



### **New Principal For Saint Mary's Mrs. Suzanne Fessler Named Principal**



On February 20, Mr. Mark Mauro notified the community that he was stepping down as Principal of Saint Mary's at the end of the school year. His reasons for this decision were communicated to our community by letter earlier this year. They were personal and touching. Mr. Mauro will become the Principal at the Combs Middle School in the J.O Combs Unified School District in Queen Creek.

In Suzanne Fessler, Saint Mary's is blessed to have a new Principal with many years of experience with Saint Mary's and an obvious love for the traditions of Catholic education. After receiving both a Bachelors and Masters degree in Education from ASU, Mrs. Fessler has spent 33 years as a teacher and administrator in the Diocese of Phoenix, 25 of them in service to Saint Mary's. For the past 16 years she has been our Assistant Principal, serving under Mr. Lehman, Dr. Jones, and Mr. Mauro. Previously, she served nine years as a science and mathematics teacher, six of them as department chair. Her experience covers multiple aspects of high school operation. Most recently, she oversaw the school's accreditation process and preparation of the school's self-study report,

which received high praise from the visiting Team of outside educators.

Suzanne Fessler is the first person in more than 20 years to move to the Principal's office from a position of service to the Saint Mary's community. In addition to her experience in school administration, she brings a knowing relationship with our alumni. She will be especially known to our alumni with whom she worked in her eleven years as varsity girls' golf coach, nine years as moderator of the National Honor Society, nine years as chair of the Discipline Board, and five years as moderator of the Math Club. She respects the value of extracurricular activities and the special role of athletics in the formation of leadership and teamwork skills.

### **Difficult Times Require Difficult Decisions: A Message From Mrs. Fessler**

Saint Mary's has been a good part of my life for 25 years in many different and varied capacities. I have now accepted the call to serve the community as the Principal of this great, proud, enduring, 92-year-old Catholic institution, and home of the Knights. My call, as does most, came with some immediate challenges; the greatest of all was to be part of a team of people, including diocesan personnel, to address the finances of Saint Mary's for the upcoming school year as we all, worldwide, make our way through this economic downturn.

Because of our traditionally conservative budgeting process and commitment to yearly balanced budgets, it became apparent that we were going to have to make a substantial cut in our budget in order to achieve a balanced budget for 2009-2010. It was after a tremendous amount of thought and prayer that we came to the realization that the only way to get the results we needed was to look toward reducing an entire department, and the decision was that it would be the Development Department. It is never easy to make these kinds of decisions that affect other people's lives. Some of you (or maybe many of you) reading this message have yourselves gone through or are going through this very situation right now, some on the receiving end, some on the decision end, so you know how difficult it is. We are extremely grateful for the years of dedicated service Bridget Costello, Helen Condit, and Nancy Shaw gave to the mission of development for Saint Mary's High School. They have provided a good foundation for our future.

"Knowing the future"...that is one gift that God does not allow us to have with any certainty. However, drawing on my years of experience in the Saint Mary's Community, I feel confident that this financial challenge will be met. Saint Mary's will continue to sponsor events that have become a part of the fabric of our outreach efforts. The Scholarship and Benefit Board will continue the full range of its activities, including the Hall of Fame Dinner, the fall golf tournament, the solicitation for support for the POSSE financial aid program, and other efforts to assist the school in achieving its mission. The Fashion Show will continue to showcase our students and the talent within our community. Our outreach to prospective students will come within the scope of the duties of our Assistant Principal, Mr. Rob Rogers, who returns to us with experience in that area and others. Pat and Julie Farrell will provide support for upcoming class reunions.

Please keep the school in your prayers this year...her students, staff, families, and alumni. We will always welcome the time and talents you can offer, as well as any financial support you can assist us with in any of the above areas. You and your families will be kept in the daily Mass intentions at Saint Mary's High School in the coming school year.

**New Donor-Recommended Tax Credit Program Announced – See Page 2**

**PLEASE HELP OUR STUDENTS THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIME,  
PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 2 FOR A DESCRIPTION OF HOW YOU CAN HELP.**

## LARGEST FUNDING SOURCE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REDUCES AWARDS New Tax Credit Program Announced

The Catholic Tuition Organization of the Diocese of Phoenix ("CTODP) is the largest source of financial assistance to Saint Mary's families. CTODP awards this year are down \$500,000 from the prior year and the maximum CTODP award to any child drops to \$2,400 from \$3,840. This decrease will impact many of our families and we are taking calls daily from parents desperate for more help to keep their children at Saint Mary's. CTODP itself has responded by creating a Catholic Education Fund (CEF) whereby donors can contribute to an account for a specific child and claim the Arizona income tax credit for the amount of the contribution. This is not an additional credit but rather a way in which parents can seek the help of family and friends by asking them to direct their tax credit dollars to an account within the CEF program.

Anyone can contribute to a CEF account. You cannot contribute to an account for a dependent of yours. Our alumni are invited to contact us if they would like to help a child. We have a list of worthy teens that need extra help to remain with us.

**If you are interested in participating in the life of a teenager, contact us at [cef@smknights.org](mailto:cef@smknights.org)**

## CEF – A DONOR-RECOMMENDED, TAX CREDIT GRANT PROGRAM Visit [www.catholiceducationfund.org](http://www.catholiceducationfund.org)

What if you could direct your hard-earned Arizona tax dollars to a deserving Saint Mary's student rather than simply shipping those tax dollars to the Arizona Department of Revenue? Really, why wouldn't you use your Arizona tax dollars to make a Catholic education possible for someone struggling with tuition payments? At no cost to you. Your Arizona tax dollars will be gone anyway. Indeed, because you also receive a State and federal income tax deduction, you actually come out ahead once all the dust settles with the filing of your 2009 tax returns.

CTODP now sponsors a Donor-Recommended Tax Credit Grant Program, the Catholic Education Fund (CEF). Administrative costs are very low; ninety-two percent (92%) of all contributions are applied toward a student's tuition. The use of CEF is easy and Saint Mary's has taken steps to make it even easier. Just follow these steps:

- (1) Families seeking help with tuition open a CEF account for a student by completing an Application for Donor-Recommended Grant Funds, an easy and quick process using the form downloaded from [www.catholiceducationfund.org](http://www.catholiceducationfund.org)
- (2) Families then contact donors willing to redirect their tax dollars toward a child's CEF account.
- (3) Donors then complete a Contribution Form, which matches a donor with a student participating in the CEF Program.
- (4) CEF reviews the donor recommendation to assure compliance with program guidelines and makes the final determination on the recommendation.

### The Saint Mary's CEF Clearinghouse

Saint Mary's has created a CEF Clearinghouse that will match donors with CEF-eligible students. If you want to redirect your Arizona tax dollars to a deserving student, but aren't sure which students might need help, we can help. Our financial aid program has access to student financial information, including a record of all financial assistance available to each student from all sources. We know who has unmet needs. We will periodically receive from CEF a list of our students with CEF accounts. We know who has a CEF account. We also know a great deal about our students --academically, spiritually, and socially. If you wish to help a student that might match your own interests, let us know what your interests are and we will try to guide you to a student with similar interests. You may contact us about this new program via email at [cef@smknights.org](mailto:cef@smknights.org) or by regular mail, attention Business Office.

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## Congratulations to our School Board for the Great Honor They Received in April Thanks to Four Departing Members of our School Board



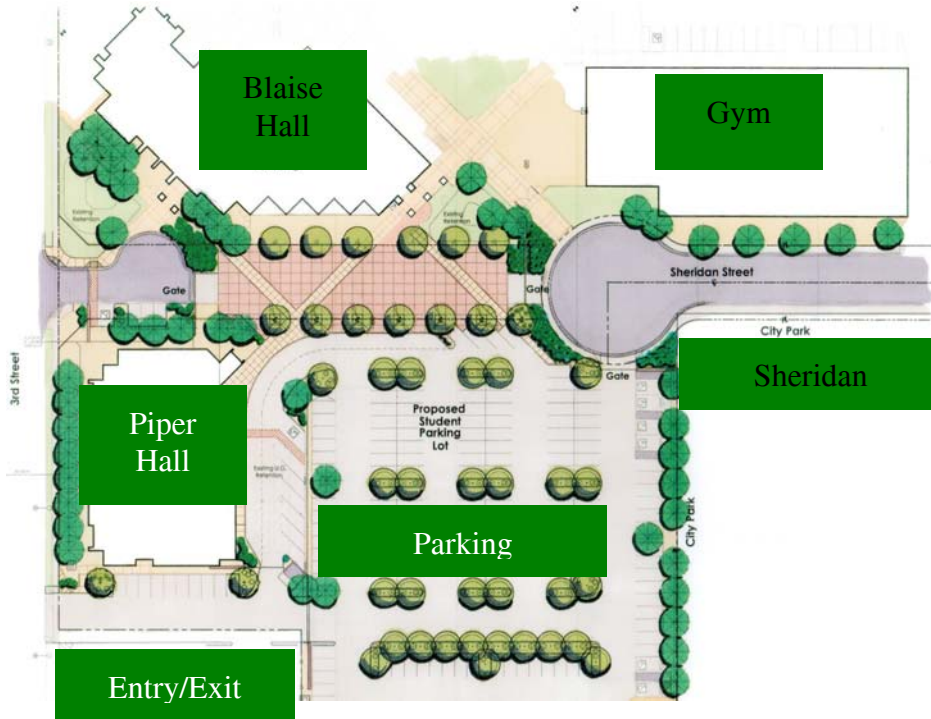
**“We are pleased to announce that St. Mary's High School Board of Directors is one of 9 boards that have been awarded the 2009 Outstanding Board Award by the National Catholic Educational Association's Department of Boards and Councils.”**

National Catholic Education Association

Our School Board is composed of men and women who devote a share of their volunteer time to a variety of tasks, each helping to make Saint Mary's a better Catholic high school. Service on our School Board requires a special love and dedication to our school community and all who serve deserve our thanks and our utmost respect. Pictured with Principal Mark Mauro are four retiring members of the Board who have served with distinction. From left to right, Joe Ortiz, Yvonne Koehler, Mark Mauro, Past President Ronnie Perez, and Stephanie Gutierrez.

## The Closing of Sheridan Street – A Courtyard In Our Future

On July 1, 2009, the Phoenix City Council approved the abandonment of a portion of Sheridan Street, which will allow for the creation of a courtyard-like space between the main campus north of Sheridan and the Piper Education Center south of Sheridan. This improvement will add significantly to the safety of our students and staff who will no longer need to cross a public street between locations. Construction crews have commenced phase one of the closure project, which should be complete before the full opening of school. The unification of our campus was a part of the original design of the school at the time of its move to its present location in 1988. Phase one of the closure project will not initially include beautification beyond the basics. Safety comes first. Budget constraints limit our ability to enhance the site. Estimated cost of the entire project, both phase one and the balance of the project, is just over \$550,000. Naming rights for the courtyard will be available and anyone interested should contact our Director of Finance, Liz Hansen.



There will be two Drop-off and Pick-up entrances to our campus.

(1) Access from Seventh Street and Sheridan with an entry into the student parking lot with pick-up/drop-off in designated areas and traffic flow to allow for a Third Street exit or the availability for turn around on Sheridan before entering the lot to allow for a Seventh Street exit, and

(2) Access from Third Street with an entry into the student parking lot just south of Piper Hall with pick-up/drop-off in designated areas and traffic flow to allow for a Third Street exit or Seventh Street exit.

## Saint Mary's and the March for Life

For the fourth year in a row a group of Saint Mary's students, accompanied by Theology teachers Christina Strafacci and Colleen Campbell, traveled to Washington, DC to participate in the annual March for Life on Thursday, January 22. Flying out on a redeye flight Tuesday night, the group arrived in DC on Wednesday morning, got settled in a host accommodation, and spent the rest of the day at the National Cathedral, staking out seats for the Vigil Mass that evening. Thursday morning saw the group at the Youth Rally and Mass at MCI Center, which reinforced the spiritual drive that motivates the Church to fight the good fight against the abomination of abortion. The March was held on a freezing but clear Thursday afternoon. Pictured are the bundled bunch from Saint Mary's. On Friday the group was able to visit the US Naval Academy and enjoy a guided tour of this wonderful and worthy institution.



We cannot judge the impact of a venture like this by any visible or quantitative measure, for that resides within the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere, known only to God. We can, however, rest assured in our faith, for faith is, in the words of Saint Paul, "confident assurance in what we hope for and conviction about things we cannot see."

**Saint Mary's Spirit Shop Now Available On Internet –  
[www.magnalitecatholic.com](http://www.magnalitecatholic.com)**

## Introducing Our Latest Alumni – Class of 2009 Our 90th Commencement Exercise at the ASU's Wells Fargo Arena

We have been blessed with the opportunity to share in the lives of some very talented and committed young men and women. We thank their families for entrusting them to our care and express our admiration for the sacrifices made to make a Catholic education possible for these young adults. We wish them all well as they move to the next stage of their development.



The gathering of graduates



Boys in green



Father Paul joins the celebration



In memory of Nicole Rodia



Girls in white



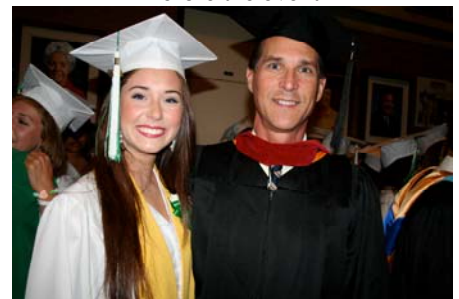
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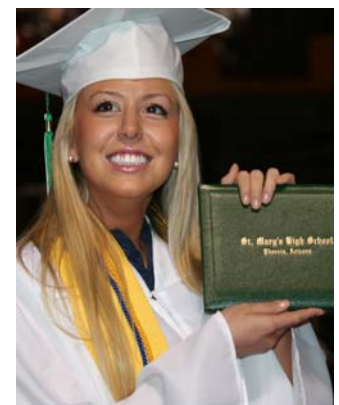
“Spontaneous” cap toss



Cesar's happy folks



Father/Daughter



Some enthusiastic graduates clutch their diplomas

A special part of the commencement exercise was a remembrance of Nicole Rodia, a member of the Class of 2009 who was killed in a tragic automobile accident in her junior year. Members of the class wore bracelets in green and white to carry her through the event with them. Her parents and sister were in attendance and her parents came to the stage to accept her diploma from Mr. Mauro. The Rodias generously funded a college grant to a senior who exemplified Nicole's love of learning and life. The honor of receiving this award went to Hayley Murphy.

## SUPPORTING SAINT MARY'S SCHOLARSHIP & BENEFIT FUND

# 6 Ways to Give the Gift of a Saint Mary's Education

**1. Give a gift to Saint Mary's Scholarship and Benefit Fund's POSSE program or annual event.** POSSE or a Partnership of Students, Sponsors, and Educators teams a Saint Mary Knight/Lady Knights with a sponsor who agrees to pay a portion of the student's tuition through as many as four years of Saint Mary's High School as well as the opportunity to forge a mentoring relationship with the student.

Participate in or sponsor the Annual Saint Mary's Open Golf Tournament or Saint Mary's Hall of Fame. Have fun and support student scholarships by participating in our annual events.

**2. Ask your employer to match your gift** Many companies will match employee gifts made to educational institutions, making the impact of your contribution even more significant. There are some companies that even match on a three-to-one basis, so check with your human resources department to find out how! Also, if your employer offers payroll contribution to the **United Way**, you can give directly by going to the designation line and adding: **Saint Mary's #8250**.

**3. Consider opening a named scholarship** Scholarship or financial aid endowments can be created to memorialize or honor a loved one. In doing so you will be providing a legacy that will

live on in perpetuity. Founders of such endowments have input on crafting scholarship parameters and have the opportunity to add to the endowment over the years.

**4. Consider making a Capital Gift** There are opportunities for you to become involved in providing a large gift to support specific facilities needs or endowments. Naming opportunities are also available for faculty chairs and facility upgrades.

**5. Consider gifts of appreciated assets** If you choose to contribute appreciated securities held more than 12 months, you will receive double the tax benefit through avoiding capital gains taxes which would be paid if the stock were sold...and receiving a charitable deduction equal to the fair market value at the time the gift was made as opposed to the purchase date.

**6. Consider a bequest or planned gift** More than 70% of Americans contribute to charities during their lifetimes, but less than 3% plan a charitable bequest. You might also wish to consider taking out a small life insurance policy with Saint Mary's as beneficiary or allotting a percentage of your life insurance to the school. Other planned gifts include Charitable Remainder Trusts and Lead Trusts.

**If you are interested in supporting Saint Mary's through any of the above listed vehicles, or have questions, please fill out the attached form and return it with your contribution and/or request for information to Saint Mary's Scholarship & Benefit Fund, 2525 North Third Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004 or contact Karen Mankoski, Executive Director, at (602) 256-4909 or [kmankoski@smknights.org](mailto:kmankoski@smknights.org).**

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**Yes! I would like to support Saint Mary's Scholarship and Benefit Fund in the form of:**

\_\_\_\_\_ A POSSE or Event Contribution \_\_\_\_\_ My employer will match my gift. I have enclosed forms.

**Yes! I would like to discuss the following gift vehicles with Saint Mary's Scholarship & Benefit Fund staff:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Bequest or Insurance Policy \_\_\_\_\_ Names Scholarship Opportunity or Capital Gift  
\_\_\_\_\_ Transfer of Stock \_\_\_\_\_ Charitable Remainder Trust or Lead Trust

## Three More Student Athletes Sign NCAA Division I Scholarship Letters of Intent

As indicated in the January issue, our first semester saw seven of our seniors sign national letters of intent to accept scholarships to schools that recognized both their athletic ability and their academic promise. In the spring, Julia Cardenas signed with UC-Irvine, swimming, Julia Grosse signed with the US Air Force Academy, cross country, and Patricia Gortarez, University of Denver, basketball. Congratulations to these deserving students and a big hooray for the families who supported and encouraged them in their efforts.



### Davellyn Whyte Named Gatorade Arizona Girls Basketball Player of the Year

In the third decade of honoring the nation's high school athletes, Gatorade has recognized the outstanding career of Davellyn Whyte by naming her the Gatorade Player of the Year. Her individual awards include being named Desert Valley Region Player of the Year three times and to the First Team All-Arizona in 2008 and 2009. Davellyn has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Arizona next year. She is pictured with her grandmother at the time of signing her letter of intent. Congratulations Davellyn and thanks for the many great memories.

### Saint Mary's Softball and the Dazzlin' Dallas Escobedo

Saint Mary's softball has been at the forefront of the sport for a number of years. This year was no exception. The girls posted a 17-1 regular season record and entered the 5A State Tournament ranked #2 in the AIA power rankings. After wins over North Canyon and Highland, the girls lost a 1-0 game to Basha, then rebounded with a win over Salpointe, putting them once again in the State semifinals against Basha. The Lady Knights then beat Basha in game one of a doubleheader before losing the nightcap to Basha 2-0. Basha went on to repeat as State champions.

For the third year in a row, pitcher Dallas Escobedo was named to the Arizona Republic's first team All State Softball Team. Her three-year record at Saint Mary's is remarkable for its consistent excellence.

Year	W-L	ERA	SOs	Innings
Freshmen	27-8	0.73	501	260
Sophomore	26-8	0.52	479	230
Junior	24-3	0.35	402	179

Dallas missed eight games this year due to injury, which kept her from again reaching 500 strikeouts in a season. Twice she threw perfect games, 13 times she threw a no-hitter, and 8 times she posted one-hitters. "Dallas is an incredible ballplayer, but most of all she is an unbelievable young lady and person," said Coach Bob Pacheco. "As a coach, as a school, as a sport, you may be blessed to have a player of this caliber maybe once in your lifetime." [Dallas was elected as Spirit Coordinator for the Student Body for her senior year.] At the right is the cover of the Arizona edition of the May/June ESPN Rise magazine, an issue that carries a feature on Dallas. If you have never seen her pitch, taking in a few games in her upcoming senior year is a "must do" activity.



### 2009 Track & Field Highlights

Saint Mary's continues to post improvements in performance and is beginning to make a mark at the State level as a result of the efforts of our athletes. This year saw a number of old school marks surpassed and new marks established. In the Desert Valley Region Meet, first place winners were freshman Orange Mooney in the 100 meters, senior Brandon Jenkins in both the 200 and 400 meters, and the 4x100 meter relay team of junior Tregg Waters, Brandon Jenkins, junior Isiah Gray, and Orange Mooney. At the State Meet, Brandon Jenkins captured fourth in the 400 meters and the boys relay team captured sixth in the 4x100 meter relay.

### AIA Realigns Region Play

The AiA has changed 5A divisions. The Knights division play will see some new faces and the return of some old faces. Brophy is no longer in our same division but old rivals Desert Vista and Horizon return to the schedule. Bring 'em on.

### 2009 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

#### August 19, Scrimmage at Westwood

August 27 (Thursday)	Hamilton	Away
September 4	Sandra Day O'Connor	Home
September 11	Brophy	Away
September 17 (Thursday)	Millennium	Home
September 25	Ironwood	Away
October 2	Desert Vista	Home
October 9	Desert Mountain	Away
October 15 (Thursday)	Horizon	Home
October 23	Chaparral	Away
October 30	Pinnacle	Home
November 6	North Canyon	Away

Homecoming Game: October 15 v. Horizon

Home Games Still At Phoenix College

**Support the Knights!!!!**

## WHAT A GREAT BASKETBALL SEASON



### Boys' Season

The third time's a charm. For the third year in a row the Knights reached the championship game in the AIA 5A division. The two prior years saw losses to Mountain View and Desert Vista in the championship game.

The Knights captured the Desert Valley title during the regular season, posting a 16-2 In-State record, beating Brophy twice in the process. At year end the Knights ranked #2 in the AIA power point rankings, behind the Highland Hawks. The Knights then continued their strong team play in the 5A-1 playoffs, defeating Maryvale (#15), Hamilton (#10), and Buena (#6), before claiming the championship in a rousing game against the Highland Hawks.

### Girls' Season

The Lady Knights entered their second season under Coach Curtis Ekmark, with high hopes for a continuation of the program's stellar record of accomplishment. Those preseason hopes were fulfilled with another fine year. The Lady Knights prevailed in a very tough Nike Tournament early in the season and ended the season with a 17-1 In-State overall record, capturing the Desert Valley regular season. The Lady Knights won all three games against Xavier. The girls ended the season ranked #1 in the AIA power point rankings. In State Tournament play, the Lady Knights beat Maryvale (#16), Xavier (#8), and Gilbert #4), before losing to Highland (#2) in the championship game.

### Coaching



Great programs aren't just about the players. Great programs have great coaches, great assistant coaches, talented trainers, supportive parents, and a school community that respects excellence in every facet of life. When people do anything that is pleasing in God's eyes, it should be done as well as it can be done. Saint Mary's is blessed with highly skilled, experienced coaches, people who draw out the best in young men and women, and who place a very high value on sportsmanship and teamwork. Dave Lopez (left) and Curtis Ekmark (right) have enjoyed success in their chosen field and have brought credit to Saint Mary's for the conduct of their players.



## *The Emerald Society*

Great things happen at Saint Mary's Catholic High School. Instilling young people with the traditions of faith, academics, athletics, fine arts and community is the foundation of a Saint Mary's education for more than 90 years. You are a part of this tradition.

Do you want to make more than a financial contribution to an institution like Saint Mary's? Do you want to leave a legacy and impact the lives of young people for generations to realize their dreams of a Saint Mary's education? Last year more than 800 children called Saint Mary's Catholic High School their home. Each was filled with a sense of pride and honor because they became a Knight or Lady Knight.

Each year Saint Mary's Scholarship and Benefit Fund bridges the gap for those students who take pride in being a member of the Saint Mary's family, offering tuition assistance for those deserving students who otherwise would not be able to attend Saint Mary's. But as time passes, there will still be more children whose wish is a Saint Mary's education; unfortunately for some it may be out of reach. Your gift today would help Saint Mary's Scholarship and Benefit Fund make those wishes come true tomorrow.

Become an agent of change; an individual who transforms the lives of young people and makes a huge impact in our community. That's what you can do by becoming a member of

### *Saint Mary's Scholarship and Benefit Fund's Emerald Society.*

By remembering Saint Mary's Scholarship and Benefit Fund in your will, you will be creating a lasting legacy at Saint Mary's, ensuring that no child will be turned away from an education because of an inability to pay.

We are here to help. Your generosity has a profound impact on the lives of young people who want to be a part of the Saint Mary's family. We invite you to unlock the doors of their future through a Saint Mary's education. Please do not hesitate to contact Karen Mankoski at (602) 256-4909 or at [kmankoski@smknights.org](mailto:kmankoski@smknights.org) to discuss the ways you can ensure a Saint Mary's education for future generations of young people.

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## **Partnership of Students, Sponsors & Educators ("POSSE") -- Helping Those With Most Need**

Started in 1995, this program teams a Knight or Lady Knight with a sponsor who agrees to pay a portion of the student's tuition through as many as three years of Saint Mary's High School as well as the opportunity to forge a mentoring relationship with the student. In 2008-2009 65 students were enrolled in the POSSE program. The role of a sponsor is to help provide financial assistance to a student for a 3 or 4 year period who otherwise not be able to attend Saint Mary's. In addition, the sponsor may provide encouragement and inspiration to the student throughout the school year. The POSSE program is non-denominational and is made up of students and sponsors from diverse religious and nonsectarian backgrounds. The student/sponsor relationship is intended to motivate students to succeed academically while gaining a new perspective on their potential in life.

Why does the POSSE program matter?

- ♦ A Saint Mary's education increases college access and preparation for our students.
- ♦ The POSSE program reduces financial barriers for college preparatory education.
- ♦ The POSSE program develops a diverse cadre of future leaders for our community.
- ♦ Programs such as POSSE create a culture of philanthropy at Saint Mary's.

### **Thanks to the 2008-2009 POSSE Sponsors!**

Anonymous (2)  
Mr. and Mrs. John Addison  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bertrand  
Mr. and Mrs. Herb Bool  
Mr. Tom Boyle  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butler  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Contadino

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Cunningham  
Mr. and Mrs. Sean Cunningham  
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Mr. Robert Mayhall  
Mr. and Mrs. Clint Magnussen  
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Mr. Bill Reilly  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tiffany

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## **The "de Blas Memorial Lending Library"**

A number of years ago, Father Alonso de Blas created a fund in memory of his parents. That fund, since its inception, has been devoted to the purchase of textbooks which are then lent to students with a high financial need. The program is managed by our Librarian, using the same tracking procedure used for checking out books from the general library collection. Textbooks in the collection are used and reused for a number of years. One book benefits many students. Textbook purchases can add as much as \$700 to the annual cost of a Saint Mary's education. For 2009/2010, 100 students at every grade level will benefit from this lending library. But we have even more students who could benefit from the use of textbooks.

**Please consider making a gift to Saint Mary's for the benefit of the de Blas Lending Library.** Gifts in modest amounts can be combined to make a real difference in the life of a teenager who wants to be a Knight. Checks should be made payable to Saint Mary's High School with a notation indicating that the funds are to benefit our Lending Library. Modest gifts can add one book to a student's basket. Thanks in advance for your help.

**Saint Mary's Scholarship and Benefit Fund's Board of Directors is proud to host  
The 2009 Saint Mary's Hall of Fame Dinner  
Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.  
Sheraton Phoenix Downtown**

The Saint Mary's Hall of Fame honors in perpetuity those outstanding alumni, faculty, staff, and community members who, through their contributions to the arts, business, education, government, humanities, community service, philanthropy and science, have brought honor to themselves, Saint Mary's Catholic High School and the communities where they work and live. This year's Hall of Fame continues to honor those who have made a profound impact on the Saint Mary's community. The Honorees are:

- **Fr. Alonso DeBlas O.F.M. '56 – Outstanding Franciscan**

Fr. Alonso is a fixture of Saint Mary's – alumni, former teacher, chaplain, spiritual leader, mentor, Scholarship and Benefit Fund Board member, and friend. Fr. Alonso is a beloved member of our community and represents all of the characteristics of who we are as an institution, service, friendship and living the word of God. Fr. Alonso recently celebrated his golden jubilee as a Franciscan Friar – this recognition is a fitting way to honor his continued dedication to Saint Mary's, its students, faculty and alumni.



- **Herb Tiffany Jr. '56 – Outstanding Alumni**

Herb Tiffany Jr. is the embodiment of Saint Mary alumni in our community. Saint Mary's instills its students with the 6 Qualities of a Knight – reverence, studiousness, respect, courtesy, loyalty, and obedience. Mr. Tiffany is a beloved graduate of Saint Mary's, having excelled academically, socially, spiritually and athletically. Mr. Tiffany is someone who is generous, is ready to help anyone no matter what the difficulty, is honest, is a true friend, is eager to assist anyone in time of need, is willing to think of the wishes of others, is able to be counted on in times of emergency, and is someone who stands by anyone in good times and in bad.



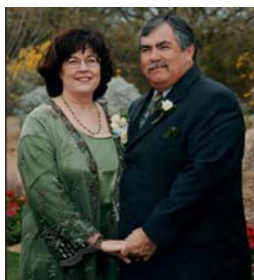
- **Greg Anderson '68 – Outstanding Coach**

Greg Anderson's entire life has centered on service to young people. Mr. Anderson coached at Saint Mary's for more than 25 years. He was a varsity assistant, head freshman coach, and junior varsity coach with a primary focus on the JV's throughout his lengthy career. Mr. Anderson has an outstanding record and more importantly demanded that his teams always represent Saint Mary's in a respectful and appropriate manner. The list of students that Mr. Anderson, referred to loving as "Ando" in the Saint Mary's community, has touched and the memories that he is a part of are endless. Although Ando was never in a position to be the head coach of a given sport, his contributions as an assistant coach and player were instrumental in the success that the football program enjoyed for decades.



- **Ray and Eileen Beltran – Outstanding Philanthropists**

Ray and Eileen Beltran organized and managed the Steve Beltran Memorial Red Tee Tournament for eight (8) years in honor of their son, Steve, a Saint Mary's graduate from the class of 1989 who was killed in a car accident. Mr. and Mrs. Beltran have raised more than \$150,000 to create an endowed fund in Steve's honor to support students who are graduating from Saint Mary's attend college. More than 20 Saint Mary's students have attended college because of the hard work, dedication and perseverance of Ray and Eileen Beltran.



On Saturday, November 7, 2009 we will begin with Mass at Saint Mary's Basilica, then our Honorees and Inductees will be special guests at a Hall of Fame Private Reception, followed by an evening of cocktails and fellowship at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown. Then, we will join together in the ballroom for an exquisite culinary selection uniquely prepared for Saint Mary's followed by a live auction and special award presentations. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$150. In addition, there are many corporate and table sponsorships available. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, volunteer opportunities or to purchase tickets please contact Sandy Ober, Hall of Fame Chair at [sober1@cox.net](mailto:sober1@cox.net) or Karen Mankoski at [kmankoski@smknights.org](mailto:kmankoski@smknights.org).

**The 2009 Hall of Fame Dinner promises to be the event of the year.  
Don't miss it!**

## Shout Out to Class of '99 – Time for Our Tenth Reunion

Seems like only yesterday. Well, its never too soon to catch up with some folks who shared some of your most formative years. Planning is in its earliest stage, so keep an eye open for news on reunion details at a later date. Want to help? Contact Natalie Paletta at [smsreunion99@gmail.com](mailto:smsreunion99@gmail.com)

## Class of '89, Time To Gather for Our 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion -- [Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?]

The Class of 89 Reunion planning is underway. We need to have updated email and snail-mail addresses. Please send that info to Jenny Alarid Pieri at [jennpi@cox.net](mailto:jennpi@cox.net). For updates log on to the Saint Mary's Class of 1989 Reunion page on Facebook (see link below) or contact: ☐ Kathy Hennessey Forshey ([Kd4she@q.com](mailto:Kd4she@q.com)), ☐ Kris Ricke Stamatis ([powellskipper@msn.com](mailto:powellskipper@msn.com)), or ☐ Ananda Farone Smith ([ananda.smith@yahoo.com](mailto:ananda.smith@yahoo.com)). The Facebook link:

☐ <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=60366306671>



## Class of '79, Planning for the 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion – September 11-12

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2009. We have had several reunion planning meetings with input and feedback from Gabe Urias, Kathy Salazar, Cathy Forner Angulo, Pat Galindo, Chris Jackson, Cecilia Cano, Chris Grenko, Delene Gray, Ray Traslavina, Rene Vera, Michael Favela, Sandi Jacobs, Teresa Olguin, Mike Angulo and Mary Delores Guerra. Good food, lots of memories, and lots of laughs!! Planning is still in early stages and now contemplates the following:

Friday: SM/Brophy game with pregame tailgate party at PC, north parking lot. Cost TBA but must be prepaid.

Saturday: Mass by Fr. Alonso in the Saint Mary's High School Chapel. No cost (of course)

Saturday: 7:00 pm, Dinner at Sylvia's La Canasta at 5502 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Buffet style, cash bar. \$20 prepaid

NOTE: A registration form will be mailed to all known addresses. Each event requires a head count.

Updates can be found at our reunion Facebook website:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=56148881159>

For more info, contact Mary Delores Guerra [[mdguerra602@earthlink.net](mailto:mdguerra602@earthlink.net)] or Cathy Forner Angulo [[mandcangulo@cox.net](mailto:mandcangulo@cox.net)] or Sandi Jacobs DeJoy [[phxfml@yahoo.com](mailto:phxfml@yahoo.com)]

## #40 for the Class of '69, Save the Date – October 30-31, 2009

Plans are underway for the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Class of '69. Begins at Hamburger Works at 5pm on Friday night, followed by the football game against Pinnacle High School. Saturday night we are planning a special evening but have not yet selected a location. We'll let folks know the details when plans are firmed. WE NEED CONTACT INFORMATION ON ALL CLASS MEMBERS. Please confirm your mailing address and provide us with your email address. Contacts:

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Kathy Henneman at [kathrynart@aol.com](mailto:kathrynart@aol.com) (602-274-7502 (home) or 626-755-3277 (cell)

Royna Torrez at [royna@azbride.com](mailto:royna@azbride.com)



## Class of '59, A Rip-Roarin' 50th Reunion



The Class of '59 has a terrific 50<sup>th</sup> reunion weekend planned for November 6-8, 2009 and all our former classmates are invited to be part of the celebration. Reunion Committee at left.

On Friday, November 6 there will be a tour of the high school including the new Virginia G. Piper Education Center followed by a luncheon. Later that evening we'll have an informal welcoming party (no host bar) at our hotel, the Doubletree at 44th Street and Van Buren.

On Saturday, there will be optional tours during the morning and afternoon to some of the interesting downtown Phoenix points of interest such as Chase Field, the newly remodeled Convention Center, Heard Museum, etc. In addition, the new light rail system can take you to downtown Tempe and ASU where there are lots of things to do. Golfers might be interested in the affordable and beautiful Rolling Hills Golf Course. Others may want to visit the nearby Desert Botanical Gardens or the Phoenix Zoo.

Saturday evening is, of course, the jewel of our reunion – the banquet and reminiscing about our years together at Saint Mary's. Short on speeches, long on conversation, music from our past, some dancing, some great door prizes and a few surprises - it should be a memorable event!

On the last day of the reunion there will be a morning mass said by Father Barnabas or Father Salvador. The weekend will conclude with a very special midday event which shall remain a secret for now. Don't even ask!

Classmates, please contact Mike Dalton at 602-992-7167 or [PhxIrish2@aol.com](mailto:PhxIrish2@aol.com) or Stew Bloemer at [smhs1959@cox.net](mailto:smhs1959@cox.net) with questions or to update your address or email. We'll be sending out more specific information soon. Also, check our reunion website at <http://members.cox.net/smhs1959/index.shtml> periodically for updates.

## Alumni Accomplishments

### Dr. Ernie Garcia ('49)

Dr. Garcia, a member of the SM Hall of Fame, added to a long list of accomplishments by being named to the Arizona Hispanic Sports Hall of Fame sponsored by the Tommy Nunez Foundation. At Saint Mary's, Dr. Garcia was a three-year letterman in football and lettered in baseball and track as well. He received a full football scholarship to ASU, leaving ASU to enter the U.S. Army during the Korean War, then returning to complete his undergraduate and masters programs at ASU in 1958. He served as an elementary school teacher and administrator in Phoenix and Southern California, receiving his Ph.D. from UCLA in 1973. A letter of invitation to Dr. Garcia said:

Not only were you an outstanding athlete, but you are considered a role model as well. It is because of your accomplishments and desire to succeed that the windows of opportunity were opened to many of us in Arizona, not only in athletics, but also in our proud cultural and traditional activities we celebrate in our communities.

### Nicole (Trujillo) Rideau ('01)

Nicole has joined the ranks of children's books authors with a touching story. "What is a Pookalaka?" ponders this funny word baby is hearing while in Mommy's tummy. Baby is anxious and excited to find out just "What is a Pookalaka? A hint – this particular pookaluka is known to many alums as Chris Rideau ('79). The book is available via AuthorHouse.com; just search for Nicole Rideau within their website. The cost is \$10.30.



### W. Scott Jenkins, Jr. ('95)



In 2009, Scott was selected by the Phoenix Business Journal as one of the Top Forty under 40 honoring the best young leaders in the Phoenix community and was recognized as one of the Best of Arizona Attorneys by the Arizona Business Magazine. Previously, Scott was selected by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education as one of Arizona's Top 50 Pro Bono attorneys and has received the Champion of Hope Award for contributions to Junior Achievement of Arizona.

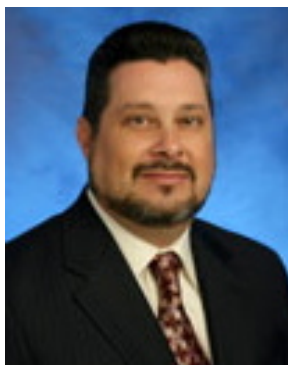
### Tammy (Spade) Simmons ('90)

Tammy Spade Simmons lives in Wichita, Kansas. She has lived in Wichita since graduating from Friends University. She and her husband, Shane, own Green Thumb Lawn and Landscape, where Tammy is a landscape designer. They have three children, Samantha (10), Clayton (8), and Scott (5).

### Channing Frye ('01)

Channing Frye returns to Phoenix as a Phoenix Sun, signing as a free agent from the Portland Trailblazers. Welcome home Channing!!!

### Michael Nowakowski ('84)



Phoenix City Councilman Michael Nowakowski is a lifelong resident of Phoenix. He holds a Bachelor of Liberal Arts in Religious Studies from Arizona State University. He is married to Delia and is a proud parent to Victor, Michael Ray, Irene, Carlos Raul and Raymond Casimir. Michael also is the General Manager of a non-profit radio station, coming from previous work with the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix where he served as Assistant Director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

### Freddy Delgado ('93)

Freddy Delgado was named Head Women's Soccer Coach at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in April 2008. Previously he spent seven years as assistant soccer coach at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. During his time at ULM the women's soccer team produced 26 All-Conference selections and four Academic All-Americans. A 1997 graduate of Regis University in Denver, Freddy began coaching career at his alma mater, serving four years as an assistant coach. In 2005 he received his US Soccer Federation "A" license, the highest certification offered for collegiate soccer coaches. Congrats to Freddy.



### Stephanie (Favela) Tutt ('00)

Stephanie and her husband Michael celebrated the birth of a second son, Isaac, on May 4, 2009, joining 6-year old Marc in the Tutt family.

### Analiese Rubalcava ('05)

Analiese was named to the Mountain West All-Conference Softball Team. After an injury-riddled year as a junior, she returned to her 2007 All-Conference form in the field and at the plate in the recent season to finish her senior year on top of her game.

### Mary Garcia ('89)

In 2008, Mary completed a Master of Business Administration with an Emphasis in Leadership from Grand Canyon University.

### Andre Ethier ('00)

Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Andre Ethier, who led the Majors in batting average, slugging percentage and on-base percentage last week, was named National League Player of the Week for the period ending July 26. Andre batted .545 with five doubles, two homers, six RBI and eight runs scored in six games. He also had five walks and a .630 on-base percentage in that time.

Class of '70 - Planning for our 40 year reunion will begin soon. If you are interested in being a part of the planning process, please contact Sharon Othon Rideau at [sharonrideau@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonrideau@yahoo.com) or 602 708 6204.

**Help: Please provide us with the mailing address of graduates before the Class of 2005. Many addresses of graduates remain parent addresses and we try to send only one issue to each mailing address in our database. Just send us information at [smalum@smknights.org](mailto:smalum@smknights.org)**

## In Memoriam

**Charles (Chuck) Elliott** ('42), passed away on February 8, 2009, in Green Valley, Arizona, following a three-month illness. His bother Michael Elliot ('46) was kind enough to share some thoughts on the SM of that era. Michael notes that throughout his four years at SM the boys never shared classes with the girls. "I know when we received our diplomas on June 2, 1946 in the Basilica I saw young women "in our class" that I had never seen before, much to my dismay I might add."

**Robert Sloan Branch**, 68, died Monday, June 22, 2009, following a long fight with heart disease and diabetes. Bob attended St. Agnes Elementary School and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1958, where he was active in all areas of designing and decorating for homecoming, floats, dances, proms and plays. He was an excellent actor and was president of St. Mary's Drama Club. Although Bob was taught by Franciscans at St. Mary's, he joked proudly that he "graduated" to a tougher school, the University of San Francisco, run by the Jesuits. For decades, Bob was well known in the Phoenix area as the owner and creative force of Bob Branch Flowers. Due to his wonderful personality and talent, Bob was able to create and build a flourishing home design business and was responsible for the interior design of the companies and homes of area notables, many of whom became Bob's friends. As Bob describes it, the last year of his life was "enriched" by renewed friendships with classmates during the planning of his high school's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion last fall. He hosted a wonderful reunion brunch at his beautiful home as part of the reunion events with special help from Richard Turner and a team who came to be known as "my three ex-wives," JoAnne Hintze Garrett, Willena Dodt Conley, and Kay Butler. Memorial gifts can be sent to Bob Branch Memorial at St. Mary's High School, 2525 North Third Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85004

## We Get Letters

In the January Knightline, we asked for copies of a few older yearbooks, including the 1941 yearbook. That request triggered a welcome response from Dr. Dudley Fournier, MD ('42), who explained (politely) that there was no 1941 yearbook, that the Caballero was first published in 1942. The letter was accompanied by proof in the form of a copy of a page from the first Caballero declaring the fact of the new yearbook. Needless to say, Dr. Fournier was among the student group who produced this historically significant volume. Dr. Fournier now lives in San Francisco, having retired from an active medical practice that included the NBA San Francisco Warrior basketball organization and numerous celebrities referred to him by promoters of cultural events in the City by the Bay.

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**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**1st Annual Saint Mary's Open Golf Classic**

*Presented by*



ASU Karsten Golf Club  
7:30am Shot Gun Start

**Funds raised will support tuition assistance programs at  
Saint Mary's High School**

Editors Note: Please notify us of any change in address. Parents, please update the address of your children. We look forward to receipt of more news on our graduates as well the various reunions. As always, we welcome news on weddings, births, and accomplishments. The Knightline is published twice a year, in January and July. Submissions can be sent to the editor, Tom Reilly, at [treilly@smknights.org](mailto:treilly@smknights.org) or via mail at the school address: 2525 North Third Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004.