided at the Academy for their daughters. If at least 25 percent of our current parents make a commitment, the Academy will receive $25,000 to support our incredible students.

We met this challenge last year, so we are hopeful you can help us reach our goal again. Please support the challenge today by clicking here.

Thank you for being such an amazing group of people. We see the proof in your daughters each day.

Parents of Seniors - Honor Your Daughter with Yearbook Tribute Advertisement

Parents of the Class of 2016 - don't miss the opportunity to honor your daughter with a Yearbook message. Childhood pictures and loving messages can be shared in ads ranging in size from 1/16 of a page, all the way up to a full-page spread.

It's simple to create with layouts provided at www.yearbookordercenter.com. Enter code number 4427 and click on "Create an Ad." If needed, there is an instructional video available to guide you through the process. Your message will be printed as you submit it. No additional copy editing is provided.

Ads range in price from $20 to $320. If you need design services, the cost ranges from $25 to $400. Payment can be made by credit card or electronic check.

Click here for details or if you have questions.

Reminder: Mandatory Meeting for Spring Sports

Any student who plans to participate in Track & Field, Softball or Lacrosse (new this year!) and has not played a fall or winter sport at SJA this season is required to attend a meeting on February 16 at 6:30 p.m. in The Academy Center. This meeting should be attended by the student and a parent. Students who have played a sport this year at SJA should also attend, but are only required to attend the second portion of the evening beginning at 7 p.m. The 6:30 meeting, which includes
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information about what students need to complete to participate/tryout, will be followed by the 7 p.m. individual sports meetings led by the head coaches.

Please contact Athletic Director John Manuszak here, or your head coach (contact information can be found on the website here) with any questions.

SPORTS

Basketball

The Jaguars went 1-1 this past week. SJA defeated Youngstown Ursuline on Monday before falling to Magnificat on Wednesday. The Jaguars posted a dramatic 49-48 win over Ursuline inside the Academy Center. With the game tied at 48 and 0.5 seconds on the clock, senior Rachael Kean, playing one of her last home games of her career, knocked down a free throw to give the Jaguars the win.

On Wednesday, the Jaguars were defeated by Magnificat, 62-44. The Jags were led by junior Gia DiMassa's 19 points, 2 assists, and 2 steals. Freshman Molly Neitzel also added 4 points and 5 rebounds.

The Jaguars travel to Laurel tomorrow and then return home for senior night on Wednesday as the Jags host Avon. Freshman action begins at 4:30 followed by JV at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7:30.

SJA will open sectional play on Feb. 18 at Valley Forge High School as they take on John Marshall at 7:00 p.m.

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