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Veritas-truth; Pietas-holiness, dutiful conduct;
Scientia-knowledge; Crown-St. Margaret's;
Knight-Benilde; three Benedictine Crosses

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In an upcoming issue of the *Crown & Shield* we will feature people who exhibit the Spirit of BSM. Let us know about the many ways that spirit manifests itself through giving to BSM, action inside and outside the classroom, and the commitment to living our Mission and Vision in the spirit of BSM. Send story ideas and photos (at least 1 mb in size) to marcomm@BSMschool.org.



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Every member of our community embodies the Spirit of BSM. Roger and Irma Scherer (grandparents), Kevin and Michelle Weber (parents), and Mike Foley ('84) show the spirit through their generous support of the FirstFund.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The beginning of a school year is exciting—new friendships budding and old ones renewing, students rising a grade and launching adventures in learning, a jam-packed schedule of games and events for everyone.



It's always fun to touch base with you in the fall, especially this year. Our junior and senior high schools are, again, enjoying record enrollment. We have expanded our laptop program to include every student. Homecoming week was, according to tradition, chaotic, colorful, and fun. The dedication of the fields in early September was a celebration of your commitment, contributions and accomplishments. We also saw the passion for BSM ignited when hundreds of grandparents joined us for Mass and breakfast on a beautiful day in October.

A stroll through the halls or across campus is enough to see our school spirit—pride, history and tradition. And, we each have the Spirit of BSM—a very personal connection to the BSM Mission and Vision that is displayed in how we live in and serve the school and greater community. It's the hospitality we extend to our neighbors as construction at the Beth El Synagogue continues. As parents and guardians, we show it when we become partners with the faculty to develop our children's mind, body and spirit. Our teachers encourage students to stand up to the challenges of academic rigor, prepare for success in college and life beyond in a global society, and find their way as faithful and socially responsible leaders.

In this issue of *Crown & Shield*, find stories about how the Spirit of BSM is evident inside and outside of the classroom. Read about how the spirit lives in the people featured herein. Among them are Roger and Irma Scherer, the parents of six alumni and grandparents of nearly a dozen more BSM students. **Kevin and Michelle Weber** are graduates ('83), as are their combined nine siblings, and they have three children enrolled here. **Mike Foley** ('84) has siblings who also graduated from BSM and a niece who is in high school. These five are the collective face of the FirstFund this year. They'll be reaching out to you in the coming months. They'll be telling more of their stories about their personal connection to BSM. They'll be asking you to join them in embracing the Spirit of BSM by giving what you can to support the FirstFund. I hope you will do so.

In the coming year, we'll highlight the many ways members of our community live our Mission. I look forward to hearing your story about how the Spirit of BSM lives in you and your family.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bob Tift '71
President

Sophomore designs Wild goalie's helmet

Sophomore Peter Best had an incredibly "wild" moment recently. Last spring, Peter entered a contest to design a helmet for Minnesota Wild goalie Niklas Backstrom. And he won.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, Peter was invited to the Excel Center, where he was brought to the team's locker room. He met Niklas, and together with Todd Miska, the man who created the helmet from Peter's design, presented Niklas with his new headgear.

One of approximately 500 entries, Peter's design included skylines of both Minneapolis and St. Paul, howling wolves, pine trees and a shooting star (elements from the Wild logo), along with the Finnish flag, representing Backstrom's home country.



Extracurricular offerings expand further

For years, BSM has taken pride in its vast amount and variety of extracurricular offerings. Beyond the usual sport teams, activities such as History Club, Webcasting Club, Apotheosis (a literary magazine), Reviving Ophelia (an all-girls club) are options for students.

Even more have been added in recent months. A sailing club now allows students to practice three days a week on

Lake Minnetonka and compete in regattas. Figure skaters can earn a letter, performing their spins and jumps, although each skater practices individually with her own coach, meeting with the Red Knight group once a month to share experiences. A less official group has even been formed in honor of Harry Potter's favorite sport—quidditch. While the players obviously don't take flight on brooms, about 15 students showed up for the first October match to enjoy an adapted version of the game.

Enrollment breaks last year's record

Last year, BSM was excited to report a record enrollment of 1,203. So the school was thrilled to open its doors to 1,205 7th-12th graders this year. According to research gathered from incoming families, common influential factors for choosing BSM have included strong college-prep academics, a Catholic environment, a community atmosphere, comprehensive extracurriculars, small class sizes and a caring faculty and staff.

BSM's marketing efforts have taken a slightly different track over the past few years. Neighborhood gatherings are now held, hosted by BSM families for their friends, neighbors, fellow church members, etc. President Dr. Bob Tift and Senior High Principal Dr. Sue Skinner are often present at these gatherings to meet people, answer questions and tell BSM's story on a more personal level.

Teacher's son stars in national TV commercial

Seven-year-old Justin May, son of BSM health teacher Alisa May, got his big Hollywood break this past summer, when he was chosen to star in Nissan Altima's new national ad campaign. Playing a "kidzilla" character, Justin put miniature

cars through various rough tests and especially enjoyed his time in the dirt during filming.

Justin had been taking acting classes for about a year and participated in a competition last January in Los Angeles, finishing in the top ten for three different awards. His agent convinced Alisa to bring Justin to California to audition, and needless to say, Justin was thrilled to land the part. The commercial can be seen into the winter months on national networks, including ESPN, National Geographic, USA and others. You can also view the commercial on YouTube by entering the keyword "kidzilla."



New athletic fields blessed

The new Red Knight Sports Complex officially opened on Tuesday, August 31. BSM Chaplain Fr. Tim Wozniak ('66) gathered with the entire student body in the stadium and blessed the new complex. Prior to having the first varsity contest that evening, when the boys' soccer team hosted a game, BSM's first state championship boys' soccer team, from 1997, presented the game ball. Similarly, representatives from Benilde's first football team were on hand, September 2, to present the game ball for the first varsity football game on the new field. Seventeen Red Knight teams (7-12) compete on the fields during the fall season and all of them had an opportunity to compete on the new turf field.

Red Knight Sports Complex



AJ Sherman ('11) chases down a goal-scoring opportunity.



BSM President Bob Tift ('71) presented the game ball to Al McQuinn at the first football game.



Haley Jerabek ('12) battles two St. Francis defenders for ball possession.



A packed stadium cheered this reception by Myles Barnes ('11).



Girls' soccer team plays at state

The girls' soccer team earned a spot at the Class A State Tournament. They were defeated in the first round by Chisago Lakes Area High School, 1-0. However, their trip to state was made possible with a 3-0 win over Orono for the section championship. The win over the Spartans made up for the only previous blemish on their record until that point—a tie with Orono during the regular season, giving the Red Knights a 19-0-1 record going into state.



Grandparents' Day

Friday, October 8, was a bright and sunny day at BSM. The weather outside was perfect and the family camaraderie inside was heartwarming. The feeling of one student who wrote, "I love my grandparents because they provide wisdom and love," was evident on the faces of the many Red Knights who anxiously awaited the arrival of their guests. Over 660 grandparents joined their BSM grandchildren for Mass and a continental breakfast. BSM alumnus **Fr. Jim Liekhus** ('97) celebrated Mass in the Haben Center, and the breakfast followed in the Moore Library, Great Hall, and Commons/Cafeteria.

Christmas Common Basket Project— Be the Answer

The BSM tradition of serving others lives on through the annual Christmas Common Basket Project. For dozens of years, BSM has reached out to families in need during the holiday season. The project is now part of BSM's Common Basket initiative.

This year, at least 25 local families will receive gifts, along with grocery and gas gift cards, meant to help those who are experiencing difficult times. Family connections are established through recommendations from BSM faculty, staff and students, as well as referrals from local agencies, including Caregivers Network, Inc., St. Philip's Parish, Mothers of Multiples, and Head Start.

Each senior high homeroom "adopts" a family, who is aware of the project and is asked to provide wish lists. Faculty and staff, the Parent Association board of directors and others also contribute to the donations. At December liturgies, prayers and cards are placed in the Common Baskets as a sign of continual and constant support of these families.

The junior high collects donations for St. Philip's Kids' Club, which services youth in its nearby community. BSM junior high students then present a group gift to the organization when St. Phillip's hosts a party for the kids in December.

While this project is incredibly meaningful to BSM participants, the families are equally grateful. One family last year sent a thank you message that included, "As difficult as this time has been for us, God has been answering our prayers. This Christmas, you were God's answer."



Last year, students donated a variety of items to their adopted families.

Benilde-St. Margaret's cordially invites you to attend

The 2011 Hall of Honor Celebration and Awards Dinner

Hall of Honor

Monday, January 31, 2011

Reception 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner and program 6:30 p.m.

The Hall of Honor is a recognition program designed to consistently and publicly honor the heritage of BSM, salute the dedication and service of the volunteer community, and reward the professional longevity of employees.

The 2011 honorees have made a significant contribution to the lives of many in the Benilde-St. Margaret's and greater community. Your attendance at this dinner and awards ceremony would be a meaningful tribute to them.

Red Knight Leadership Award

Ed and Judy Cannon
Jim and Mary Jetland
Jerry Pettinger
Tonya Puckett

Distinguished Alumni Award

Bonnie O'Connor '55
Jeff Gacek '73
Richard Prosen '83

Volunteer Service Award

Mark Lex
Linda Mlnarik
Claudia Sefton
Nancy Selleck

20-year Faculty/Staff

Patrice Miller Carlson '78
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Underwater Basket-Weaving, It's Not

We've all heard about that class—you know, the “easy A.” It's the one you wish you had signed up for just to rack up credits and boost your GPA. It's hard to come by one of those at Benilde-St. Margaret's School. Our college-preparatory curriculum is challenging. In the classroom and in the way we teach, we are infusing our curriculum, assessment process and teaching methods with a BSM brand of academic rigor.

According to Senior High Principal Sue Skinner, “We want ‘rigor’ to be more than ‘critical thinking.’ We're setting high standards and supporting students as they work toward meeting those standards. We ask students to demonstrate learning and to use higher-order thinking skills. We're enhancing our curriculum and services to meet the needs of the 21st century learner. We're adding a new layer to critical thinking, one that includes communication, collaboration and creativity.”

As a Catholic school, we are called to help our students prepare for the challenges of college. But that's not enough. Benilde-St. Margaret's is committed to helping students understand and cultivate their gifts and prepare for a life of servant leadership. Our students are able to solve problems, find new solutions, take risks, express themselves effectively, be innovative, and be respectful of other people's divergent thinking.

“When students sign up for my Spirituality class, they think it's nap time with Ms. Frank,” says Theology Teacher and Speech Coach Alison Frank. Juniors and seniors don't think her Morality class can be a class “because morality is all about opinions.” She says the students think they're going to have “chats” about hot button issues. “They find out soon that they're wrong.”

Because of the description that begins *This course will provide a Catholic Christian perspective of the moral decision making process and moral issues facing society*, students want to “dive in and start expressing their opinions right away,” said Ms. Frank. “I hold them at bay.”



She holds them back for several weeks. In the meantime, she teaches them a language and gives them a vocabulary for discussing issues in a meaningful way. Students learn to analyze issues with six tenets in mind:

- Freedom—Freely chosen and the corresponding responsibility the choice entails
- Happiness—Experiencing fullness of self, more than just self-satisfaction
- Love—Experiencing Christian love that is selfless and unconditional
- Conscience—Forming it and following it
- Sin—Understanding it as a breaking of a relationship with others and God
- Dignity of Human Person—Each individual made in God's image

Students are asked to write a paper on one of five topics—Life, Technology, Legal, Honesty, Sexuality—using the six tenets as a framework for analysis. Then, groups are formed around the topics. The five groups work together to create a presentation for delivery to the whole class.

Ms. Frank says it's fascinating to watch students develop and connect with others as they wrestle with this deeper way of thinking. “This is about thinking in a certain pattern,” she says. It's also about assuming good intent in the classroom and understanding that an intellectual opponent isn't trying to be hurtful or malicious. “Students are learning that issues can be very complex. They see that the opponent ‘isn't putting me down, we just don't agree.’”

Senior **Jeremy Poppe** facilitated a class discussion during which students took positions on one of two sides of an issue. After identifying opposing stances, the class broke into two camps and made their cases. “The process helped me get a better understanding of the other side of the argument,” said Jeremy. As for the effect on his classmates, “One guy changed his position during the discussion.”

This is just one of many examples of the kind of academic rigor that thrives at BSM. Our students are preparing for a future that hasn't been invented yet, all with an eye toward serving God and the community. In the coming months of this academic year, the faculty is focusing on how they incorporate rigor to everything we do—Morality, Math, English, Art, Science, Laptop Program—you name it. We'll follow up on the faculty's work in future editions of *Crown & Shield*.

Arts and the Church

A Students' Eye View

Art plays many roles in the life of the Church. Theology Teachers May Lane and Alison Frank escorted their students to the Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis, to explore how the liturgical arts enhance worship, social action, and spiritual life. Here are some of their students' observations.



The best piece of art (without competition) was the canopy that stands guard over the altar. The immense amount of intricate detailing on the underside of the dome was the first thing that spoke to me. After spending time viewing the paintings presented on the tour, I decided to go to the back of the church and look at the beautiful canopy, which gave me more perspective. Once there I noticed the nine-foot depiction of Mary with her arms extended as protection and love towards her congregation. Upon further reflection I realized Mary stands guard over us—like a guardian angel.

—Mackenzie Saunders, BSM Senior

My experience at the Basilica was not what I had expected it to be. I had been to the Basilica multiple times before.... I had never noticed to the extent the art and beauty of the Basilica in Minneapolis. ...[T]he first times I visited there I never knew that the stained glass windows depicted a story on each of them. After seeing it again, with the knowledge that each piece of art has a meaning, I realized that they did tell a story. I was overwhelmed by the details that each piece of the church incorporates. I felt that while I was in the Basilica, I really felt God's presence. I felt throughout each piece of the church God had a presence on it.

—Chris Flood, BSM Senior

Our visit to the Basilica really made me realize how much devotion people have to their faith. The exactness of the architecture reflects the faith of the people who belong to the Basilica. Many parts of the church reminded me how old the Catholic Church, as a whole, is and how long people have stayed loyal to their religion, and not let materialistic things come in the way. Also, I learned the importance of all the different symbols, through their placement and design.

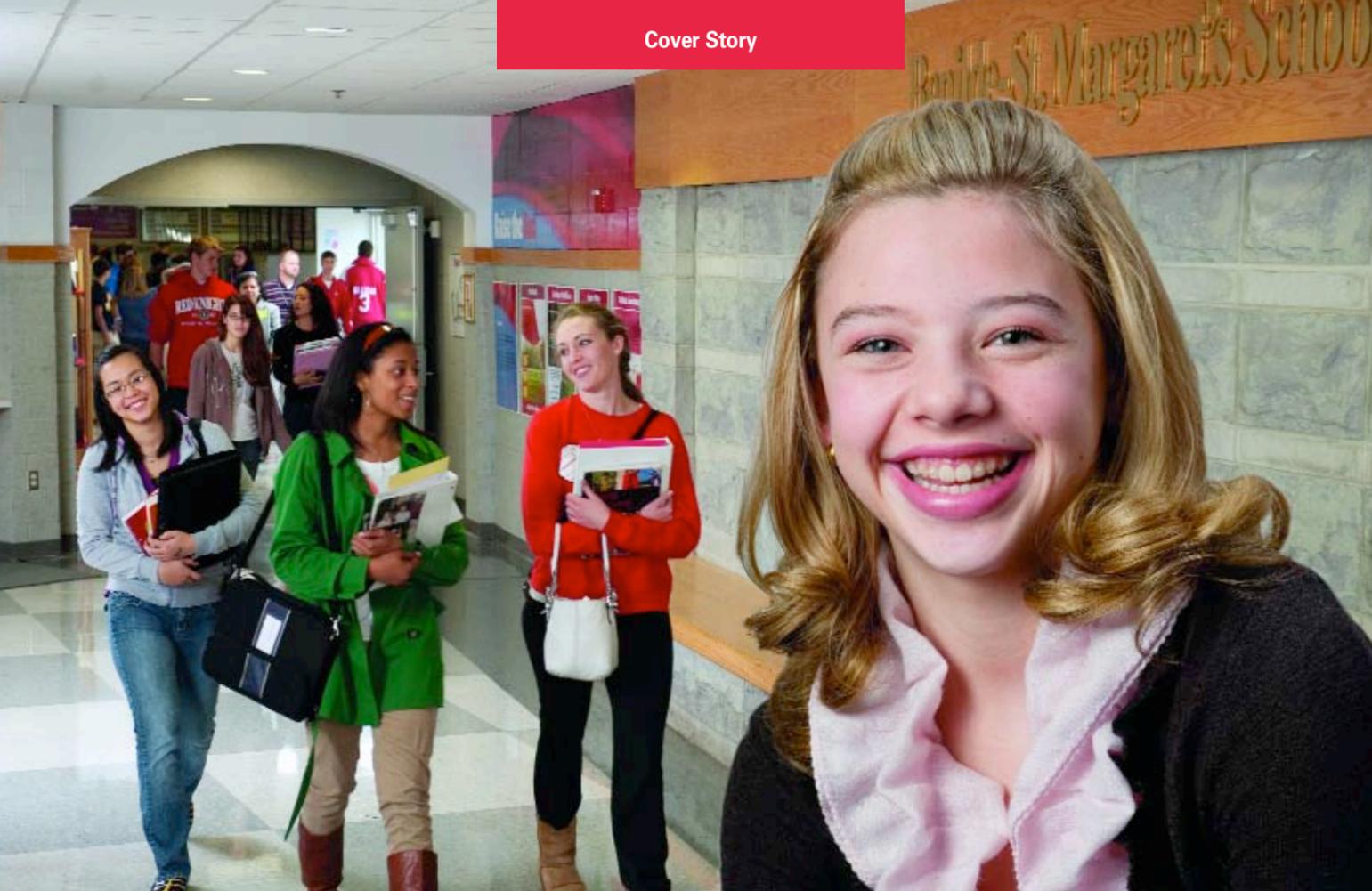
—Julia McShane, BSM Senior

The Basilica of St. Mary surprised me with all the incredible details it had to offer, from the floors to the walls to the amazing art on the ceiling. As I walked slowly down the aisles, behind the altar, and in all the corners of the Basilica, I continued to find pieces of art that I found more beautiful than the last. Every time my eyes wandered to the ceiling, new details and new paintings caught my eye.

—Paige Erickson, BSM Senior

...[I] had always wondered what the Basilica of St. Mary inside looked like. I had assumed that it would be pretty and probably have a nice atmosphere inside, but I never imagined that it would feel so peaceful and be so gorgeous. Between the intricate statues, the beautiful side-altars, the painted dome, gold inlays, and stained glass, the Basilica is easily one of the most beautiful buildings I have ever been in. That trip really helped me to connect the things we had been talking about in class to the real world.

—Erik Gunkel, BSM Senior



The Spirit of BSM

The Pride and the Passion

The thing about the notion of “spirit” is that it can be overtly displayed through symbols and traditions. On the other hand, it can be abstract, essential, and invisible, but at the root of how we live out our values. We show School Spirit when we wear that BSM jacket, sing the school song with pride, or cheer at athletic events. It’s fun when students dress up in class colors during Homecoming Week. The Spirit of BSM is that passion ignited in each of us—the connection that engages us throughout life. It’s definable in myriad and very personal terms.

When she talks to prospective students and their parents, BSM Freshman Katie Segner puts it this way:

BSM is a school that makes everyone feel at home and welcome. The teachers are inspiring, kind, and enthusiastic. They strive to get the very best out of every student, and they do this by recognizing all our gifts and talents and making us feel special. Everyone works together as one big family supporting each other and taking care of each other. Even though we are all different and unique, we all share the never-ending pride of being “Red Knights.”

At Benilde St. Margaret’s, everyone has the opportunity to be a leader. Whether you choose athletics, student council, dance, choir, theater, Red Knight Volunteer Corp or any other BSM activity, you can be involved, make friends and find your niche. Everyone can find a special place to be successful!

What I’ve loved best about BSM is that we learned from day one that the world is our classroom. I’ve learned so much about different countries and cultures, and I’m inspired every day to reach out, be accepting, and strive to make a difference.

Grandparents, parents and alumni talk about the Spirit of BSM from their own perspectives. As the faces of the 2010 FirstFund, the Spirit of BSM is something special for Roger and Irma Scherer, Kevin and Michelle Weber, and Mike Foley.

Roger and Irma Scherer

We were first attracted to Benilde-St. Margaret’s because of the connection to the Benedictines. Roger graduated from Saint John’s University. I graduated from the College of Saint Benedict. Our six children went to BSM. Five grandchildren have attended; one has graduated. There are five more to come. Maybe there will be great-grandchildren. We’re investing in society.



We’re excited about how happy our grandchildren are when they see a new cousin enroll at BSM. They appreciate the extended family. Our grandchildren also speak highly of the junior high program. The teachers are excellent.

It’s great when another BSM grad returns to teach—they want to be part of the school that gave them so much. If they hadn’t liked it, they wouldn’t want to return.

We want our children to have a strong foundation of academics and the teachings of the Catholic Church. It’s important that they can be the best they can be—productive citizens, volunteers helping others. We hope that continues throughout their lives.

For us, the Spirit of BSM is positive and upbeat. It’s community. It’s caring and giving. The faculty gives to the students; the students give to others through volunteerism. It’s the thing that inspires them to do their best for themselves and for others.



Kevin and Michelle Weber ‘83

We both graduated from Benilde-St. Margaret’s in 1983. All of our siblings came to BSM. There was no question where our children would go.

The teachers’ commitment to Catholic Christian education is important. And, the teachers know every child. Academic excellence is contagious; the kids want to learn. Our kids are excited about school. They never complain about going to school.

Being a part of the community is important to us. We share all of the events in life’s spectrum—happy and sad times, weddings, funerals, and birthdays. Our involvement in the community creates a common thread, a bond.

We want our children to have a great education, one that’s built on a Catholic Christian foundation. That’s the rock solid base for their personal and professional lives and their future education.

For us, the Spirit of BSM is the place where students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff come together to form an inclusive, enthusiastic and genuine Catholic Christian community.

We believe every child deserves the opportunity to attend this exceptional school and achieve their maximum potential.

Mike Foley ‘84

My family and I went to Benilde-St. Margaret’s. I have many lifelong friends who went to BSM. The relationships I’ve developed with classmates and the friends I’ve kept are valuable. We can argue



about politics and the Vikings, but the fundamentals are the same. It’s exciting that every year, a new group of young kids is brought into the community to get what I got.

The education I received was excellent, and I believe that quality continues to exist. I got the kind of values education that seems to be prohibited in public schools. All of my teachers were good. Many of them were favorites, but three stand out: Silvan Sundrom-social studies and Shakespeare; Jim Wander-physics; and Jim Ryan-English

I have good memories. The basketball games were fun. The girl athletes were superior to the boy athletes at my time; the girls went to state. We remembered Bill Haben. When he died, the younger kids didn’t know why people were sad. That event pulled us together as a community.

For me, the Spirit of BSM is made up of the lifelong friendships, the education, and the values I got as a student here. The attributes of common bond and relationships are the same today as they were then.

1945 The Class of 1945 celebrated their 65th reunion at the Malt Shop in south Minneapolis on Saturday, October 9. They were blessed with wonderful weather and a terrific venue. Sixteen women of the original 66 responded to the invitation, and there were 14 attendees and two cancellations due to obligatory family circumstances. The women who responded with positive RSVPs were **Betty Tinker Johnson, Mary Lou Doyle Roby, Gen Kenny Brophy, Geraldine Bofferding Stanton, Marilyn Dugan Emond, Joyce Schlader Walters, Margaret Colford Perrier, Joan Peters Rohlf, Donna Schuller Kuiper, Mary Lou Miller Eisworth, Mary Rhode Maguire, Bernadine Busch Merrill, Patty Hickling Halvorson** and **Marilyn Boedigheimer Bowers**. The group had such a good time and so many laughs in the Malt Shop party room that other people were peeking in to see what was causing all the laughter. As one of the women noted, "My classmates proved once again that they are, and always were, a gangbusters group!"

1956 **Barbara Moeglein Maloney** and her husband, Jack, have written a book, *The Wee Mad Road: A midlife escape to the Scottish Highlands*, based on their adventures. Barbara's illustrations for the book capture scenes of traditional Highland working life that are seldom seen today. The couple also maintain a website, www.theweemadroad.com and a blog, www.theweemadroad.blogspot.com, both of which delve a bit further into the amazing story.

1960 On June 12, a small, but fun, group turned out for the 50th reunion of the Benilde Class of 1960. About 20 members of the class showed up at BSM on Saturday afternoon for a tour of the campus led by **Dr. Bob Tift** ('71). "It was really amazing for those who had not been on the campus since graduation to see how much the place had changed. The auto shop is now a computer engineering lab and the original classrooms are used for the Junior High School. The gym was recognizable, even though the stage has been turned around and incorporated into the new auditorium." The tour was followed by a Mass celebrated by **Fr. Tim Wozniak** ('66). Dinner and cocktails at the DoubleTree followed. In a report from **George O'Leary**, "The small size of the group allowed everyone to stand up and describe how they had spent the last 50 years without putting too many to sleep. Benilde was a very diverse school in our era and it showed in the interesting mix of personalities and life experiences that were shared."

1976 **Brian Kasbohm** was reappointed to the Forensic Laboratory Advisory Board by Governor Tim Pawlenty. Brian, a captain with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, serves as commander of the Forensic Sciences Division and laboratory director and has extensive experience and service in the field of forensic science. His current appointment to a four-year term will expire on July 1, 2014.

1980 The class of 1980 celebrated their 30-year reunion in May. The group had an informal gathering at Bunny's on Friday night, a golf outing on Saturday and dinner at the Doubletree Saturday night. See photo of this and other reunions in Alumni Album.

1987 **Margaret Larkin Ahles** received a Leading with Faith award presented by Archbishop John Nienstedt at the annual Catholic Spirit Leading with Faith lunch on September 30. Winners, men and women whose business practices reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Church, are selected in each of three categories: large business, small business and nonprofit organizations. Margaret is an administration assistant at St. Jerome's Parish in Maplewood.

1988 **Jan Campbell Borgmeier** and husband, Dan, are proud to announce the birth of Joshua David on January 8, 2010. Josh is welcomed by older siblings Madeline (10), Ben (8), Becca (6), Annelise (4) and Adam (1). Jan is a stay-at-home mom in Rochester, Minnesota. Her husband Dan is a self-employed commercial real estate broker.

1990 **Nick Kaster** recently joined the Twin Cities law firm of Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon and Vogt, P.A., in the firm's estate planning group. Nick received his J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law in 2004, graduating cum laude, and his undergraduate degree from DePauw University in 1994. He will be working out of the firm's St. Paul office.

1994 **Tom Hanson** and his wife, Tara, are pleased to announce the birth of Hugh Thomas on August 16, 2010, 12:02 a.m. Hugh arrived 16 hours after his first cousin, William Parker Conlon, who was born in New York City. Tom is a corporate sales manager with Sajjan, Inc., and Tara is a flight attendant with Delta Airlines/Independent Distributor-MonaVie.

1995 **Chris Culp** and his wife, Ingrid, are pleased to announce the birth of twin daughters, Tess Elizabeth and Lauren Rose, on May 24, 2010. Big brother Oliver (2 1/2) is thrilled to have sisters.

Mary Beth George Puder and her husband, Tim, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Eleanor Puder. Madeline was born on May 5, 2010. The Puder family lives in South Minneapolis. Mary Beth and Tim both work for Target Corporation.

1996 **Jeff Foster** and his wife, Lucy, are proud to announce the birth of Eloise Rose on April 15, 2010. Eloise was welcomed home by Fiona (3 1/2) and Augustus (2).

Lisa Carufel Shepherd, her husband, Steven, and big brother Finnegan are happy to announce the arrival of Luke on August 16, 2010.

Ben Fazendin and his wife, Andrea, welcomed their first child, Charlotte Tuley, on October 5, 2010.

1997 **Laura Hanson Conlon** and her husband, Peter, are proud to announce the birth of William Parker on August 15. Laura is a global vice president at AxiCom PR in New York City. Peter will be graduating with a master's degree in real estate finance from the NYU Schack Institute of Real Estate this December.

2000 Since finishing his studies at Cordon Bleu, **Eric Jurewicz** has opened Fat Eric's in the basement of a church on Fort Avenue in Baltimore's Federal Hill neighborhood. The fine-dining take-out/delivery restaurant features one entrée per day, inspired by an event in history. Local foodies and restaurant critics are loving the eatery, so make sure to stop in on your travels through Baltimore!

Gabriel Skelly and his wife, Angela, were co-captains of Team YES (YWCA Endurance Sports) as they participated in the Minnesota Red Ribbon Ride. The 300-mile bike ride raises awareness and research funds for HIV/AIDS in Minnesota. Skelly's team raised over \$35,000 for the cause and is already hard at work for next year's ride. Also participating with Team YES were former BSM students **Lori Snook** ('02), and **Stephanie Jurewicz**.

2001 **Brother Michael-Leonard Hahn** made his first profession of vows September 14, at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville. After graduating from St. John's University in 2005, he taught at St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark, New Jersey, for three years. Most recently, before joining St. John's Abbey, he taught at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud.

2002 **Cate Lombardo** and **John Dugan** were married May 15, 2010, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Edina. The reception was held at Interlachen Country Club in Edina. ▶

Teresa Theissen and Adam Edmison were married at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Edina on May 15, 2010. Teresa graduated cum laude in 2006 from the University of St. Thomas with a B.A. in entrepreneurship. She is currently employed by Jeffrey Slocum & Associates as a performance analyst. Adam graduated summa cum laude in 2005 from Concordia University with bachelor degrees in finance and mathematics. He is currently employed by Ingenix Consulting as an actuary analyst. Also in the wedding party were **Greg Theissen** ('01) and **Anne Theissen** ('09). ▼



2003 **Mark Hamilton** and **Alicia Fleming** were married on Saturday, June 19, at the Church of the Gesu on Marquette University's campus in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Both Mark and Alicia graduated from Marquette. They are currently living in Minneapolis. Mark is a senior auditor at Wells Fargo Bank N.A. in downtown Minneapolis. Alicia is a bilingual speech language pathologist at Cherokee Heights Elementary in St. Paul and also works with Augustana Care Therapy Services. ▶



2004 In a BSM and Notre Dame alumni filled celebration, **Michelle Brintnall** married Brian Chester in August 2010 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Minneapolis. Brother **Kevin Brintnall** ('97) and sister **Lisa Brintnall Cronk** ('99) were members of the bridal party, and friends **Charlie Simacek** ('04) and **Jonah Klevesahl** ('97) were in attendance. Michelle and Brian both work at advertising agencies in Minneapolis. ▶

Kate Fristrom Jacobson and her husband, Chris, are proud to announce the birth of Lucy Kathryn on August 28, 2010. The Jacobson family lives in Minnetonka.

Teresa Kramer has been accepted by the Japan Teaching and Exchange Program and is now teaching English in Kyoto Japan.



2005 **Christine Popp** completed one year with AmeriCorp Vista at Volunteer MPS. After completing that position, she signed on for a second year with AmeriCorp Vista and will be stationed at Achieve Minnesota. After her service is complete, she plans to attend grad school, starting in the fall of 2011.



Allison Bolgrean and **Hannah Smith** finished in the top 10 percent of 15,000 finishers at the 2010 Chicago Half Marathon, held September 12, 2010. This was Allison's second half marathon and Hannah's first. Allison is currently working in Chicago as a marketing account associate for NPD Group. Hannah is an early childhood special education teacher for the Wilmette, Illinois, school district. ▼





Molly Mlnarik and Rich Wolferd were married on September 4, 2010, at the Church of the Gesu on Marquette University's campus in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Molly is an Ensign in the Navy. ◀

Victoria Seitz has just completed her third year of medical school in Leipzig, Germany. She was in Minnesota performing a medical internship with Dr. Sheldon Burns during the month of September. Dr. Burns is doctor to the Minnesota Twins, Timberwolves and the Vikings.

2006 Ben Baumer is currently teaching 10th grade biology and environmental science at PEC Preparatory High School in Detroit, Michigan, through the Teach for America Program. Ben earned his undergraduate degree at Loyola University in Chicago, and he is now enrolled in the University of Michigan's School of Education.

Former Red Knight boys' soccer player **Benjamin Burton** has been a stand-out senior with the nationally ranked Princeton Tigers. He is part of the defense that has held teams to 1.00 goals per game and allowed just 39.7 percent of shots to make it on goal. Burton has been named to the second-team All Ivy League for the past two years.

Lauren Jenkins graduated with honors from Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles, with a bachelors degree in Fine Arts and has been accepted into the Cinema Make-up and Design School. She is currently working with an Emmy winner from the TV show CSI.

It didn't take long for **Ben Wexler** to make his presence felt on the soccer field for Augsburg College. The transfer from Providence College led the Auggies to a 4-1 start with three goals

in his first four games. As a result, Wexler earned the first Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Men's Soccer Athlete-of-the-Week award of the 2010 season.

2008 Brashad Johnson signed a Division I baseball scholarship to Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona, Florida. His first two years were at Des Moines Area Community College. That team participated in last year's junior college world series (they lost in the final). Brashad hit .352 last year with 12 homeruns and 65 RBIs to earn his scholarship.

Kathleen Gorrilla made the spring Dean's List at the University of Minnesota. She continued her education with summer studies in Tanzania.

2010 Bailey Dodds, Minnesota's Mr. Lacrosse, was named to the 24-person All-Western Region team selected by LaxPower. The team features six attackmen, nine midfielders, six defenders and three goalkeepers who excelled during the 2010 high school lacrosse season. It is made up of players representing 10 different states across the Western region.

David Kohler was named a National AP Scholar, an honor granted to students who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. David now attends the University of Chicago. Forty-five of his classmates were also honored by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams. Learn more about them at www.BSMschool.org/news/recent-bsm-graduate-named-national-ap-scholar/.

Natalie Levang and **Anne Thiesen**, sophomores at the University of North Dakota (UND), enjoyed their first year as rookie members of UND's collegiate rugby team. The team was crowned Regional Champions in October after defeating Carlton College 20 - 19. UND participates in the Minnesota Women's Collegiate League.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Girling Ambrose '34 Mother of Tom '64 Annamarly '68 – deceased Mary Lou '72	Bonnie McNulty Freitag '49 Sister of Mary Lou McNulty Raskob '51 – deceased Mother of Jeanne Freitag Knutson '75	Marian LaVigne Mother of Mary LaVigne Quirk '63 Mark '66 Mike '66 Paul Jim Kevin '72 – deceased Barb Beth	Jim Nelson Husband of Jeanne Warner Nelson '61 – past staff
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St. Margaret's Academy Tea

April 9, 2011

Woman's Club of Minneapolis

Invitation to be sent in February.

19th Annual Joranger Open Monday, June 13, 2011

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Graduates from Benilde High School, St. Margaret's Academy, and BSM are invited to spend a day on the links at one of Minnesota's premier championship courses. Start assembling your foursome, and watch for more information at www.BSMschool.org.

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Help organize your 2011 reunion.
We're currently looking for
representatives from the
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Benilde 1971
SMA 1951
SMA 1956
SMA 1966

For additional information or to help with reunion plans, contact Sandy Janssen Barry ('86), Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, at sjanssenbarry@bsm-online.org or 952-915-4341.

Alumni Album



BSM BFFs Take on Chicago—Graduates from 1986 gathered in the Windy City: (left to right) Katie Kozlak Graif, Todd Barnes, Shannon O'Brien Arseneau, and Marielle Fournier-Fransen.



August Wedding—Michelle Brintnall ('04) married Brian Chester in August 2010, at St. Joan of Arc Church in Minneapolis. The family gathered to celebrate: (left to right) Keng Brintnall, Kevin Brintnall ('97), Steve Cronk holding Sarah, Lisa Brintnall Cronk ('99) with Austin, Michelle and Brian, Marsha and John Brintnall.

Alums Unite—John Dugan ('02) and Cate Lombardo ('02) were joined by countless other BSM graduates at their wedding on May 15, 2010. Pictured are: back row (left to right) Paul Gutierrez ('02), Ben Mattox ('98), Matt Mulvahill ('02), Tom Baker ('98), Luke Dugan ('01), Nick Schneider ('01), Sean Mattox ('97), Paul Ziezulewicz ('02), Charlie Daum ('01), Jacob Carlson ('02), Peter Rondoni ('02), Steve Dunbar ('01) and Matt Kukar ('98); middle row (left to right) Ryan Hibbard ('03), Robbie Gustafson ('02), Maggie Martyn ('02), Clare Diegel ('02), Molly Martyn ('00), Lauren Colwell ('02), Jackie Noack ('02), and Andrew George ('02); front row John and Cate.



Military Wedding—Molly Mlnarik ('05) and Rich Wolferd were surrounded with friends and family at their September wedding: front row (left to right) Devin Harrington ('05), Shane Harrington ('05), Jill Hance ('05), Allison Bolgrea ('05), Claire Goodrich ('05), Pam Sylvestre ('05), Joanne Wolferd, maid of honor Blair Mlnarik ('04), Molly and Richard Wolferd, Rob Christensen, Jeff Illies, Joe Hanson, Andrew Budzien, Bo Mlnarik ('07), Chase Mlnarik ('10); back row (left to right) Sword Detail: Mark Capansky, Charles Cain, Nick Preston, Brad Palm, Ryan Hoffman, Deven Ravel.



Baptism Gathering—The Teske family recently gathered for the baptism of Parker Young, son of Barbara Teske-Young ('93): front row (left to right) Emma Teske, Dick Teske, Karen Teske, Brandon Young holding Parker Young, Kay Lynn Teske Hartmann ('89) holding Kylee Hartmann, Barb Teske-Young ('93) holding Keagan Young; back row (left to right) Kim Teske holding Adam Teske, Alex Teske, Tim Teske ('85) holding Abby Teske, Shawn McDonough, and Cindy Teske.



Players Turned Coaches—BSM's Chester Bird legion baseball team was coached by three 2005 graduates who were members of the 2005 state tournament team: (left to right) Alex Zeman, Isak Tranvik and Michael DesLauriers.



Minneapolis Fun—Darren Rodgers ('06), Amy Perrine ('06), Betsy Van Cleve ('06), and Julie Cooney ('08) enjoyed the annual Basilica Block Party.



Wedding Celebration—BSM graduates gathered for the wedding of Mark ('03) and Alicia Hamilton. Guests included: front row (left to right) Kaitlyn Rainbo ('03), Sheila Pechacek ('03), Alicia and Mark Hamilton, Erin Riem and Meg Dickoff ('03); back row (left to right) Jake Mahler ('03), Peter Bangasser ('03), Chris Tourek ('03), Kevin Ryan ('03), Karl Riem ('03), Matthias Orfield ('03), Justin Riem ('05), and Kristen Hamilton ('00).

Alumni Album —Class Reunions



40-Year Reunion—The St. Margaret's Academy Class of 1970 celebrated their 40-year reunion on September 4 at Jax Café: front row (left to right) Mary Jellison, Joanne Kurzeka Tinkham, Kathy Brandes Sullivan, Patty Dyson Gagnon, Ruth Dillon Hullet, Denice Vashro Dess, and Pam Egan Blahna; second row (left to right) Coleen Koslowski, Jane Kane Neyer, Diane Howard Hass, Mary Sveta Kelley, Jan Brevig, Kathy Lynam Hansen, Pam Rogers, Nancy Somers, and Jane Hogan Zeller; third row (left to right) Jeanne Vonhof, Kathy Kelly, Gayle Zechman Boyden, Janet Kaster Broin, Pat Siwek Murzyn, Kathy Guthrie, Diane Grendahl Stoddard, Jikki Peters Seidenstein, Susan Knaeble Whelan, and Mary Hartnett; back row (left to right) Debbie Beddor Roth, Maureen Moo-Dodge, Kedgy Phillips Larson, Pat Burke, Tere Lamb, Susan James-Morrow, and Kathy Grace Miller. Photo courtesy of Tom Conlon Photography.



Homecoming Reunion—The Class of 2000 gathered for their 10-year reunion at Homecoming on September 24-25: back row (left to right) Mike Flaherty, Gabe Skelly, Mike Mandler, John Mollner, Andy Niedermaier, a friend of the class, Brad Diaz, Jon Lopuch, and Kristen Hamilton; front row (left to right) Jim Hetland, Chris Gacek, Michelle Buck, Katie Kapitan McQuillan, Jill Gilkerson, and Erin McKee.

50 Years Later—The St. Margaret's Class of 1960 celebrated their 50-year reunion at Jax Café on September 11: front row (left to right) Phyllis Wagner Hughes, Kay Hansman Anderson, Sharon Riebel Zappa, Pat Vashro Trombley, Kathy Miller Mulvaney, Jane Fisher Clarke, Renee Smith Miller, Tallis Hardy Bania, Pat Fisher Giefer, and Mary Ann Alverson Leonard; middle row (left to right) Mary McGuire Forpahl, Rose Ann Vogt, Sharon Varner Pelant, Mary Jo Steinberg Bonin, Judith Drury, Patricia Ferrara, Pat Toohy Flaherty, Gail Felicetta, Judy Gordhamer Trombley-Turnquist, Gail Retka Angiulo, Kathy Moore Potoski, Karla McGraw Williams, and Judy Merchant Nelson; back row (left to right) Jane Murray Marrin, Carol Klick Buiva, Jacqueline Arrell Berneck, Renee Toussaint Scherman, Barbara Etzel, Kathleen Locke Bell, Mary Barber Gilliland, Mary Sue Canfield Pierce, Diane Skaar Marring, Kathleen Goleski Jahr, Carol Novicki Soderberg, Rose Mary Wrzos, Helen Wartman Breyen, Carron Gutwinski Graf, Rose Holland Linnihan, and Sharon Meyers.



Class of 1990 Celebrates—The graduates from 1990 celebrated their 20-year reunion during the weekend of July 24-26. (left to right) Katie Flynn Baccoli, Jennifer Nelson ('89), Sarah Bangert Randolph, and Brad Fayfield and his daughter. There's more →



Back row (left to right) Tim Doherty, Josh Hildreth, Bill Starshak, Eric Hernandez, and Cesar Dewey; front row (left to right) Jennifer Nitsche Lester, Melissa Warren Levin, Liza Anderson Schwab with daughter Libby, and Rikki Cockrell Popsun.

Seniors **Bernardo Vigil** and **Danielle Kincaid** were two of 16 Minnesota students selected to receive an Achievement Award for Superior Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). This award is conferred in recognition of excellence in writing by high school juniors. Winners demonstrate writing ability in two forms: first, in a sample of their best writing, in any form or genre, drafted and revised over time; and second, in an impromptu essay on a subject set by the Achievement Awards Advisory Committee and responded to by all candidates for the award in that year. While the first sample is written under conditions chosen by candidates and their teachers, the impromptu essay is written during a supervised, seventy-five-minute period.



At the recent Minnesota High School Press Association Convention, the **Knight Errant staff** was awarded All-State Gold Medallions for both the print and online versions of the paper. The group was one of only two schools in Minnesota to win All-State Gold in both categories, with five awards given for print and three for online publications. Two 2010 graduates, **Dann Fry** and **Mickey Caulfield**, also received individual awards: Dann, second place in Newspaper Page 1 Design, and Mickey, first place in the Newspaper Review category.

Eighty-two BSM students were recently inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS), joining the seniors who are continuing their membership from last year. The new inductees and their parents were honored at a dinner held at school on November 1. All members have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and have demonstrated the qualities of leadership, scholarship, and character. They have also served their community through various volunteer activities. The new inductees are listed on the BSM website at www.BSMschool.org.

Senior **Kyle McCarthy** was featured as a Pioneer Press Athlete of the Week at the end of September. During BSM's homecoming game victory, Kyle, a running back on the varsity football team, had 238 of BSM's 310 total offensive yards. So far to his credit this season are 544 rushing yards, four touchdowns and 14 receptions, bringing him to an average of 136 yards per game and 6.3 yards per carry.

Six BSM seniors have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program for the 2010-2011 school year. The Red Knights have one semifinalist and five commended students. BSM's semifinalist is **Joshua Barnett**, and commended students are **Julie Flannery**, **Michael Kruse**, **Daniel Morizio**, **Christopher Oestreich** and **Bernardo Vigil**. Bernardo also received honorable mention as a National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) scholar. He is one of approximately 5,000 students selected from a pool of 200,000 students who received a high score on a PSAT test and has a GPA of at least 3.0.

BSM's speech and debate programs earned significant recognition by the National Forensic League. Because our students achieved "200 degrees" or more last year, the group has placed in the top 5 percent of NFL chapters nationwide and earned membership in the NFL's prestigious 200 Club for 2010.

Seniors **Vince Beacom** and **Maddy Moore** were crowned homecoming king and queen. Other queen candidates included seniors **Kelsey Brown**, **Hannah Corbett**, **Lauren Flavin**, **Amanda Gales** and **Francesca Sifferlin**. Other king nominees were **Myles Barnes**, **John Hansen**, **Patrick Krieger**, **Sam Scherer** and **J Sisk**. Emcees for coronation were **Michael Blessing**, **Morgan Rogers** and **Nils Swensen**. Underclassman attendants included juniors **Sarah Ehlen** and **Lucas Dickson**, sophomores **Margaret McGill** and **Spencer Shaver**, and freshmen **Cassidy MacEachern** and **Zach Hale**.



Vince Beacom and Maddy Moore

Seniors **Thomas Egger**, **Julie Flannery**, **Jane Huber**, **Michael Kruse**, **Daniel Morizio**, and **Bernardo Vigil**, along with 46 2010 graduates, earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

Serving as freshmen class officers this year are **Matt Adamson** (president), **Megan Katopodis** (Vice-President), **Katie Segner** (Secretary) and **Kathy Marinelli** (Treasurer).

Senior **Lindsay Kaminski** was featured in the August issue of Plymouth magazine as one of the "Sensational Six" students in the city.

Junior **Jake Horton** was featured in the September issue of Plymouth magazine as being "The Real Deal," as a successful student athlete.

Senior **Tiana Press** was featured in Lake Minnetonka magazine as one of "This Year's Finest" student athletes.

Junior **Natalie Walsh** and freshman **Katie Segner** both recently represented the BSM Knightette Dance Team by competing in the Miss Dance Team Minnesota competition held at Eastview High School. Natalie competed with a contemporary/lyrical piece in the 11th grade division, and Katie competed with a jazz dance in the 9th/10th grade division. The girls determined their music, costume and choreography for the competition among 54 competitors from around the state. Natalie placed second in her division and will move on to represent Minnesota in the national Miss Dance Drill Team USA 2010 competition in Orange County, California, this spring.

Sophomore **Mary Alice Hutton** was selected to participate in the 2010-2011 Minnesota All-State Orchestra. This elite group of high school musicians rehearsed August 2-7 at the College of St. Benedict and will give a festival concert (open to the general public) on Saturday, February 19, 2011, at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis. Mary Alice has studied violin for 11 years and is also currently serving as associate concertmaster of the Minnesota Youth Symphonies Symphony Orchestra.



Senior **Vince Beacom** was selected as a KARE-11 Academic All-Star. Vince was featured during the week of September 13. The segment can also be viewed on the KARE-11 website at www.KARE11.com.

Eighth grader **Mary Pat Ross** was featured in the Chaska Herald for her idea to sell t-shirts in order to start a scholarship fund for the Chaska Valley Family Theater. Mary Pat serves as a student representative on the organization's board of directors and has acted in most of the theater's productions since she was 5. She hopes to raise \$1,500 in t-shirt profits to seed the scholarship fund.



Sophomore **Rachel Thorstenson** came in first place in her age division in the MN Outdoor 1 meter diving championship, held in August.



Arc of Minnesota Teacher of the Year Award

Holly Hoey Germann; Arc of Minnesota Teacher of the Year Award Committee Co-Chair Hunter Sargent; Lisa Lenhart-Murphy ('86)

The Arc of Minnesota selected Service Coordinator **Lisa Lenhart-Murphy** ('86) and Vice President of Faith Formation **Holly Hoey Germann** jointly with the Teacher of the Year Award. Lisa and Holly were honored at a banquet on October 9.

Both of the BSM varsity soccer coaches were recently honored by the Minnesota State High School Soccer Coaches Association. **Dave Platt** ('85) was named the boys' soccer Coach of the Year, and **Scott Helling-Christy** was named the girls' soccer Coach of the Year.

World language teacher **Sue Cipolle** has been named the 2010 French Teacher of the Year for the Minnesota Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French.

The Minnesota Interscholastic Athletic Administrator's Association has named **Jerry Pettinger** the Region 6AA Athletic Director of the Year. Jerry is one of eight athletic and activities directors now being considered for the Minnesota Class AA Athletic Director of the Year, which will be chosen later this school year.

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Benilde-St. Margaret's School is more than our faculty and students. It's also parents, grandparents, alumni, friends, and donors. The Advancement Department serves as part of our community's connective tissue.

Richard Olson is the Vice President of Advancement. As Director of Development, **Ted Freese** is responsible for the \$1,000,000 FirstFund goal. After 35 years of service, **Mary Fran O'Keefe** is the new Director of Alumni

Relations. **Sandra Janssen Barry** ('86) is the new Associate Director of Alumni Relations. **Amanda Rothstein** is assisting the Alumni Relations Department. **Melenie Soucheray** is the new Director of Marketing and Communication, and **Caren Hansen** is the Associate Director of Marketing and Communication. **Libby Nickel** maintains the database. **Jackie Dummer** and **Kelly Wenzel** handle the backroom operations of a \$2,500,000 development organization.

"The Advancement Team is poised to help Benilde-St. Margaret's bring friends and alumni closer together to reach ambitious goals, including the Raise the Red Campaign goal of \$31,000,000," said **Dr. Bob Tift** ('71), BSM president.

For more than 103 years, **St. Margaret's Academy**, **Benilde High School**, and now **Benilde-St. Margaret's School** have been educating young men and women. With a curriculum based on the Catholic faith, extra-curricular activities and outreach, BSM offers access to knowledge and learning for students interested in becoming engaged servant leaders. BSM has the distinction of being one of the highest regarded Catholic schools in the country, a fact not lost on our community.

Even though 2009-2010 was a year when philanthropic gift-giving was affected by economic pressures, BSM received support from thousands of donors like you. **Collectively** alumni, friends, corporations and foundations contributed \$2,410,500 in 2010. Every department received some type of private support to underwrite activities, programs and student scholarships. **Your continued support makes a difference** in our students' educational experiences.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you throughout the coming year. Details about our events are listed on our website, www.BSMschool.org. Visit our site often for news updates and event registration.

Thank you. Your generous financial contributions make the critical difference as we weather the economic challenges around us. Benilde-St. Margaret's has been a part of your life. We count on your continued support so we can be with the next generation of students and future alumni.

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