Students Experience "Behind the Camera" Film Event

Last week, 30 students attended a "Behind the Camera" student event at Tri-C Metropolitan Campus, hosted by the Greater Cleveland Film Commission. The event featured the cast members, writer and the casting director of HBO's Band of Brothers, who shared about their experiences from the show with the Academy's students!

As part of the Greater Cleveland Film Commission's Reel Education for Real Jobs Workforce Development Program, the organization brings top industry experts to Cleveland to give a behind-the-scenes look and encourage young people to pursue careers in media production.

Winner of six Emmy® Awards and a Golden Globe®, Band of Brothers follows the story of Easy Company of the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division, and their mission in World War II Europe, from Operation Overlord through Victory over Germany.
**JaguarBots at the VEX Robotics State Qualifying Tournament**

**Name:** Katherine Boyce '20

**Accomplishments:**

In October, Katherine Boyce '20 competed in the U.S. Figure Skating's Novice Ladies Free Skate event at the 2019 Eastern Great Lakes Regional Figure Skating Championships in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Regional championships are the first event in U.S. Figure Skating's qualifying events. The novice level is the third of five competitive levels within the U.S. Figure Skating qualifying system. Katherine competed in an advanced level, where the average competitor has been skating for nine years and commits more than 13 hours per week to training.

"I have been figure skating since I was five years old so for 11 years. All year, I practice about 10 hours a week on the ice and five hours doing off ice classes. I prepared for this competition by training for endurance and making sure every element in the program is consistent. I was happy with my score of 47.9 because this year was my first year competing novice."

**Activities & Interests:**

Katherine is a member of the Health Sciences Honors Program, and Math and Science Clubs. She volunteers through Learn to Skate and at Cleveland Japan (V-J) Day.

"During the 'Behind the Camera' event, I learned how professional actors audition and prepare for a role. I loved listening to the actors share their stories and reminisce about Band of Brothers," shared Kelly Feke '21.

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**JaguarBots Compete in VEX Robotics Competition**

The VEX Robotics Team (JaguarBots) competed last Saturday at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School State Qualifying Tournament. The Jaguars entered four teams in the tournament that included 78 competing teams from high schools across Northeast Ohio.

10 of the 16 students were participating in their first Robotics Competition. Lexi Soltesz '20 helped with all teams' programming of robots throughout the competition. The teams and their placements are listed below.

- **Team A** (58th Place): Sydney Smith '19, Ashleigh Smith '20, Tatiana Lipert '20 and Emily Austin '20
- **Team B** (57th Place): Rhiannon Scebbi '20, Meagan Figler '21 and Casey Brinker '21
- **Team C** (49th Place): Abigail Boehlein '20, Adriana Gadd '20, Meagan Schneller '20 and Kaelyn Nelson '20
- **Team D** (75th Place): Brynn Haas '20, Sophia Pedone '20, Palak Patel '20 and Abby Collins '21

The JaguarBots return to action on **Saturday, December 8** in Sheffield Lake at the Brookside State Qualifier. Students are busy making improvements in their designs and codes. Congratulations, JaguarBots and good luck!

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**Double Your Impact on #GivingTuesday, November 27**

Thanks to a generous Saint Joseph Academy alumna and supporter, donations on #GivingTuesday will be matched dollar for dollar up to $50,000!

Every gift, regardless of the size, makes a difference. If you already made a gift this year, thank you! Please know that if you're inspired to give again on #GivingTuesday, your gift will count toward our dollar for dollar match.

How To Show Your Love on **Tuesday, November 27**: Donate online at [www.sja1890.org/donate](http://www.sja1890.org/donate) or call 216.251.6788 x224.

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**Only One Week Left for 8th Grade Shadowing!**
Junior retreatants and Engineering & Design Honors Coordinator and Head Varsity Crew Coach Mr. Rob Zdankiewicz during Kairos XLII Clinic-Fairview Hospital. She also takes ballet, hip-hop and contemporary dance classes.

College Corner

School: John Carroll University
Location: University Heights, OH Suburban
Enrollment: 3,000 undergraduates
Strongest Programs: Education, Science, Business
Fun Facts: John Carroll was originally located where Saint Ignatius High School now stands. It was originally founded in 1886 as St. Ignatius College.

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Shadowing is a great way for an 8th grade girl to experience a day in the life of a student at Saint Joseph Academy! This experience provides a unique opportunity for a shadow student to spend a full school day at the Academy, attending classes alongside a current student, touring the beautiful campus and meeting our amazing teachers and students.

There are select dates for shadowing now through Thursday, November 29. Click here for shadowing day registration.

Save the Date for the Christmas Fair Trade Boutique

Shop for gifts that help people and help the planet at the third annual Saint Joseph Academy Christmas Fair Trade Boutique on Thursday, November 29, 5-8 p.m. in the Auditorium at Saint Joseph Academy.

Browse various fair trade items from vendors including artwork by Saint Joseph Academy students and teachers, Kernels by Chrissie, One World Shop, Sweet Designs, jewelry, soaps and lotions, prints, cards, coffee, tea, homemade candles, high-end handbags and scarves, fruit leathers, knitted apparel and chocolates.

Admission and parking is free. For more information, please click here.

Spiritually Uplifting Kairos XLII

55 Juniors and eight Senior leaders gathered at the St. Leonard's Youth Retreat Center last weekend for Kairos XLII. The theme of this specific Kairos retreat was "God of the Hills and Valleys." Senior and adult team leaders led junior retreatants in a wide variety of activities with the goal of emphasizing how very loved they are by God and the people in their lives.

Kairos retreats focus on participants deepening their personal relationship with God during three days of discerning and discovery. Through a variety of activities, including small group discussions, journaling, and participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Kairos participants are encouraged to reflect on the many ways they experience God’s love in their lives.

Junior retreatants and Engineering & Design Honors Coordinator and Head Varsity Crew Coach Mr. Rob Zdankiewicz during Kairos XLII

Five Students Participate in OMEA District IV and VII Honors Band and Choir

Last week, five instrumental and vocal music students participated in the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) District IV and VII Honors Band and Choir. Students were selected from bands across Northern Ohio.

The purpose of the Honors Ensemble Festival is to provide an exceptional musical experience for a select group of high school band and choir students. The Academy was represented by Emily Austin ’20, Eve Jursinski ’21, Lillian Ross ’21, Kylie Schmitz ’19 and Annie Yantek ‘19.

Students rehearsed together for two days before the concert on Saturday at Waetjen Auditorium at Cleveland State University. Brava, Emily, Eve, Lillian, Kylie and Annie, on a job well done!
Women Helping Women: Register Now for the Seventh Annual Building Futures Breakfast

Now in its seventh year, this unique morning networking event gathers professional women from throughout Greater Cleveland to learn about our mission and the transformational impact of a Saint Joseph Academy education. Guests serve as supporters, mentors, speakers and provide professional shadowing opportunities for our students.

Please join us to witness the power of women helping women on **Tuesday, December 4, 7:30 a.m.** at The Union Club. Tickets for this premier event are $150 per person ($125 tax deductible). Special young alumnae tickets (Classes of 2003-2018) are available for $75 ($45 tax-deductible).

For further information or to register please contact Mrs. Michelle Rattay Tarr ’75 at 216.251.6788 x237 or via email. [Register online here](#).

Support Saint Joseph Academy with Purchases through AmazonSmile

Purchase gifts with purpose for the holidays! Remember to shop with Saint Joseph Academy by using AmazonSmile. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Academy. Click [here](#) to learn how to sign up and give back.

**Athletics**

**7th and 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Winter Clinic: December 27 and 28**

Come experience volleyball at Saint Joseph Academy - one of the top programs in the state of Ohio. The Jaguars were the 2017 Division I State Runner-Up after capturing three straight District titles and two straight Regional titles. The Academy competes in the top division of the highly-competitive North Coast League and plays one of the most challenging schedules in the state.

Learn from North Coast League Coach of the Year Mrs. Kate Latkovic and several current members of the Jaguars program. The clinic will focus on all skills and game play and give students a taste of Jaguar volleyball. Campers will also run through a typical practice to get them ready for the high school volleyball experience. Please contact [Coach Latkovic](#) with any questions. Click [here](#) to register.

**Dates:** **Thursday, December 27 and Friday, December 28, 5-7:30 p.m.**

**Location:** The Academy Center at Saint Joseph Academy

**Cost:** $60 (includes both sessions and a Saint Joseph Academy volleyball giveaway)

**Annie Allen ’20 Earns All-Ohio; Finishes 17th at State Cross Country Meet**

Annie Allen earned All-Ohio honors last Saturday at the OHSAA Division I State cross country meet. She finished the race on a wet, muddy course in a time of 18:56.1 to finish 17th out of 176 runners. It marked the third straight trip to the State meet for Annie. In her three years at State, Annie has earned All-Ohio honors in each season. Congratulations to Annie on a great season!

To view photos, check out scores or to see the schedules for upcoming games and...
Annie Allen ‘20