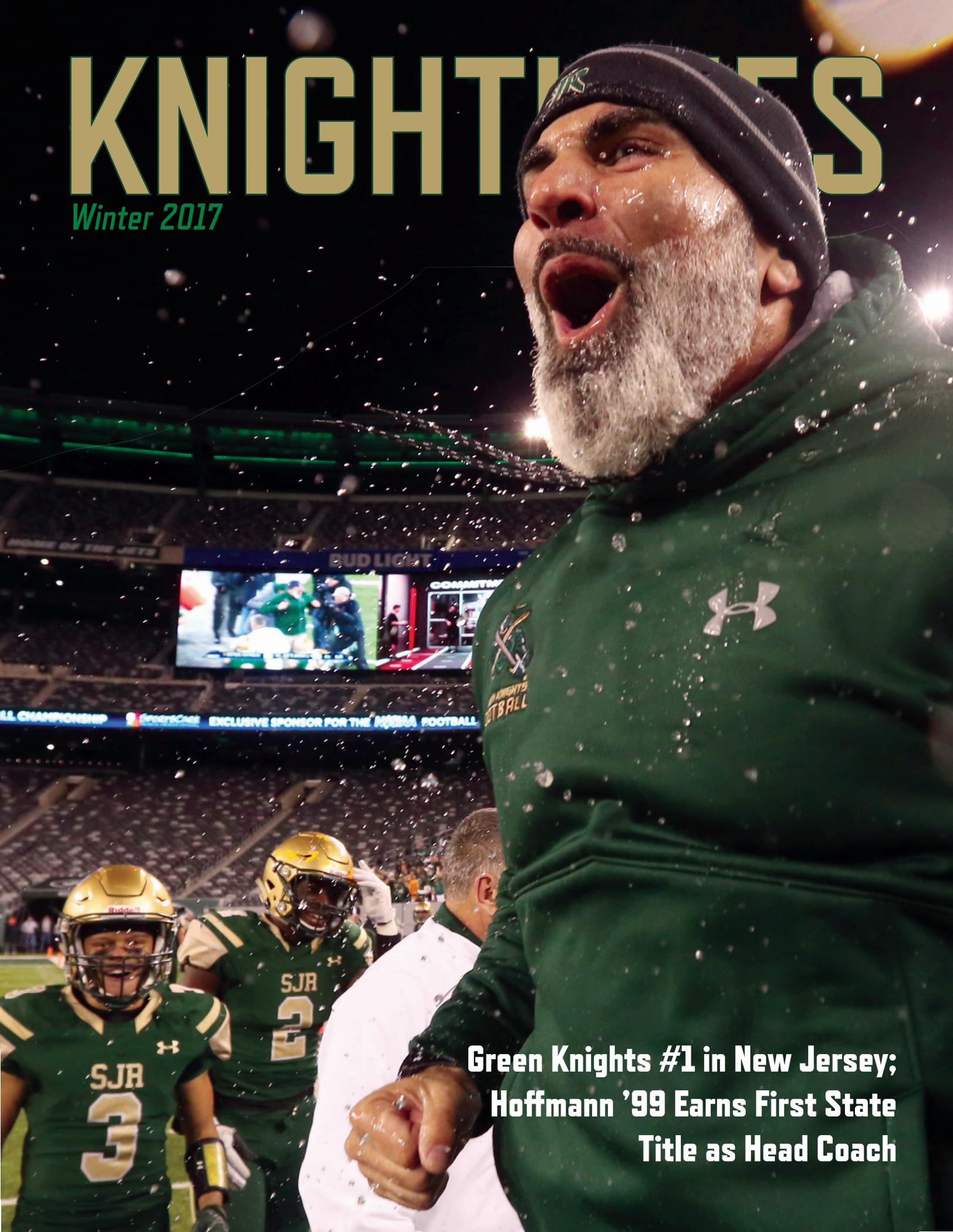


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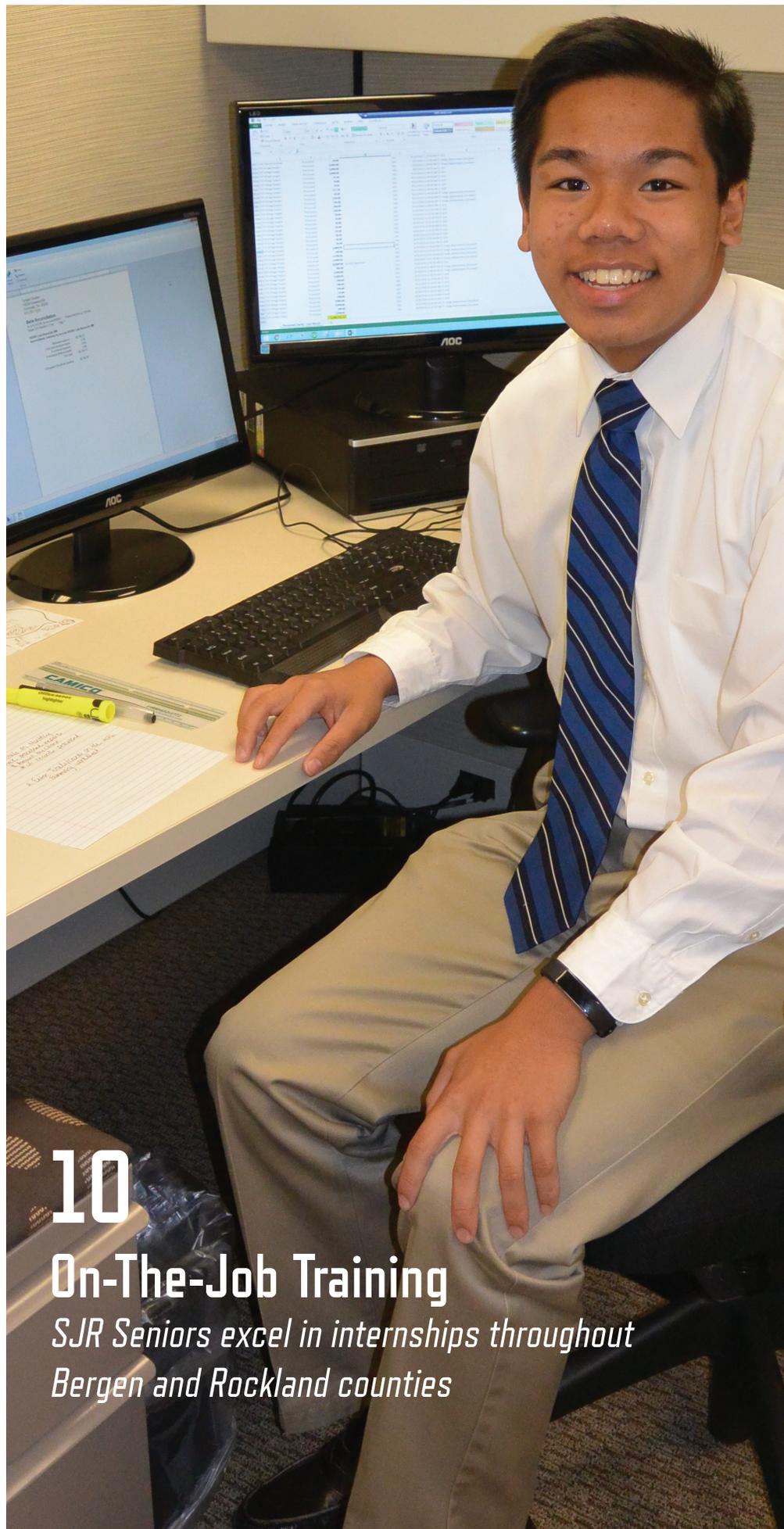
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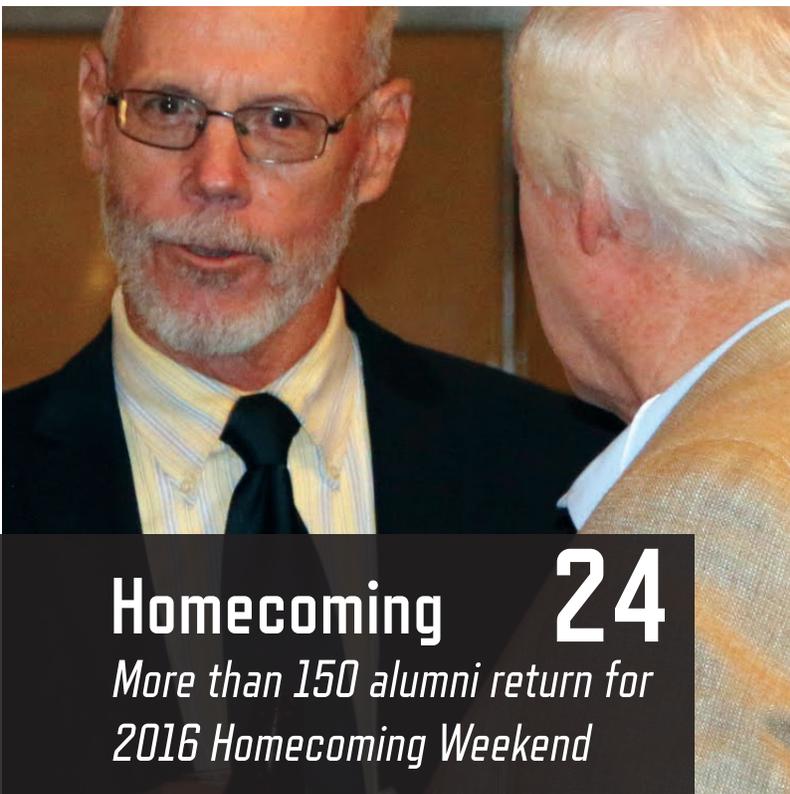
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Dear Friends,

As we turn the page on 2016, I am reminded of Frank Sinatra's song *It Was a Very Good Year*. It is certainly an accurate description of the past 12 months here at St. Joe's.

This September, we welcomed our largest freshman class in many years, even as we said goodbye to a senior class that earned more than \$20 million in scholarships.

We introduced our new STEAM program throughout the curriculum and expanded the senior internship program to include more students, completing both fall and spring intern opportunities.

With December's Group 3 state football title, earned on the field at MetLife Stadium, our Green Knights close out the year as the reigning county basketball and baseball champions and the #1 ranked football team in the entire state of New Jersey.

We unveiled and formally dedicated our newly refurbished gymnasium on January 3, even as we are completing plans for a summer renovation of the old Brothers Residence that will create a new all-purpose room and a wrestling room.

Our school newspaper, *The Guardian*, was recognized by the American Scholastic Press

as one of the Top 20 in the United States.

Our performing arts program just hosted a beautiful Christmas Concert, an annually sold-out affair. And, in just a couple of weeks, our 2017 production of *West Side Story* will take center stage at the Inserra Theater.

Finally, we are currently in the second year of an expanded campus ministry program that includes out-of-state service trips during winter recess in February and in the summer.

In terms of "history made," there is much to be proud of. In terms of "futures built," there is much to look forward to.

2016 was indeed a very good year at Saint Joseph Regional, and we pray that God will continue to bestow on all of us His grace and blessings as a new year begins.

God bless you,

Barry Donnelly '71
President



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Front: Matt Frasco '81, William Brown '78, Dan Kelly '87, Valerie Kohn and Lynn Giles-Harris

Back: Chris Farrell, Martin Gallagher '80, Matt Rogers '70, Barry Donnelly '71, Kevin Bamrick '89, Father John Job and Michael Bruno '05

Not pictured: John Asselta, James Beattie, Karl Kilb '82 and Brian Prendergast '78



GREEN & GOLD BUZZ

THE WAITING IS OVER. After 108 years, the Chicago Cubs finally won a World Series, and **Tommy La Stella '07** (far left) was a part of history.

On November 3, the Cubs defeated the Cleveland Indians in dramatic fashion, winning 6-5 in extra innings of Game 7 of the World Series.

La Stella saw action at second base in 74 games, helping the Cubs to the best record in baseball during the regular season. He batted .270 with 12 doubles.

The 2007 SJR graduate is the first Green Knight to win a **World Series title**.



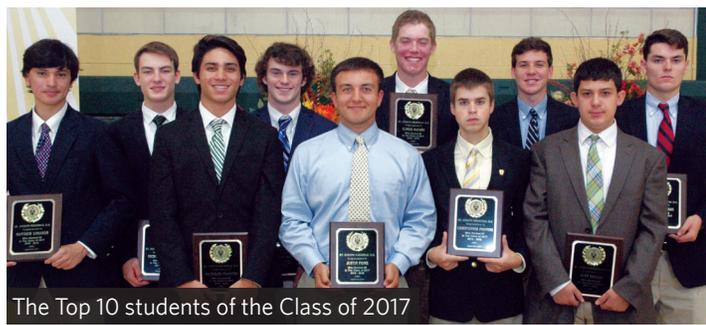
JAMES REAGAN-WARD was honored by the Archdiocese of Newark for **outstanding service**. He was cited for having accumulated the largest number of community service hour of anyone in the youth ministry program at the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River. The award was presented in the Cathedral Basilica in Newark on November 13.

ON SEPTEMBER 29, ST. JOE'S HELD its annual Academic Awards recognition. In addition to recognizing the Top 10 students in each class, several merit-based scholarships were formally awarded at the ceremony.

Included among them were the Robert J. Dinallo Scholarship, presented to Marc Pavic and Michael Romano; the Alumni Scholarship, presented to Alejandro Zayas and Christopher Minnich; the Thomas Train Scholarship, presented to Michael Romano; the Michael G. Bertolino Scholarship, presented to Rocco Buonavolenta; the SJR Performing Arts Scholarship, presented to Marc Rivera; and the Bud Probert and Beth Lawrence Performing Arts Scholarship, presented to Zackary Mackiewicz.

MATTHEW LOBATON AND CHRIS PASINSKI improved the SJR campus for their Eagle Scout projects. Lobaton designed and constructed a **full-size bocce court** adjacent to the practice football field. The court will be used by the school's UNICO chapter.

Pasinski refurbished the locker room by constructing a wall and door to create a separate storage space and **repaired and repainted** all of the walls.



The Top 10 students of the Class of 2017





2017 Hall of Fame Dinner

ON SUNDAY, MAY 7 AT THE PEARL RIVER HILTON, SJR will induct six new members to its **Hall of Fame**: the Collier Family, Lt. Gen. Ralph Jodice '73, Dave Lehanski '92, Thomas Neumann, Mark Plescia and Dr. Brian Winn '93.

This marks the 12th biennial Hall of Fame induction.

The Collier Family is recognized as an Outstanding Alumni Family. The Colliers had five sons graduate from SJR: Andy '70, Paul '71, Peter '73, James '75 and John '78. All five have attained considerable success in their chosen fields. In addition, their late father, Andrew, was one of the founders of the Green Knights Booster Club and the family's donation to the Adopt-A-Classroom program funded the renovations to Room 207.

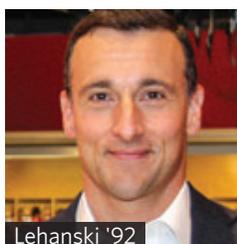
Lt. General (Ret) Ralph Jodice '73 is recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus. Aside from a long and truly distinguished career as a US Air Force Lt. General, Jodice gave the commencement address at our 2014 graduation and accompanied our 2016 football team to California as it participated in the Honor Bowl.

Mr. Dave Lehanski '92 is recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus. He was the Saint Joseph Medal recipient and helped the hockey team to a state championship, earning *The Record's* "Scholar of the Week" and "Athlete of the Week" honors along the way. He is the Senior VP of Integrated Sales with the National Hockey League, where he has been since 2005.

Mr. Thomas Neumann is recognized as an Alumni Parent (Ryan '11) and Benefactor. Neumann and his wife, GERALYN, have twice hosted receptions to benefit the SJR Scholarship Fund, and Tom served as a member of the SJR Board of Consultants for three years before becoming Chairman from 2011-2015. It was under his leadership that SJR developed its current Strategic Plan.

Mr. Mark Plescia, president of Plescia Roofing, is recognized as an Alumni Parent (Tristan '16) and Benefactor. Plescia has lent his assistance to numerous capital projects, including extensive work on the baseball complex and the restoration of the sign on the front of the school. However, his biggest contribution has been the donation and installation of the cross on the back hill.

Dr. Bryan Winn '93 is recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus. Winn graduated as the valedictorian of his class and *The Record's* "Scholar of the Year." He received his medical degree from Columbia University, where he currently serves as an Assistant Professor in Ophthalmology. He is also an Attending Ophthalmologist at New York Presbyterian Hospital. During his time at SJR, Winn was the star of the performing arts program, with lead roles in Mr. John Asselta's first SJR productions, *Pippin* (1992) and *Barnum* (1993).



AT THE MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT on September 22, six students were called to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Daniel Costello, Joseph Carrozza, Stephen Chimenti, Conor McCabe, Chris Pasinki and Nathan Tombo were all blessed by Father Bob Stagg, from the Church of the Presentation.



THE ECOLOGY CLUB was once again recognized by the Bergen County Utility Authority. The Club, which operates under the direction of Mrs. Joanne Cavera, received a \$1,000 grant for use with its environmental initiatives throughout the school year.

SJR'S CLASS OF 2020 traveled to the Marist Brothers Retreat Center in Esopus, NY from September 15-17. The community weekend allowed the boys to get to know each other better and become comfortable with a place they will travel to for retreats and community service work during their time at St. Joe's.



Sons of Jay Hood '88 Give Chess Lessons

THE SJR CHESS CLUB enjoyed a special treat on December 1 when Jay Hood '88 visited with his two young sons, who are expert players and participate in local and national competitions.

Jay's sons Quinlan (age 7) and Avery (age 10) played our Green Knights in an exhibition and dominated the games!

Avery is ranked as one of the top 10-year old chess players in the country. He took on six SJR students at once, defeating them all - with one match lasting nearly 90 minutes against Alec Goodman '18.

Quinlan also plays in tournament and went 5-1 in six matches (two at a time) against SJR's chess club members.

In addition, Jay donated two new chess tables to the club which are stationed in the Media Center. Thank you!

The Media Center was full of chess players and onlookers. At least 20 club members tried their luck against the brothers while nearly that many more stuck around to watch.

Pictured - top left: Chess Club members Nathan Tombo '17, Justin Medina '20, Thomas Quinn '20, Club President Casey Hill '17, Gus Reyes '20, Joshua Negrete '20, Chris Minnich '20 and Xu Xiaoyu '20 posed with Jay, Avery and Quinlan, along with President Barry Donnelly '71



Klein, Giles-Harris Honored at YMCA Dinner

EDDIE KLEIN '16 RECEIVED THE Inspirational/Courageous Youth Athlete Award from the YMCA of Greater Bergen County at its annual dinner on November 26. Klein, pictured with his father Edward '85 and head coach Larry Mahurter '82, battled cancer before returning to the ice last year with the hockey team.

The Y also recognized John Thomas Giles-Harris '16 for his success in academics and athletics after a distinguished career on the football and lacrosse fields at SJR.



On October 13, SJR hosted a school-wide liturgy celebrating all those volunteers and first responders who serve in the local community, including students and faculty members. Firefighter Ryan Botto '17, Firefighter Brendan Buck '18, EMT Mark Peter Lala '18, EMT Daniel Oliveira '18, Firefighter Antonio Sirianni '17 and Deacon Joe Sisco were among the SJR representatives. Mayor Michael Ghassali, Fire Chief Clinton Miller and Police Chief Jeremy Abrams represented Montvale at the ceremony. Police Chief Joseph Madden attended from Park Ridge as well as Upper Saddle River Police Chief Patrick Rotella.



GREEN KNIGHTS REIGN OVER NEW JERSEY

IT BEGAN THREE THOUSAND MILES TO THE WEST IN CALIFORNIA, AND ENDED FIFTEEN MILES SOUTH IN EAST RUTHERFORD.

It was a season for the ages, one that saw the Green Knights post a 9-2 record en-route to a Non-Public Group 3 State Title and a final ranking as the #1 team in all of New Jersey.

"We were given tremendous opportunities this year," said Coach Augie Hoffmann '99, "and we were fortunate enough to be able to take advantage of them, on and off the field."

The season opened in Mission Viejo, California, as SJR competed in the Honor Bowl against Serra Gardena, a school just outside Los Angeles. After a slow start, the Green Knights played an impressive second quarter that provided a preview

of the lightning quick offense and smothering defense that would be the hallmark of the team all year. In the end, SJR prevailed, 17-7.

Week 2 saw the Green Knights take on a powerhouse squad from St. John's in Maryland, and after taking an early lead, the Green Knights fell to a Marauders team that finished among the top 25 programs in the nation.

After a win over Delbarton, the Green Knights opened the heart of their schedule against “the big five” with a thrilling 17-14 OT victory against Bergen Catholic, endured a tough loss at Don Bosco, and then reeled off four straight victories over Friendship Academy, St. Peter’s Prep, Paramus Catholic, and DePaul Catholic.

In the game against St. Peter’s, Louis Acceus was named *The Record’s* Athlete of the Week after rushing for 210 yards and 2 TDs to go with 14 tackles on defense. Acceus (opposite) was also named *The Record* and *NJ.com’s* Defensive Player of the Year.

In the state playoffs, SJR rolled over St. John’s Vianney (45-20) to set up a MetLife rematch against DePaul.

A first quarter interception turned into a 7-0 Spartans’ lead. But the advantage was short-lived, as junior QB Nick Patti more than atoned for the early miscue with one of the most dominant passing performances in SJR history, tossing four TD passes: two bombs to Nick Cantone, one to Gerritt Van Itallie and the clincher to Yasir Berry. In the end, it was St. Joe’s 26-17, and the celebration of Coach Hoffmann’s first (and SJR’s 18th) state title engulfed MetLife Stadium.

“It’s awesome,” said Hoffmann. “It’s as good as it can be. Next to being a player and winning a big game, this is the best feeling I’ve ever had.”

The team won the Super Conference United Red Division Title and was ranked #1 in New Jersey by the Star Ledger.

All-State Recognition

First Team: Louis Acceus, Josh Fedd Jackson
Second Team: Robbie Martin

All-County Recognition

First Team: Louis Acceus, Marc Doran, Josh Fedd Jackson, Evan Stewart
Second Team: Matt Alaimo, Nick Cantone, Robbie Martin, Nick Russo, Jordan Scott, Gerritt Van Itallie

All-League Recognition

First Team: Louis Acceus, Marc Doran, Angelo Guglielmello, Josh Fedd Jackson, Robbie Martin, Jordan Scott, Evan Stewart
Second Team: Matt Alaimo, Howard Cross, Sean Mitchell, Nick Patti, Nick Russo, Gerritt Van Itallie



Matthew Timpanaro '17

SJR Visits California, Wins 2016 Honor Bowl

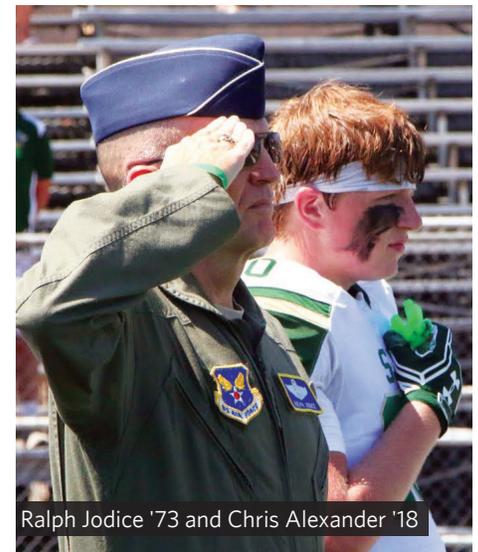
The Green Knights were one of 12 teams from across the United States to begin the 2016 season by participating in The Honor Bowl, a three-day event in Mission Viejo, California, that honors the sacrifices of America’s veterans and armed forces personnel.

Prior to the actual game, the team traveled to Camp Pendleton, the major West Coast base of the Marine Corps in San Diego county. There, led by SJR graduate, retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Ralph Jodice '73, the coaches and players were given a tour of the base and an opportunity to observe the training sessions in progress during the day. They also met the mother of a soldier killed just 18 days into his tour of duty and heard from a disabled Marine who lost both his legs to a land mine. Both of them spoke eloquently and movingly about the nature of commitment, self-sacrifice and personal responsibility that epitomizes the best of our armed forces.

“The fact that they were so positive despite what happened to them really opened my eyes,” said co-captain Louis Acceus. “It was amazing to know that, even with the sacrifices they had to make, they would do it all again if they had to.”

“It was really an honor and a privilege to accompany these young men on this trip,” said Jodice, who was himself a member of the 1972 SJR football team. “It brought back some great memories of what it meant to play football at St. Joe’s. There are some great boys here.”

“In the service, on the field, in life, you can’t do everything yourself, no matter how determined you may be,” said senior Marc Doran. “You have to rely on and trust in others. The bond of friendship and brotherhood is as important to success in football as it is in life.”



Ralph Jodice '73 and Chris Alexander '18



Seniors Yves Montisol and Marc Doran celebrate SJR’s Honor Bowl victory

SJR Students 'Excel' in Internships

NOW IN ITS SECOND YEAR, the SJR internship program is providing seniors with an opportunity to experience life in the business world. And if there is one thing the interns have noted, it is that Microsoft Excel is the tool of choice for many area businesses. While a dozen seniors will eventually complete internships, several who have already begun have all discovered that having a facility for Excel is an extremely valuable skill.

Nathan Tombo has been interning with Kesef Accounting Services, a Montvale-based firm that provides a full range of accounting services to more than 50 synagogues around the country (New England, California, Texas).

"I do different things at different times," reports Tombo. "I just completed a block of work reviewing the activity of businesses to identify situations where they would issue 1099 MISC tax forms. Right now, I am completing an analysis of accounts payable and processed checks for the current fiscal year. Being able to analyze and create spreadsheets is a must."

Mr. John Grippo and Mr. David Beyth, Kesef's Principals, agreed to participate in the high school internship program, needing a student who was "self-directed" and could work independently.

"Our interns need to focus on doing the job well, rather than punching in a set number of hours," Beyth explained. "Nathan is punctual, responsible and takes initiative. He is not afraid to ask questions, which is a really important part of the process."

And from the company's perspective, there are two benefits.

"I like that we are able to give back to an individual who is thinking about going into the accounting profession," said Grippo. "Hopefully, Nathan will get the experience, not just of specific tasks, but of the context that each task has in the larger process. But there is a real benefit to us as well. The project Nathan did on the 1099s is something we would have had to do after hours, or hire someone to do. So the program provides a real benefit to both the intern and the mentor."

About a half mile south on Chestnut Ridge Road, Colin Medwick and Conor McCabe are interning at Eagil Financial Services. Eagil is a national financial services platform that provides its marketing, insurance and business development expertise.

Eagil's CEO Mr. Guy Runyon (father of Max '20) says that, first and foremost, his firm was looking for interns who "had the right attitude and were self-starters with a real desire to work to the best of their ability. We, in turn, provide them with the opportunity to do college-level work through this program."

Much of what McCabe and Medwick do daily involves prospect research via the internet.

"They basically start the engine," says Runyon. "They do real market research to identify prospective clients for the company and its financial planners. It's like mining for gold."

"It has been a great opportunity," said Medwick. "The scale of what we're doing is incredible. You have to be detail-oriented, or else you can lose a potentially valuable customer."



Conor McCabe '17, Mrs. Laurie Runyon, Mr. Guy Runyon and Colin Medwick '17

Eventually, Medwick hopes to learn others aspects as well: "I would enjoy the marketing side, the creative end of things."

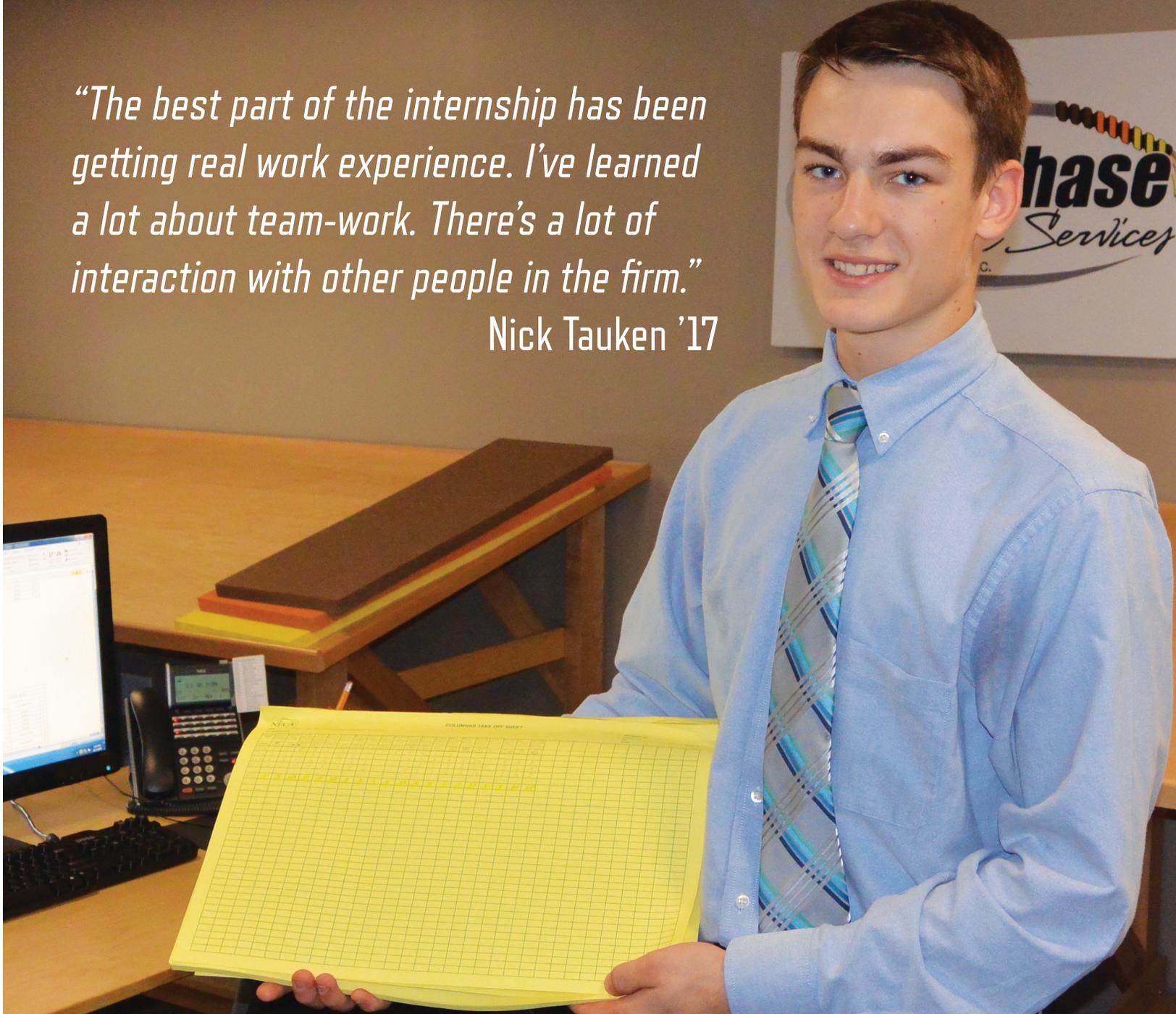
McCabe added, "Except for the emphasis on using Excel, most of what we do here, we just couldn't have learned in the classroom."

Another intern, Nick Tauken, is at Multiphase Electronics in Closter, a company owned by electrical engineer Dan Kelly '87.

Tauken works with Autocad, a computer-aided drafting program, that enables him to assist engineers with the creation of designs for commercial projects.

"The best part of the internship has been getting real work experience. I've learned a lot about team-work. There's a lot of interaction with other people in the firm."

Nick Tauken '17



"After providing basic training, we've given Nick projects to work on. We have four engineers here; all of them are available to give guidance," says Kelly. Among Nick's current projects, he is working on is a nine-story office building in Jersey City, whose construction is supervised by Chris Adelong '92.

"Aside from the technical knowledge, the best part has been getting real work experience," says Tauken. "I've also learned a lot about team-work. You don't just sit at a desk in the office. There's a lot of interaction with other people in the firm."

"I believe people learn best by doing," says Kelly, "trying things for themselves while getting assistance and direction from others. That's the lesson I hope this internship can provide."

Tauken, who is a varsity hockey player and a member of the SJR band, appreciates the flexibility Multiphase Electronics has provided him.

Kelly agreed: "I don't assign work by the hour, but by the job. Nick's done a great job making sure that he gets everything done, while juggling his schedule and school work."

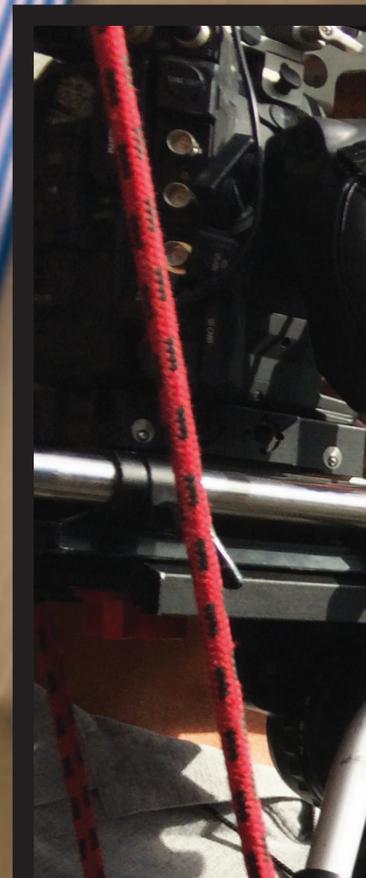
SJR's internship program is part of a larger initiative, directed by Mrs. Jennifer Errity and Mrs. Laura McSpirit Grier, for the Pascack Hills Regional High School District.

"The program provides a real benefit both to students and the companies that mentor them," said Mrs. Errity. "All of our SJR interns have represented themselves and their school well."

Several other seniors are currently involved in internships locally, including Joseph Tandurella (Community Blood Services), Mike Miskiewicz (Hudson Fiber), Nicholas Fugnitti (Northeast Orthopedics), Christopher Ruppert (Mercedes) and Joseph Lorenzo (Allermates). Still others will be starting their internship experiences during the second semester this spring.

BEYOND BORDERS

*Schroeder '98 helps
put a human face to the
immigration issue*



INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER JOSEPH SCHROEDER '98 has just completed a new project, one that will no doubt get a lot of attention in light of November's Presidential election.

Schroeder was the Line Producer of *Beyond Borders: Undocumented Mexican Americans*, a new documentary film by Micah Fink. He is also the VP of the Independent Production Fund, which produces educational documentary programming, and had been working on *Beyond Borders* for the past two years. The finished film, which was completed in September, has begun airing on public television around the country.

"Since it's not part of one of PBS's strands, programmers can air it whenever they like," says Schroeder. "We'll put the longer version in film festivals and eventually enlist the help of an educational distributor to get it into schools and universities."

In his role as line producer, Schroeder managed all of the logistics of the project.

"My job included breaking down the story treatment into a budget, planning all of the shoots, managing all the footage and getting the film through sound mixing and color correction to prepare it for airing," says Schroeder.

"Given that I'm also a VP, I had a hand in developing the project, choosing what we should shoot, researching archival footage and weighing in with notes each time we had a new cut ready."

The film's origin dates back to 2005 when IPF's Executive Director, Alvin Perlmutter, explored the possibility of developing a four-part series about the history of Mexico and the United States with noted historian Enrique Krauze (below, overlooking the Zócalo in Mexico City).

It was originally intended to be an overview of Mexican art, literature and culture, but the focus shifted to the cultural issues of the two countries. And then, says Schroeder, "it gradually became a film about immigration, as we realized that we had an opportunity to tell an important story about a timely issue."

The film focuses on Julissa Arce, who moved to Texas as an 11-year old on a tourist visa and became a VP with Goldman Sachs, even though she was an undocumented immigrant.

"Unfortunately, the word 'undocumented' has come to mean 'illegal,' which in turn has come to mean 'criminal,'" notes Princeton Professor Douglas Massey in the film. "And from there, it is easy to decide that 'criminals' are a threat."

Beyond Borders strives to show how unfair that characterization is. Interspersed with archived footage are the stories of Elia Cano, who runs a mail service for undocumented immigrants, and Ismael Amaro, who is raising his family in rural Alabama.

Says Schroeder, "Our purpose is to look "beyond borders," to put a human face to the immigration issue."

Since Election Day, this has become an even bigger concern.

"Deporting eleven million people, ripping families apart—what is the message we are sending to our citizens if we embrace such a policy?" said Schroeder. "More Mexican immigrants are actually leaving to return to Mexico than are coming into this country now. Building walls around the border just doesn't make any sense, culturally or economically."

Beyond Borders is slated to run on independent PBS stations in January and is available to view online at beyondborders.tv.



SJR Gym, Hockey Locker Room Get Fresh Renovations





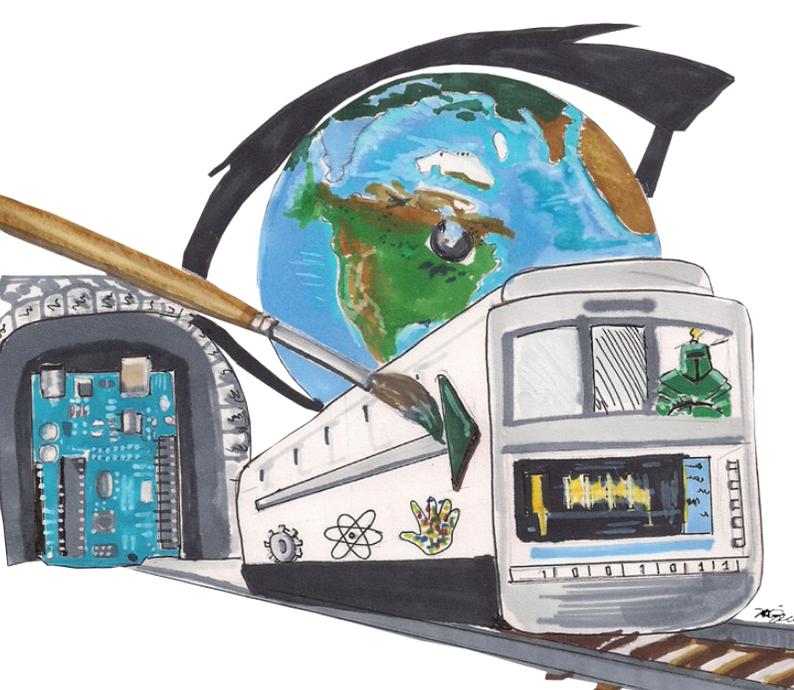
AS PART OF PLANNED RENOVATION, the Saint Joseph Regional gymnasium was overhauled this summer. The gym, largely untouched since its construction in the 1960s, received the full treatment.

The interior was gutted, with all of the bleachers removed. The ceiling and walls were painted, and the floor was sanded down, repainted with new logos and resealed. Motorized bleachers were installed, followed by new light and sound systems.

The facility was formally blessed by Father Bob Stagg, and a special plaque, made of wood from the original bleachers, was presented to Dan Kelly '87, whose extraordinary generosity enabled SJR to complete the project.

Across state lines, the hockey team got a new locker room at its home rink, Sport-O-Rama in Monsey, NY. Constructed in partnership with Mr. Steve Rauch, who owns the Life-Plex facility adjacent to the rink, the locker room, which will be used exclusively by the Green Knights, has 30 individual cubicles, a wide-screen TV and quick access to a homework room and a "glice" synthetic ice practice facility. The locker room is located in the near corner of Rink 2, and features a green and gold entrance with the school logo and "Vir Fidelis" motto.





Full Steam Ahead

SJR's Curriculum Moves Forward on New Track

ST. JOE'S HAS INTRODUCED A FORMAL STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) program throughout its curriculum. The STEAM initiative will teach our students essential 21st century skills and prepare them for college and beyond. In addition to changes inside the classroom, it provides our students with the opportunity to explore technology further in extracurricular activities, including the Robotics Club, the 3D Printing Club and a MakerSpace area in the Media Center.

NEW TECHNOLOGY CHANGES THE CLASSROOM

SJR has introduced a revamped technology curriculum for freshmen and sophomores that incorporates a sequence of lesson plans (in computers, electronics and robotics) developed through a partnership with Stevens Institute of Technology.

3D technology can be used to build models and prototypes of mechanical, architectural and artistic designs to further practical understanding.

St. Joe's has also enhanced its engineering program. From combustion engines to drones, students can design and engineer using hands-on trial and error learning.

As part of the STEAM initiative, students can take a "Principles of Engineering" elective, available for juniors and seniors.

One group has been working on constructing prosthetic hands, the final product to be sent to a hospital in Venezuela for use by an amputee in need.

The program includes the incorporation of interactive STEAM lesson plans into current math and science courses to engage students through project-based learning.

The second half of the 2016-2017 school year will see the implementation of aligned "Learn by Doing" lessons, more textbooks and interactive gizmos and widgets.

CONNECTING ART TO THE REAL WORLD

All subjects can be transformed to challenge students to think differently and more critically. SJR's new integrated Global Arts core curriculum focuses on art integration - freshmen and sophomores will study the relationship of art with social studies, science, math, geography, theology and technology.

For example, they'll analyze the work of modern-day comic book artists, like Stan Lee. Students study concepts through the eyes of history (inspiration from ancient Greece), math (proportions) and theology ("What makes a hero?").

In addition, SJR offers an "Hour of Code" opportunity for students to learn artist coding and 3D imaging.

STEAM OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

SJR offers enrichment opportunities beyond the daily schedule as well.

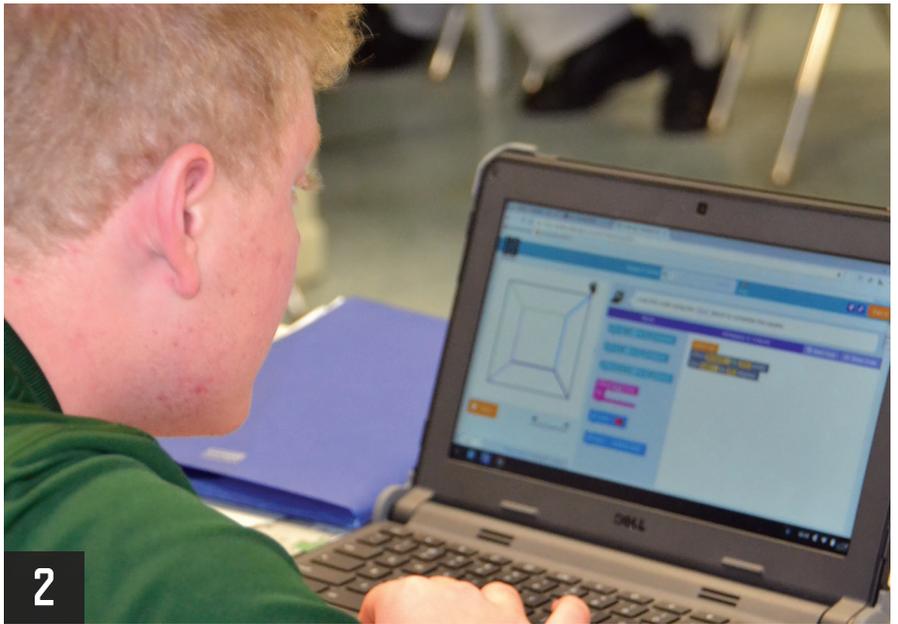
The Robotics Club has nearly 30 total members, with many gathering several times a week to enhance their creations. The group recently competed in the Vex Robotics Competition, the world's largest event for middle and high school students, and has three more competitions on the schedule in 2017. The Robotics movement is headed by Mr. Norman Myatt and aided by two alumni, Eric '15 and Lucas '15 Baskayan, who have donated their time to assist the current SJR contingent.

The MakerSpace program enables students a chance after school to use arduino boards, Lil Bit's kits and basic TinkerCAD skills. The only rule is to learn and to make what they want.

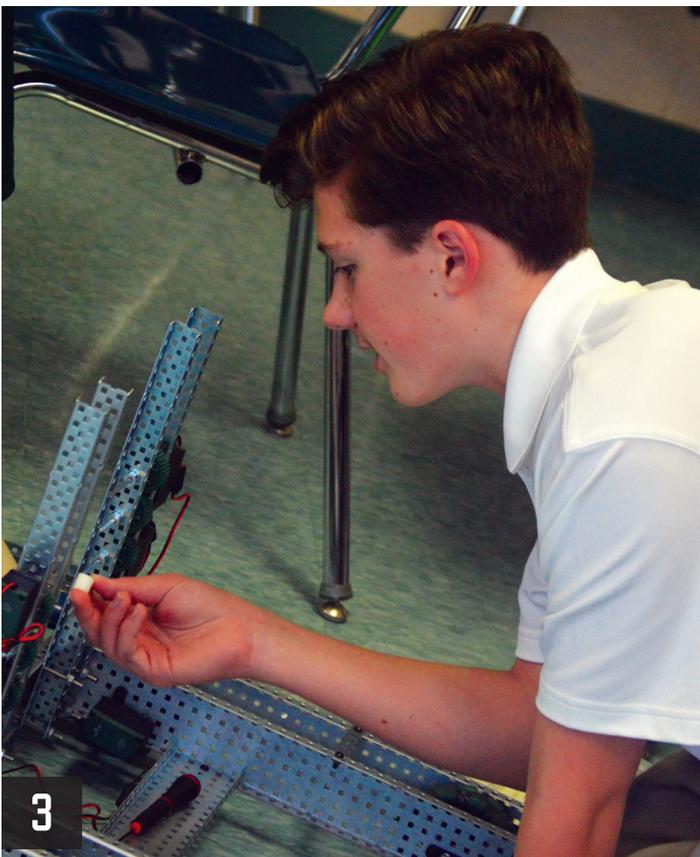
The 3D Printing Club uses many of those same technologies in a more structured environment. This Decemer, students designed Christmas ornaments which adorned a tree in the Media Center. SJR's own created custom snowflake designs of their choosing along with, of course, a Green Knight logo.



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1 Andrew Caramb '17 tests the prosthetic hand he and classmates recently built.
2 Sebastian Gaeta '20 learns artist coding in an "Hour of Code" as part of the Arts integration with STEAM
3 Christopher Flug '20 builds a robot for competition
4 The Media Center's Christmas tree is adorned with plastic snowflake ornaments, designed and printed by SJR students, under the direction of Ms. Margaret Sullivan

In & Out of Jeopardy

Catching Up with Frank Hughes '72

FRANK HUGHES '72 is the author of two recently published novels called *Devil's Run* and *Sea Harpy*. As a writer, Hughes is used to putting his protagonist, former Federal agent, Nick Craig, in jeopardy; certainly, fans of Ian Fleming and Nelson DeMille will find much to like in the Craig adventures.

Hughes, however, found himself in jeopardy on *Jeopardy* in September of 1986, when, after winning two games, he found himself losing badly as Alex Trebeck read the Final Jeopardy answer: "These are the only people who do not have to be dead five years to appear on a postage stamp."

"The other two contestants bet big, but I bet nothing. All three of us got the question wrong, but they lost their money, and I won the game," says Hughes. "The correct answer, by the way, was 'Who are U.S. Presidents?'"

Hughes went on to become a five-game winner and eventually competed in the Tournament of Champions with future conservative columnist John Podhoretz and current chief of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Richard Cordray.

His literary career is of more recent vintage, however.

Hughes, who works for a major Newark insurance company, creating online courses and producing videos, finished his first book in 2011, at the urging of a friend: "I used my commuting time on the train, and published the book in 2012."

"I did the sort of thing Ian Fleming did: I took a mundane incident and added guns and villains. From that modest start, over a two-year span, evolved a story that included 'robot cargo ships and security companies operating floating arsenals in the world's hot spots.'"



Devil's Run, is an engrossing adventure involving the cocaine trade, hydroponics, snow machines, avalanche control and ski chases. Some of the big set pieces will remind James Bond fans of Ian Fleming's *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*.

Hughes' second book, *Sea Harpy*, sprang from a single incident, a fly fishing lesson on the Black River in Vermont.

He says his biggest challenge is developing plot-lines: "I read about people who plot everything out beforehand, and I'm jealous. I have only a vague idea of where I want to go ... I can't get into the details until I meet the characters, who take on a life of their own. In many cases, it's as if they are writing."

The trick, of course, is to get them in and out of jeopardy.

Hughes is working on another Nick Craig novel, set in the present, but linked to the Revolutionary War, as well as a futuristic adventure novel based

on a screenplay he wrote in the 80s.

Both Nick Craig novels, as well as a short story called "The Vodka Murders" are available in paperback and Kindle editions from amazon.com.

Above: Hughes, kneeling (third from the left) at the Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions
Opposite: Hughes takes a ride in a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress - for research purposes, of course!



WEST SIDE STORY

West Side Story Cast Looks to Repeat History

SJR's 2008 PRODUCTION OF *WEST SIDE STORY* was, arguably, the most acclaimed show in school history. It earned the program national recognition when *USA Today's Weekend* magazine identified the program as one of the top five "showstoppers" in the country. The production also took home Papermill Playhouse Rising Star Awards for Educational Impact and for Best Supporting Actress (Ailly Drago).

Any way you look at it, it's a tough act to follow. So why revisit a show that we have already done so well?

"Although it's been nine years since we last performed *West Side Story*, the themes of the show seem even more relevant now than they were then," said Producer John Asselta. "Unfortunately, we still face discrimination, the lack of acceptance of people who are different from us, and we are definitely still challenged as a country by the integration of immigrants into our national culture. I think that both cast members and audience members alike will look at these problems in a different way than they did nine years ago, and, perhaps, feel many different emotions as the story unfolds."

Preparation for this year's show began in September with weekly dance classes intended to prepare the SJR cast for the elaborate dance numbers that are distinctive to the show. "We had more than 30 boys on stage every Tuesday, learning the moves of the Sharks and the Jets," said Asselta.

And that number of boys is one of the reasons why *West Side Story* is the perfect show for this year: "Many theater lovers regard *West Side Story* as one of the finest, most universally popular musicals of all time," said Mr. Asselta. "Most high schools shy away from it because they can't get enough boys to go out for the show. Well, that is definitely not a problem here, and it makes *West Side Story* the perfect choice for a program that has so many talented young men in its cast."

Juniors James Zitelli and Alex Birchwale will star as Tony, leader of "the Jets," whose gang includes Riff (Danny Costello, Patrick Breen), Action (Luke Berninger, Bill Fitzpatrick), Diesel (Patrick Buckley) and A-Rab (Vincent Simpson, Sean Moran). Maria will be played by Ariela Pizza, Emma Piazza and Melinda Orengo

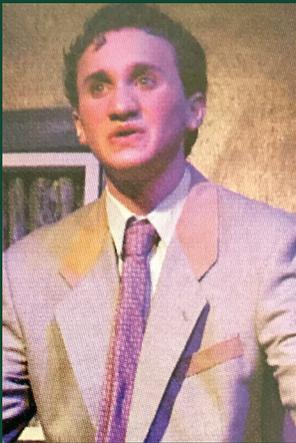


while IHA's Alexandra DePinto and Megan Roche will play Anita. Members of "the Sharks" include Bernardo (Charles Cangialosi, Zack Almonte), Chino (Marc Rivera, Nate Troche), Juan (John Santino) and Luis (Raul Ortega). A host of other SJR students, as well as girls from area schools, have supporting roles.

"One of the interesting challenges of this show, is having teens play teens who are very different than themselves," says Director Frank Ingrasciotta. "Usually, they are playing adults. But the biggest challenge is that so many members of the audience will have seen *West Side Story* before, and come to our show with their own image of what should happen. When they see something that is not what they were expecting, our challenge is not to disappoint them, but to pleasantly surprise them."

West Side Story will be performed the weekend of January 27-29 and February 2-4, but Asselta hopes that the impact of the show will extend beyond those weekends.

"This year, a committee of parents, teachers and students are developing a program called Project H.E.A.R.T. (Harmony, Empathy, Awareness, Respect and Tolerance) – Being the Face of God in a Diverse World," he said. "Once developed, it will be presented to the cast, the SJR student body, the more than 800 grammar school students who attend our Education Performances, and the community at large."



There's a Place for Us... Looking Back to 2008

Joseph DePietro and Brian Walters shared the role of Tony in SJR's last production of *West Side Story* in 2008. Both are presently working professionally in theater.

Upon graduating from SJR, DePietro '09 studied Musical Theatre at Ithaca College. Currently a Production Singer aboard the *Queen Mary 2*, Joseph has performed across the country and around the globe. His favorite roles include Jack in *Into the Woods*, Henrik in *A Little Night Music*, and Edward Rutledge in *1776*. He has also worked as an Instructor at Broadway Theatre Workshops.

Walters '08 has been working as an actor since graduating Pace University's Musical Theater program. His recent work includes roles in *The Who's Tommy*, *Titanic*, *Parade*, and multiple productions of the comedy *Murder For Two*. Walters is currently performing in a cabaret at Florida Studio Theatre. When home in NYC, he works with musical theater students at NYU and coaches other actors in his private studio.



Paul Koonaporn '17 and Patrick Breen '18

Broadway Stars, Christmas Concert Whet Audience Appetite before Musical

ON NOVEMBER 26, BROADWAY TOOK OVER the Inserra Theater as six professional performers joined St. Joe's students on stage for a night of song. The always-popular annual event featured tunes from more than a dozen Broadway musicals including special performances from *West Side Story* by cast members from SJR's upcoming production.

The evening also showcased crowd-favorites from *Rent*, *Dreamgirls*, *Show Boat*, and a set of four songs from the smash hit based on the life and music of Carole King, *Beautiful the Musical*.

Less than a month later, the theater was alive again, this time with the sounds of the holidays as the SJR chorus and band welcomed a sold-out crowd for the annual Christmas Concert. The groups took turns wowing the audience, even playing together on a few familiar carols. Highlights included a joint performance of the crowd-pleasing *Hot Chocolate* and a *Hallelujah Chorus/Joy to the World* finale.



Owen Mitsinikos '19, Vincent Simpson '18, Charles Cangialosi '18, William Fitzpatrick '18, Chris Marzulla '18 and Luke Berninger '19 in *The Little Mermaid* at IHA.



Rita Harvey, Alex Birchwale '18, Roosevelt Credit, Melinda Orenge (Scarsdale) '17, Neil Berg, Tony Vincent, Emma Piazza (No. Highlands) '17, Anika Larsen and James Zitelli '18



IN ACTION



THIS YEAR'S CROSS COUNTRY squad finished the season with a record of 4-3 and enjoyed a good amount of success competing in invitationals.

Varsity finished second in the Eastern Christian Parochial Invitational, third in the Big North Championship and fourth in the Bergen County Championships. The freshmen, meanwhile, were the Passaic County Coaches Invitational champions, the Brett Taylor Invitational champions and took second in both the Big North and North Jersey freshman championships.

Nicos Efychiou was the freshman Big North Champion; sophomore Patrick Buckley (pictured) earned Honorable Mention All-League honors.

"In a year where we had no seniors, our younger runners gained valuable experience" said head coach Nick DeVito '97. "In fact, three freshmen received significant training with the varsity squad, all of which gives us reason for an optimistic outlook."

THE SOCCER TEAM finished with an overall record of 5-13-1. The team got off to a tough start, but flirted with the .500 mark during its last dozen games. Nine of the thirteen losses came by one or two goals, most of those decided in the second half, as the team's overall competitiveness was significantly improved.

"We had our ups and downs," said senior Zack Almonte, the team's leading scorer, "but we had a young team this year, and now they know what to expect."

Almonte was named to the First Team All Conference and All County squads. Sophomore Raul Macedo was a First Team All Conference selection. Senior Karsten Lusk (pictured) and juniors J.P. Rioux and Dan Soter were Second Team selections.

"As we look ahead, there are going to be huge expectations ahead of us, and hopefully we can fulfill them," said returning captain J.P. Rioux.

JV finished 4-7-1 under the direction of James Maldonado '13, while the freshman posted a 4-6-1 mark, coached by Chris Vlahinich '07.



WINTER IS IN FULL SWING as the Green Knights take to the court, the lanes, the ice, the track and the mat against the best in New Jersey.

Basketball hopes to defend its county Jamboree title with a strong squad on the court. Led by guard Chauncey Hawkins (1st Team All County), Joe Radi (2nd Team All League) and Isaac Hippolyte, expectations are for the Green Knights to contend once again under head coach Mike Doherty '82.

Coach Frank Salvano's **bowlers** hope to vie for a league title with returning starters Nathan Tombo (1st Team All League, 3rd Team All County), Antonio Siriani (2nd Team All League) and James Reagan Ward (2nd Team All League). The team is off to a good start, capturing the Preseason Tournament.

Hockey looks to contend on the ice despite the graduation of a dozen seniors. Head coach Larry Mahurter '87 returns for his fourth season along with 30-goal scorer Dominic Posta and defenseman Cole Garabed. An early season victory over Ramsey (1-0) marked Mahurter's 300th lifetime win.

Winter Track welcomes back a host of returners including Habacue and Guerson Toupuissant, Gage Poindexter, Gianni Lisa, Hajiek Leonard, Luke Plescia and Luke Berninger. Head coach Nick DeVito '97 looks for juniors Dalton Collins, Jimmy Fitzpatrick and Joe Giglio to have an impact.

New head coach Damion Logan '96 looks to rebuild a **wrestling** program that lost two District champions (Jon Tropea and Mike Carfagno) to graduation. "We're looking to build a new breed of Green Knight wrestlers," says Logan. "It will be challenging at times, but we will learn from the experience and set the tone for the program's future."



SJR soccer presented a check for \$1,000 along with a special jersey to Saddle Brook's team before a scrimmage this season to help with the medical expenses of one of the Falcon students who is suffering from leukemia. "I don't believe children should encounter a disease of this magnitude alone," said head coach Alex Luna.

Students *Sleep Out*, Raise \$32,000 for Homeless

On November 9, 80 SJR students participated in the Sleep Out for Homeless Teens and, as part of their participation, raised more than \$32,000 for Covenant House New Jersey, which helps young people who are homeless.

During the Sleep Out, students heard from Covenant House residents Willis and Marcus, who shared their personal stories and the hope that Covenant House has given them. After a prayer service, everyone received a cardboard box and found a spot in the school's courtyard. They experienced how difficult sleeping outside can be, especially on damp ground as the temperature dropped to 34 degrees.

The Sleep Out is an annual tradition and a component of the SJR's campus ministry program.



Alejandro Zayos '20, Patrick Basile '20 and Nick Castiglione '20

Service with a Smile

COMMUNITY SERVICE IS A MAJOR FACET of life at SJR and this fall was no exception. The school hosted a candy drive in October, and Nick Tauken and Chris Pasinski joined Deacon Joe Sisco in presenting the collection to Mariamma Joseph and Kamala Kovacs of the New Jersey Veterans Home in Paramus.

As the calendar moved to November, students turned their attention toward providing Thanksgiving dinner for those in need. Most of the nearly 50 turkeys and more than 100 bags of groceries were delivered to the Office of Concern Food Pantry.

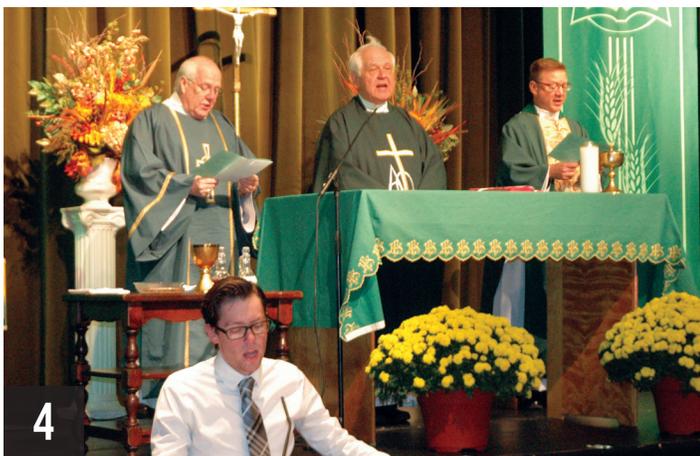
Additionally, SJR's UNICO chapter and Social Outreach group donated nearly 80 trays of ziti to Straight and Narrow and the Father English Center, both in Paterson. These meals fed more than 600 people on Thanksgiving!

"It's amazing, the generosity of students and their families to reach out to feed hundreds of people. It's a beautiful example of Christian charity," said Joe LoGiudice, SJR's new Director of Campus Ministry.

In December, SJR once again banded together and donated \$3,000 in gift cards to enable struggling parents to purchase Christmas gifts for their children this year. The gift cards were donated to Office of Concern at St. Cecilia's in Englewood.



Homecoming - Oct 22-23





More than 150 alumni and their families came back to SJR for Homecoming as the Green Knights took on St. Peter's on a raw and windy weekend. Milestone classes enjoyed a reunion at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton after the game, and many stayed for breakfast and mass the following morning.

- 1** Jim Ahern '66, Wayne Straight '66, George Corbo '66, Larry Jaskot '66 and Danny Rice '66 joined the Green Knights on the field for the coin toss
- 2** #3 Jordan Scott '18 reacts with teammates #46 Marc Doran '17 and #2 Louis Acceus '17 en route to a 29-14 victory
- 3** Tom Magee '86, Dennis Buckley '86, Rich Ennis '86 and Sean Sullivan '86
- 4** Father Charles Urnick '66 and Rev. Andrew Carrozza '81 con-celebrated our reunion mass
- 5** Mark Engravalle '05 and Principal Michael Bruno '05
- 6** Class of 1966: (standing) Bob Murphy, Mary Straight, Wayne Straight, Jim Ahern, Mike Anderson, Shawn O'Connor, Thomas Wardop, Patrick Stevens and Mary Stevens; (seated) Judy Murphy, Patrick Hynes, Arthur Giegerich, Father Charles Urnick
- 7** Class of 1971: (standing) Ed Koch, Barry Donnelly, Ed O'Dea, Glenn Roy, Dennis Reilly (seated) Cynthia Nercutt, Joe Altonji, Joe Dodd, Phil Hayes

8 Class of 1976: (standing) Sylvia Maugeri, Hilina McNulty, Brian McNulty; (seated) Arthur Aery, Tim Lauzon

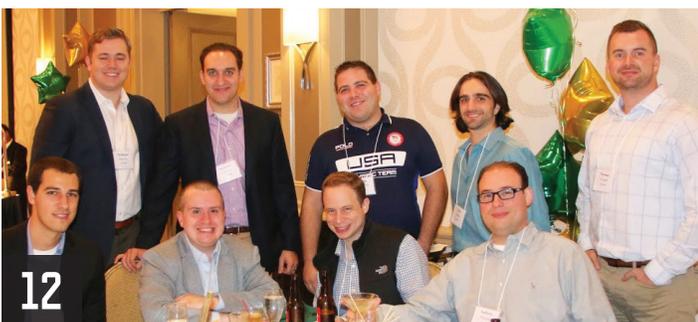
9 Class of 1981: (standing) Carl Casalino, Bruce Kelly, Kevin Stapleton, Jim Monaghan, Michael LaRosa, Mark McCormick, Guy Coriano, Mike Casey, Donald Orłowski, Robert Petruska, Michael McGeary, Eric TenBroeck, Mike Gabay, Stephen Heck and Larry Presta; (seated) Peter Gaglioti, Bill Reiner, Matt Frasco, Chris Tierney, Rev. Andrew Carrozza, Neil McShane

10 Class of 1986: (standing) Pat Henry, John Powers, Brian Cahill, John Barone, Rich Ennis, Dennis Buckley; (seated) Brendan Jackson, Carol Garcia, Tom Magee

11 Class of 1996: (standing) Peter Wiederlight, Tim Dinkelmeyer, Adrian Puzio, Michael Mulligan, Bryan Dillon, Michael Kasper, Brendan Flynn and Damion Logan; (seated) Santo Giommanco, John Harrigan, Patrick Reidy, Dan Colonna

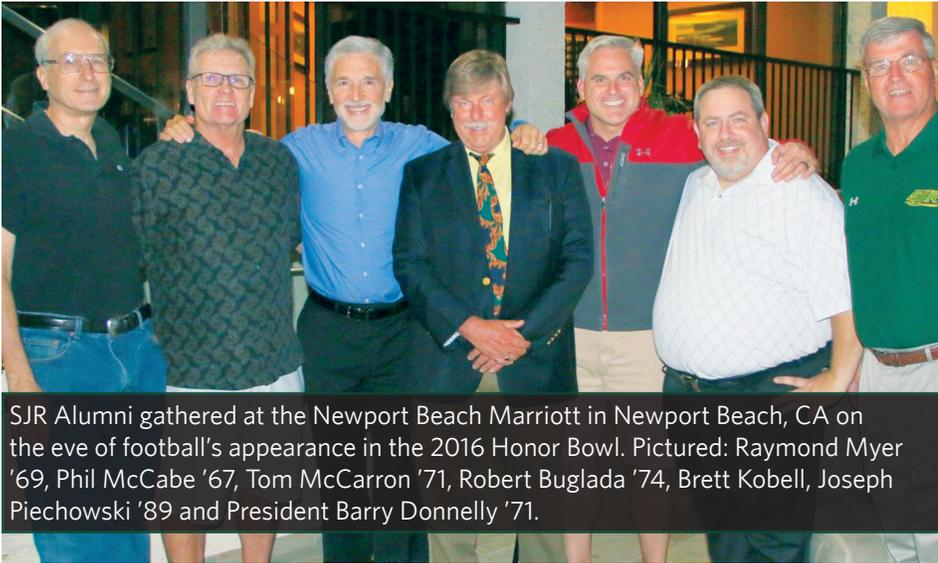
12 Class of 2006: (standing) William Patrick Harvey, Michael Cintineo, Joseph Sangirardi, Paul Maffei, TJ O'Grady; (seated) Nick Feuerbach, Chris Murray, John Reiter, Andrew Pilipiak

13 Class of 2011: (standing) Craig Babcock, Wyatt Vinci, Taylor Popielarz, Chris Heintze, Matt Doherty, Mike Cannata, Kevin Quinn, Ryan Neumann; (seated) John Butler, Patrick Grundy, Marty Gallagher, Joe Schiavone





CONNECTIONS



SJR Alumni gathered at the Newport Beach Marriott in Newport Beach, CA on the eve of football's appearance in the 2016 Honor Bowl. Pictured: Raymond Myer '69, Phil McCabe '67, Tom McCarron '71, Robert Buglada '74, Brett Kobell, Joseph Piechowski '89 and President Barry Donnelly '71.



1970

RICHARD D. CARLSON, JR. retired as a lieutenant from the Leonia PD in 2010. He is enjoying retirement as the Waterfront Director and head of Marine Services for Lake Mohawk Country Club. Kathy (Cordner, IHA '72) and Rich will soon celebrate their 40th anniversary and just became proud grandparents. He continues swimming and coaching both at Pope John XXIII HS and Master's.



JONATHAN MORSE is serving as a US Army Catholic Chaplain in Kuwait where he serves as the Post Chaplain for Camp Buehring and the Deputy Command Chaplain for the Area Support Group-Kuwait (all US military in Kuwait).

1971

DR. PAUL COLLIER's daughter, Annie, started her third year at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine. His son, Luke, is in his second year at Chatham University.

CARL PATEY has been married for 33 years and lives in Manassas, VA. He is currently working for AT&T.

CHRIS ROSS is COO of Green Flash, a craft brewery with locations in Virginia Beach and San Diego. "Tell 'em Chris Ross sent you. First pint is on me!"

JOHN SCHIMELPFENIG is a partner in Axcelerus, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in commodity risk management. Married to Sally, they have three children and one grandchild. John is on assignment in Luxembourg, where he and Sally are taking advantage of the opportunity to explore Europe.

1972

Check out pages 18-19 for a spread focusing on author **FRANK HUGHES**, his time on *Jeopardy!* and his two recently published spy novels.

1973

DAVE CONNOLLY (above) enjoyed a Canadian summer adventure. He and three friends drove 700 miles northwest, then took a sea plane to Wabakimi Provincial Park. He paddled 125 miles, with 26 portages, some as long as 2 miles in deep mud. He caught several hundred fish, keeping what was needed and releasing the rest. At night, he enjoyed a good night's sleep in a hammock.



LT. GENERAL RALPH JODICE and his wife Judy traveled to Antarctica as part of a National Geographic Expedition. The above photo was taken with their Lindblad ship, the National Geographic Explorer, wedged into the ice pack in Wilhelmina Bay allowing the couple to walk on the ice with penguins and seals. "The trip was an amazing experience, and I'd do it again in a heartbeat," Jodice said.



The Class of 1987 got together on September 17 as SJR football hosted Delbarton. (l-r) Steve McCabe '88, John Draper '88, Sean Kelly '88, Jimmy Kelly, Dave Doherty, Greg Zezima, Brian Satola, Jimmy Wood, VJ Geronimo, Pete Connolly '88, Rick DeNicola, Steve Brown, Jim Walsh, Mike Bartoli, Gregg Ilardi, Rob Downes '88.



Donnelly To Head Alumni Relations

Scott Donnelly '02 was recently hired as Director of Development and Alumni Relations.

His responsibilities will include the creation of an alumni board, the development of a network of alumni class representatives and the direction of an expanded slate of alumni events (Homecoming, alumni athletic events, Career Day, the Hall of Fame Dinner, regional alumni receptions), and assisting with other school fundraising events.

Contact Scott at 201-391-3300 x230 or via email at donnelys@sjrnj.org if you're interested in getting involved.



The annual SJR Alumni Soccer game took place on November 26 at the SuperDome in Waldwick. More than 25 alumni came out for a spirited match that ended well into extra time when New England Revolution goalkeeper Matt Turner '12 scored on Patrick Doherty '15, who turned in a stellar performance despite nursing an injury that kept him from playing in the field.



The first-ever SJR Alumni Lacrosse Match took place on November 25 and more than 30 former players including several from the Class of 1988 - the first Green Knights' lacrosse team - enjoyed the event. The day also included a clinic for youth lacrosse players, which drew 75 attendees. Special thanks to Todd Alderton '87, Dan DaPonte and Murph Bamrick '89 for organizing this inaugural event.



CONNECTIONS

1973 [continued]



MICHAEL MORROW retired after 39 years with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He served in a variety of leadership roles, including being a member of both the firm's Global and US Board. One of the highlights of his last year was attending the Academy Awards presentation, including a walk on the red carpet with wife, Carole. He splits time between Roswell, GA and Nantucket, and looks forward to even more traveling. He also plans to spend time serving as an executive coach to younger professionals.

Essextec, which is run by **JIM TORNEY**, president of the firm, won the 2016 Worldwide Watson Innovative Business Partner of the Year Award.

1976

THOMAS GRIFFEN helped plan the 40th reunion but was unable to attend as he was training with his Medical Alert Dog. "As we celebrate our 40th year, I still recall Br. Peter's departing words to us: 'Don't become too cynical too young.' I hope and pray that all of us have stayed young . . . even though our bodies may have aged just a little."

1979

MIKE YOTNAKPARIAN graduated magna cum laude from FDU in 1983. He has been married to Joanne Lubben for 28 years. He is an account executive with 3M and has worked there for 33 years.

1987

LARRY MAHURTER garnered his 300th career win as a head hockey coach when the Green Knights defeated Ramsey 1-0 earlier this season. At the next home game, President Barry Donnelly '71 and Athletic Director Tony Karcich presented Mahurter with a plaque commemorating the accomplishment.



1998

Visit pages 12-13 for a feature story on **JOSEPH SCHROEDER**, and his work on Beyond Borders, an independent film about Mexican immigration.

1999



SJR theology teacher and golf coach **DAN DAVIS** brought students to the Hope for Brian Golf Outing this fall. Brian is Dan's neighbor who suffers from A-T, a rare genetic disease that attacks children. Pictured with Dan are Nick Diani, Nick Burk, Drew Hliboki and Antonio Sirianni.

2000

TOMMY MONACO is a board-certified veterinary surgeon working at a new 24-hour emergency and specialty veterinary hospital in Paramus.



Dads Show Off their Future Green Knights

James '99 and Jimmy Cahill, Dan '02 and Conor Murray, Dominick '02 and Dominick Carretta and Keith '02 and Charlie Cahill pose for a photo

2001

AFSHIN CHAHARMAHALIAN

married Amber Contrastan on September 25 in Syracuse, NY. The couple has been together for three years and resides in Boston.



2002

RALPH ALOIA has completed his treatment for Non-Hodgkins lymphoma and is now back living in Southern California with his girlfriend, Marissa, and their son, JR. He thanks the St. Joe's family for support and encouragement during his treatment: "Words can't express how grateful I am."

On July 1, **JAMES TEDESCO** joined Back-Roads Touring as the company's VP of Sales for North America. Back-Roads Touring offers small escorted tours (max. 18 people) through Europe.

2003

DEAN DEGHECCHIO's son, Hugh Patrick, was baptized by Rev. John Job on October 22 at the Most Blessed Sacrament in Franklin Lakes. The baby was born in Virginia Beach on September 2. (l-r) Father John, Tom Clancy '03, Kayla DeGhetto, Dean, and David DeGhetto '06.





RICHARD MORIARTY '06 graduated cum laude from the Pittsburgh School of Law. He was recognized with the Chaitkin Memorial Scholarship, the CALI Award for Advanced Trial Evidence and the CALI Award for Veterans Practicum, in which he successfully argued before the Naval Discharge Review Board.

During his law school tenure, Rich was a Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant, a participant in the Murray S. Love Moot Court Competition, was the Student Chairman of the Tenure Track Faculty Selection Committee, and a member of the Student Bar Association.

Rich, who graduated summa cum laude from Monmouth in 2010, has been admitted to the ABA and is a Member of the Bar of the State of Alabama, where he will begin his military law career. More specifically, he has been accepted into the USAF JAG Corps and soon will be leaving for basic training. Upon completion, he will begin as a First Lieutenant; he hopes to head a national security litigation team.

On a personal note, Rich and his high school sweetheart, Kathryn Mosolino, were married in September.



SJR Football alumni and friends enjoyed an evening at the Seasons in Washington Township on November 26 to honor the 1987 team on the 30th anniversary of SJR's first-ever state championship. Since that win, the Green Knights have captured 17 more in the 30 years that followed. Pictured are Mike McGearry '81, Kevin Stapleton '81 and Bob Wypler '80.

2009

SEAN ROE is pursuing his JD at Seton Hall University School of Law and plans to graduate in 2019.

2010

In May 2014, **ANTHONY AMBROGIO** graduated with a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University and a year later earned a master's in athletic training. His clinical rotation sites included the New York Jets facility in Florham Park and training camp in Cortland, N.Y., and all of the 2014 season games. He is currently studying at New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, on track to graduate in December 2018.

JEFFREY GARCIA is residing in Minneapolis, MN. Since graduating from Macalester College with a B.A. in history, he has been working as a drama instructor and plans to pursue a master's in education at the University of Minnesota.

2011



LT. VLADIMIR GUIRAND graduated from West Point Military Academy in May 2015. After graduation, he attended U.S. Army leadership training at Fort Benning, Georgia, for one year. In addition to being a lieutenant, he has successfully completed Ranger and Airborne training. He is currently stationed overseas where he leads an infantry platoon of 40 soldiers under his command.

After winning a title with the Southern New Hampshire Pennmen, **MIKE MASTROBERTI** went on to play for the Ottawa Champions in the Can-Am League. His team won a championship after beating the Rocklands Boulders (sorry John Flaherty '85, owner of the Boulders). Mike achieved all this while working on his master's degree.

2006

MICHAEL RUANE finished fourth in the 2016 World Series of Poker, earning more than \$2.576 million for his efforts. Ruane plays professionally, and resides in Hoboken after living abroad in Malta, Costa Rica and Montreal. The 28-year old flew under the radar at the 2016 WSOP, but that likely won't be an option anymore!





CONNECTIONS

2012

CONNOR BRIGGS graduated from Ithaca College, earning a BFA in musical theater. He studied abroad in London, signed with CGF Talent and is auditioning in NYC.

JT KENNEDY graduated from Maritime College, where he studied marine engineering and was a football team. He also traveled to 17 different countries! He is working for Military Sealift Command; during college he had an internship with Multiphase Engineering.

JOSEPH VERDUCCI will graduate from Quinnipiac in the spring. He is studying game design/development and had an internship in the IT department at UPS.

TYLER VON BENSCHOTEN studied health science at Stockton University and is studying for a doctorate in physical therapy at New York Medical College.

2014

CHRISTOPHER AMBROGIO is studying at Villanova's School of Business. He spent the spring semester in Urbino, Italy, traveling to Paris, Berlin, Prague, Amsterdam, Geneva, Barcelona and Ibiza as well. Prior to an internship at ADP, he completed a leadership program through PricewaterhouseCoopers in 2016.

VINCENT CORATOLO is studying business at the University of Scranton. "Thanks to the foundation provided by SJR and living my life in accordance with the motto, Vir Fidelis, I am grateful to the teachers and leaders that have directed and guided me on the right path."

MARK FOSSATI is continuing his football career at Princeton University.

Faculty/Staff

Former teacher **DIANNA ANGELLI** had a starring role in *Margaret's Wedding*, a comedy at the Rhino Theater in Pompton Lakes. Dianna has performed there for 13 seasons, including in productions of *Les Miserables* and *How to Succeed in Business*. She has continued her career as a math teacher in Waldwick.

Current math teacher **ANN MARIE BRENNAN** was featured in *America: The National Catholic Review* with her essay entitled "Exploring God's Call: A Journey in Christian Life Community."

BROTHER LOUIS CALMEL is working at the St. James Minor Seminary in Lodwar, Kenya. He works in the Finance Office and is providing onsite supervision for the construction of a new campus that will enable the young men to take classes and receive formation training on site.

In Memoriam

Alumni

- JOHN MISEO '67**
- PETER MENTO '70**
- STEPHAN PAPPAS '71**
- MICHAEL GORMLEY '74**
- JAMES GERAGHTY '89**
- GREG GREENE '90**

Faculty/Staff

- MR. RON GREVE**
Basketball Coach
- MR. DAVID HOPPER**
Science Teacher, Department Chairman
- MRS. KITTY MERKLE**
Librarian
- MRS. MARGARET PRENDERGAST,**
Cheerleading Coach, SJR Hall of Fame

Family Members

- GIUSEPPE AMEN**
Father of Joseph Amen '15
- JEANNE MARIE BOSCA**
Mother of Clinton Bosca '06
- ANDREW COLLIER**
Father of Andrew '70, Paul '71, Peter '73, James '75, John '78 Collier
- DIANE FERRICK**
Grandmother of Zack Bailey '19
- THOMAS GILHOOLEY**
Grandfather of James Gilhooley '19
- DOROTHY GONZALEZ**
Grandmother of Tristan Goetz '17
- VICTORIA LUBARSKI**
Grandmother of John Lubas '19
- MARY QUIGLEY**
Grandmother of Patrick Breen '18
- MILDRED OBERLE**
Mother-in-Law of Barry '71, Grandmother of Scott '02 and Chris '05 Donnelly
- GIOVANNI PARISI**
Father of Roseanne, Grandfather of Michael Cannata '11
- CURTIS ROGERS**
Grandfather of Dyree Rogers '20
- LINDA ROONEY**
Sister of Karen, Aunt of Kyle '09 and Devin '13 Ochiuzzo
- MICHAEL SCALERA**
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<i>West Side Story</i>	January 27-29 February 2-4
Alumni Hockey Game	March 11
Career Day	March 29
Fashion Show	April 5
Hall of Fame Dinner	May 7
Day of Giving	May 17
Homecoming	Fall 2017 - TBD

Stay tuned for more information as the following classes celebrate milestone reunions this fall!

1967	50 years	1972	45 years
1977	40 years	1982	35 years
1987	30 years	1992	25 years
1997	20 years	2002	15 years
2007	10 years	2012	5 years

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