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*Exploring, growing, competing,  
creating & sharing!*



## Lori Faerber brings new life to the infirmary and health care at St. John's!

*Lori answers some questions about her career and her reasons for joining the SJMS staff!*

*State University with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing and have worked as a registered nurse for approximately 19 years.*

*2. Where have you worked? I have worked primarily in the clinical hospital setting as a labor and delivery nurse and pediatric nurse. I was a nursing educator for 6 years at a local college, and I was a volunteer school nurse at a local grade school. I also volunteer as an educator every month at a women's shelter here in Salina.*

*3. What type of nursing did you do? I have experience in a variety of nursing areas that have assisted with building my skills as a practitioner. Most of the experience has involved direct patient care and facilitation of training new nurses in the field.*

*4. Where and when did you earn your masters degree? I completed my Masters of Science in Nursing Education from South University in November 2012.*

*5. When you heard about the opening at St. John's, what made you apply? I first became aware of the campus in the 1980's when I met my husband and his family. His father, Ken Faerber was the academic dean; and his mother, Lillian Faerber was the quartermaster. I admired their dedication and the dedication of the staff to the mission of St. John's. When I applied this past summer, I found the same commitment existed and I wanted to be a part of the team here at the school. I find it is very rewarding to be a part of the mentoring and support of the youth that occurs here at St. John's.*

*6. What has been the biggest surprise about the job? I truly look forward to arriving on the campus every day and feel it is an honor to be a part of this team and the cadet's lives. Additionally, the staff that works at St. John's is so supportive and work together under a leadership that wants to see the boys achieve success in all aspects of life.*

*7. What is the most rewarding part of the job? I feel blessed to have been able to spend the last almost 20 years as a nurse as my husband and I have been raising our family. Each nursing position has resulted in positive experiences that I am grateful to have had in my career. At St. John's, I truly feel at*

*home and take the responsibility of caring for the boys and their families as a gift and not just a job. The most rewarding part of this position is that we are truly a part of the cadet's lives, and we see that as a great gift.*

*8. What changes did you make in the infirmary? Cosmetic..and operational! The staff in the Infirmary has worked very hard since this past summer to continue to transform the Infirmary into a homelike atmosphere that provides the cadets with a place to receive care that meets their healthcare needs, provides education, and encourages positive choices in a supportive and nurturing manner. Communication with the staff and families of the cadets is very important and key to what we do in the Infirmary each day. This year we have also worked to develop strong ties with the medical community to provide our cadets with the highest level of care that is available. The Infirmary has a physician's assistant and chiropractor on campus every week to assess and provide care for the cadets. Starting in January, we have collaborated with Central Kansas Mental Health to provide an Anger Management Course. As a staff, Denise Kohman, Kathy Vig, and I bring experience and knowledge and we work well together as a team to provide comprehensive and thorough healthcare. We will continue to focus on meeting the daily needs of the cadets but also looking at any areas of education related to maintaining optimal health with the goal to incorporate additional education at St. John's and with community input.*

*9. How can the Cadets help you do your job? The cadets assist the staff when they communicate with their military advisors, teachers, and the nursing staff related to their healthcare needs. Our role is not separate in that we work with every department at St. John's to understand the vast and unique areas that can improve the lives of the cadets as we support them in their endeavors.*

*10. How can the parents help you do your job? We see the parents as the primary and integral link with the cadets while they are at St. John's. Maintaining open communication as we work together is another goal that we focus on each day and our parent's provide us with a great deal of beneficial assistance related to their cadet.*

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Cadets Andre Popovic, Jacob Wiese, Eduardo Melendrez, Braydon Phelan, Leconte Prophete, Brandon Mudd, Barry Edouard, Jacob Younger and William Johnson make their way through the day at St. John's.

The Blue Beret club gives bragging rights to the three Cadets in both the high school and middle school who earn the top three highest grade point averages in the Corps. Members of the 125th have displayed quite a fierce determination to achieve high academic success. Throughout the year, Academic Dean, Ginger Wooten, has found ways to celebrate

# FAST TIMES

AT ST. JOHN'S *zoom, zoom*

the academic achievements of the Corps. During the first grading period the entire corps was treated to a mid-

morning surprise of long john donuts in celebration of their diligence in the classroom.

Thomas Elliot & Tom Pestinger



Levi Harmon & Roger Morrison



Bryan Udofia & Robert Forde



The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Blue Beret Cadets were treated to a special evening of recognition dreamed up by Katy England. By surprise, they were paired with local SJMS supporters, and trustees with 'fast and furious cars.' Blue Beret Cadets, Thomas Elliot, Levi Harmon, Levi Gottsponer, Christopher Kessler, Bryan Udofia, and Nicholas Vetter reported to evening formation to find out they were leaving campus in style. Their destination was Ginger Wooten's house for an evening of food and entertainment, and the journey there was to be special indeed! Cadets with the highest GPA

were given the chance to choose their favorite ride. Levi Harmon choose the black turbo Porsche owned by longtime SJMS trustee, Roger Morrison. Levi Gottsponer choose the 550 horsepower Ford GT, owned by Richard Morrison, brother of Roger. Thomas Elliot paired up with longtime SJMS board member Tom Pestinger and his supercharged Chevy Camero. Nicholas Vetter rode in the classic BMW convertible roadster driven by Derius Mammen, Josten's yearbook representative extraordinaire. Christopher Kessler paired with Don Merriman, in his Roush 5.0 Red

Mustang convertible. Bryan Udofia joined SJMS admissions director Rob Forde in his 60th anniversary edition Black Corvette convertible! As the sun set in the west, the Blue Beret Cadets blazed around the teardrop sitting on more horsepower ever combined in one place. The drivers delivered their charges to the Wooten home in fine style. No doubt, if the tradition continues, the fight for Blue Beret will be fierce indeed. *Congratulations!*

Derius Mammen & Nicholas Vetter



Christopher Kessler & Don Merriman



Levi Gottsponer & Richard Morrison



# ACADEMIC Stars

Blue Beret



Thomas Elliott



Eli Harmon



Levi Harmon



John Haen

## DEAN'S HONOR ROLL



Levi Gottsponer



Brandon Wright



Caelon Tautz



Wei Feng



Yixiu Li



Eduardo Nestorovic



Yi Xu



Philip Cain



Matthew Giachetto



Paul Meyer

## HONOR ROLL



Jake Whitting



Richard Reynolds



Craig Roukema



Connor Dempsey



Adam Walther



Edeki Okoh



Joey Glavan



Anthony King



Jack Busacker



Merit Davey



Sergio Cois



Adam Harrington



James McCaffery



Ryan Lynch

# HIGH School

# HONOR ROLL



Juan Vuilleumier  
Zuno



Darius  
Bridgeman



Lukas  
Pumo



Lester  
Ostertag



Austin  
Searls



William  
Malone



Jonathan  
McSwan



Duncan  
Farrell



Jacob  
Wiese



Calvin  
Guardiola



Nathaniel  
Pearson



Christopher  
Kessler



Bryan  
Udofia



Kole  
Stoltz

Blue Beret



Christopher  
Kessler

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Nicholas  
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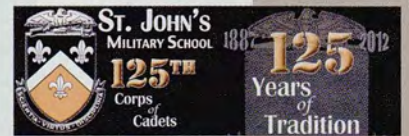
Jackson  
Brinn



Erik  
Cabildo Arias



John  
Garon



# MIDDLE School

# PARENTS' Weekend the 125th.....*On Point!*



## *In Spite of the Snow*



wesley dishron

jake whitting

richard reynolds

clavin guardiola

John Deters constructed the 'drum coral' for the drum line to perform inside. LIGHTS OUT, CAMERA, ACTION!



The Drill Team commanded by Ryan Lynch, performed in Banes Gymnasium. The team members; (left to right) Anthony King, Lester Ostertag, Caelon Tautz, Andre Popovic, Cameron Webb, Brooklyn McKnight, Brantley Snodgrass, Brandon Wright, and Logan Murtha.

Many parents weathered the storm and made it to Salina for Parents' Weekend. The St. John's family came through and made it a weekend to remember. Cadets volunteered to shovel driveways and walkways, Dave and Janine Whitting hosted a pizza party at the Ramada, Mr. Dee provided shuttle runs from the hotel to campus, teachers extended parent teacher conferences on Saturday morning through lunch, Lance Werber's maintenance staff put in overtime hours keeping the side walks and parking lots clear, and all-in-all...spirits remained high!





Cadet Jordan Vera, becomes an Old Boy while his Mom, Alisha McCoy looks on. Jordan's Dad, Ender Vera, attended St. John's in 1993. When asked how it felt to be back his Dad replied, 'things have really changed for the better. We didn't have all the amenities these Cadets have. The new barracks, the workout room, movie room, and video game areas are awesome.'



Levi Gottsponer, from Fayetteville, AR, received the Mac Arthur Award during parents' weekend. His parents, Cathy and Louis Gottsponer made it to St. John's for parents' weekend, in spite of the snow storm, and were on hand to witness their son receive this prestigious award. Levi has been at St. John's for three years and is Battalion Commander of the 125th Corps of Cadets. Levi is joined in this photo by his Executive Officer, Craig Roukema and Merit Davey, Charlie Company Commander.



Matthew Alford is promoted to the rank of SGT. Alford joined the 125th as a New Boy in August of 2012. Matthew is a squad leader in Bravo Co. He likes living in Bravo because "the military advisors help us become better leaders which will help us outside of St. Johns." Matthew's Mother, Julie Alford made the trip from Houma, Louisiana along with her parents Merle and Dickie Gonsoulin in their private jet. Now that's the way to beat airport travel!



Paul Meyer and Craig Roukema recite the National Honor Society oath. Both were initiated into the National Honor Society during the promotion ceremony Saturday morning. Craig is from Pueblo, CO and the son of Jane Reinking, and James Roukema. Paul is from Hesston, KS and the son of Marsha and Brad Meyer. Congratulations!



Dan Pestinger and Jacque Connor host an annual celebration in honor of the Marine Corps Birthday. Each year on the morning of November 10, the SJMS band marches along the back of the school to the Pestinger home. The ceremony begins with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner, while the national colors and the Marine Corps flag are raised up the flag pole. A fellow marine, this year, Steve Cline, then reads a letter from the commandant of the Marine Corps, celebrating the proud history and traditions of the United States Marines. Following the reading of the letter, the band plays the Marine Corps Hymn. Jacque, Dan and their granddaughter, Gabby, treat the Cadets to a wonderful breakfast of sausage, freshly baked biscuits with jam, hot chocolate, coffee and a variety of juices. The Cadets eat until they are 'stuffed.' Joining in the 2012 birthday celebration were:

Ryan Barrera-Law, Matthew Giachetto, Chase Rose, Calvin Guardiola, Wesley Dishron, Dillon Sweet, Jase Lacy, Reece Turner, Caelon Tautz, Blase Whitting, Sergio Cois and Darius Bridgeman. Three year old, 'Gabby,' was especially happy to have the Cadets join her for breakfast and invited the Cadets to the Veterans of Foreign Wars building to watch the ceremonial cutting of the Marine Corps birthday cake that same evening. Celebrating the Marine Corps birthday has been a long standing St. John's Military School Band tradition the band members look forward to each and every year. *Sempre Fi!*



Above: The horns, the drums and the Marines!  
Left: The band enjoys the scrumptious breakfast.

# Bill Meidell, Class of 1954, member of the Wall of Fame and the Old Boys Association Board



St. John's said good-bye to another Old Boy, an Old Boy that visited St. John's many times in the past few years. As a member of the Old Boys Association Board, Bill Meidell helped plan activities, looked after the little details, and always had inspirational and motivating

words to offer the current cadet corps. Meidell had a deep love for St. John's and in foresight, he planned to have his memorial service on campus and his ashes inurned in the columbine in Armstrong Memorial Chapel.

Those that knew Bill, knew a man that had great hope for the future, and a man that cherished his time at St. John's and was proud to share his story with anyone that would listen. D. Dale Browning, SJMS headmaster, was a junior when Meidell was a senior and remembers Meidell for his strong character and his desire to excel. Browning called from Scottsdale, Arizona where he spent the winter in the warmth of the southwest sun, to help plan the details of Meidell's memorial service. The service is planned for commencement weekend immediately following the



teardrop pass-in-review. It is hoped that many Old Boys will plan to attend the service to help honor a man that over the years stayed connected to his Alma Mater as a member of the Old Boy Association and as a long standing Muleskinner.

A few years ago, Meidell sent Terry Plumberg, SJMS Director

of Alumni, an essay that described his thoughts about his time at St. John's. Plumberg kept his essay in her files. We print this essay in this issue of the Skirmisher to remember a good friend and to share with the 125<sup>th</sup> corps of cadets the feelings of one who walked in their boots many years ago.

## **MOTHERED** by Bill Meidell

"On my way to Salina to visit a very sick friend and former teacher and coach at St. John's, I had all the time in the world to think and reflect about SJMS. Some things you just never forget. Things that were instilled in us as cadets have continued in one way or another throughout the passing of time."

**MOTIVATION.** God knows I was anything but motivated about anything. But somehow somehow they were able to get me off dead center, kick me in the butt, and say, "If you want it, go for it." And I would forge ahead. I wasn't the best student in the world, far from it; but they got the most out of me possible and made it appear to be fairly simple in the final analogy. My grade point average grew by leaps and bounds, my self esteem and confidence as well. It's hard to single out any one particular person responsible for this sudden change in attitude. Everyone on the staff to one degree or another played a part. But one in particular was beneficial to me and that person was MAJ Russ Guernsey. 'Old' Russ had a way about him that is hard to explain. On the one hand he instilled fear. Yet on another he showed you how

to do something with a caring attitude. While all the while, he was gaining your respect. But motivate he did.

**ORGANIZATION.** I, along with many others have witnessed the organizational abilities of Keith Duckers over the years. He knew how to spread the word and advertise the worth of St. John's. He, in my book was then, and is now the best P.R. man I have ever known.

**TEAM WORK:** We learned how to work with one another. We may not necessarily have liked some of the things they threw at us to do, but do them we must or suffer the consequences. Those consequences, from my point of view, motivated me to accomplish whatever it was they endeavored we do. Working together to accomplish an end result.

**HARD WORK:** Colonel Clem once said to me, "William there is no substitute for hard work and dedication to duty." How else could you manage to keep a school which had suffered from lack of enrollment, world wars, depression era, fires on the property etc, without hard work and dedication to what he believed in? Oh sure, there were others before and after him but on

the whole he was the one who was responsible for instilling it in me, and I hold him in high regard for what he was able to overcome as I look back on it all.

**ENTHUSIASM:** It just appeared to me, we always had something to look forward to; and they would hype it up as if would be the greatest event ever. Staying busy and occupied was their philosophy. "Idle hands are the work of the devil," as the old saying goes.

**RESPECT:** God knows I respected almost everyone there in a staff position or within the student body itself for that matter, with a few exceptions. For the efforts of those who were really there to teach, guide, and cultivate our abilities, I personally have nothing but the utmost respect.

**EXCELLENCE:** I have had the privilege of knowing and working with several of the most foresighted and ambitious individuals from St. John's you'll ever meet. They knew what they wanted from day one and strived to accomplish that goal. Safe to say, to the best of my knowledge, they were all successful in their want to achieve and succeed and their ability to listen and learn. Then, they had

the backbone to go out and apply that skill in their chosen fields. Where was that foundation laid? Within the halls and classrooms of St. John's and beyond. Just think of the countless numbers of fellas you know who've gone on to greater things by virtue of their beginnings.

**DISCIPLINE:** I can assure you I'd have been one dead duck without their teaching and show of discipline. For without discipline in your life and endeavors, you are nothing. Follow the rules. That's why they're made in the first place.

Well, there you have it. The anagram is complete. .

It spells MOTHERED. Who embraces you when you're scared, who cares for you when you're down, who nurtures you through the tough times, and gets you back on your feet. Who loves you when know one else seems to care. We had such caring and giving faculty/staff at SJMS. That's what SJMS did for me, and I'm sure if you search your heart and soul you'll agree. SJMS may not have given birth to you but they allowed you to grow and become men.

# "F" Troop...a call to arms!

Make plans now to be among the historic 125<sup>th</sup> Corps of Cadets "F" troop, forming on the teardrop Friday, May 10, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. Alumni Director, Terry Plumberg, D. Dale Browning, and COL Al Ransom challenge all Old Boys and Alumni to be on campus for the entire commencement weekend! A special Alumni dinner is planned for Thursday evening at Martinelli's Little Italy, in downtown Salina.

Each Old Boy and Alum in attendance will receive a commemorative 125<sup>th</sup> coin. All Alumni and Old Boys are encouraged to attend the memorial service for Old Boy, Bill Meidell, Class of 1954, on Friday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m. in Armstrong Chapel.

Let's make this a year to remember!  
See you all in May!  
Terry Plumberg



## SJMSPA

## Parents' Association



It's been a busy year for the cadets, faculty, staff and SJMS Parents Association (SJMSPA) board members.

We hope you enjoyed Winter Parents Weekend.

- "Life 101" Series

Our second class in our "Life 101" series was again a HUGE success. The class, entitled "Consequences," was a sobering lesson on the ramifications of teens breaking the law. SGT Chris McFadden from the Salina Police Department set the stage for candid discussions with the boys by defining age of consent and reviewing important legal definitions including: discussions about DUI (driving under the influence), MIP (minor in possession), and MIC (minor in consumption). After the class, cadet Paul Meyer, a junior, said he learned the difference between a misdemeanor and a felony and thought the class was very effective. Cadet Dakota Kinnett, a sophomore, had questions about self-defense in different situations and what was lawful. The class was a huge success, and the boys left with a clear

sense of the consequences of their actions.

"Life after SJMS," our next and final class for this school year, will be held on Saturday, April 13. This class examines the link between education and income potential and teaches the cadets budgeting skills and how to make good life decisions after leaving SJMS. In this interactive task-oriented session, the boys will also learn the value of saving for retirement, the importance of maintaining good credit, and many other topics. It is always entertaining to see the cadets as they are introduced to the reality of paying taxes!

- Commencement Weekend Activities. Our final activities this school year will be held during Commencement Weekend. Juniors whose parents are Lifetime Members will receive their class rings during the President's Reception complements of the SJMSPA. We will also host the after prom party and our annual pancake eating contest! More information will follow.

- March Newsletter Watch for our next newsletter coming in March! We will

include articles on: SJMSPA Faculty/Staff Grants, Career Day, Commencement Weekend information, and much more.

- Order Your Cadet's SJMS Memory Box Today!

The SJMS Parent's Association is offering a unique keepsake to cadets and their families. A SJMS Memory Box is a wonderful way to commemorate your cadet's journey and honor his hard work while at St. John's. These memory boxes are beautifully handcrafted and include the brass uniform items every cadet is issued upon joining the ranks at St. John's: Brass Cap Crest, Torch, S.J. and Old Boy shield pins, as well as the Alpha jacket arm patch. All of these items are mounted inside the memory box allowing you to enjoy your display for years to come. In addition, pewter accent pieces, quotes, and other beautiful details are included to enhance the exceptional quality of these fine keepsakes. The memory boxes are an impressive 12" x 16" and are offered to families of SJMS at \$150. Your memory box purchase will help support

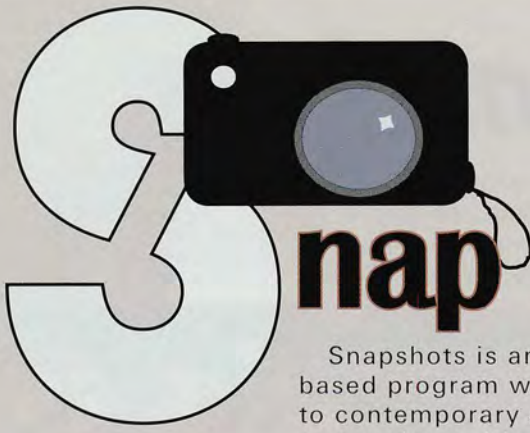
the SJMSPA and will forever be a cherished memento of your son's pride and achievements while at St. John's.

To place your order, please contact Janna Harris at 720-217-1174 or [jannaharris@live.com](mailto:jannaharris@live.com)

- SJMSPA Volunteers Needed

The SJMSPA provides a forum for parents, teachers, and staff to share information about activities and other aspects of the school. We plan, sponsor, and conduct activities while providing members support and benefits beyond the scope and charter of the school. SJMSPA board members do a lot of things behind the scenes to help ensure successful Parents Association events. We need your help to keep these events going.

To volunteer your time or services to the SJMSPA, please contact:  
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# nap shots

Snapshots is an interdisciplinary arts-based program which introduces students to contemporary art, photography, and expressive writing techniques. Creating

artworks using a variety of artistic processes encourages students to gain insight into themselves and the world around them. This culminating exhibition offers community members a unique glimpse into the lives of these young people.

This year's Snapshots engaged high school students from Opportunity Now Education Center and St. John's Military School, as they learned to explore, express, and share their lives through art and writing. Guest artists from surrounding areas worked with students during the fall semester to create artwork and writings, some of which appeared in this year's Snapshots exhibition.

Katy England sponsored St. John's participation in the Salina Art Center's Snap Shots program by transporting the Cadets to weekly sessions and assisting the Cadets with their projects.



Cole Bircher



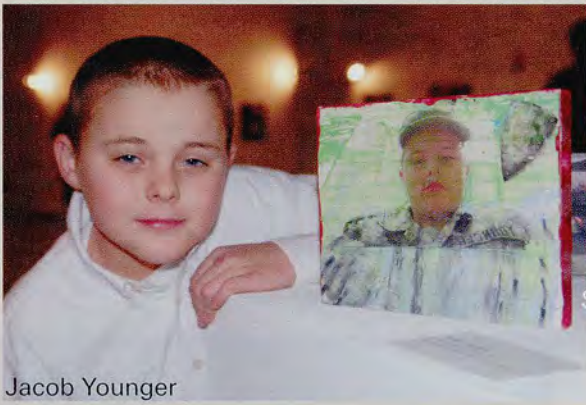
Brantley Snodgrass

## BOYS *just want to have fun!*

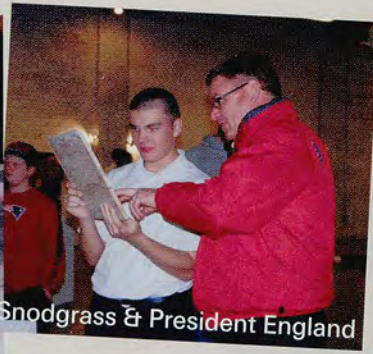


Jose Da Luz Campos, Osvaldo Hernandez, Eduardo Melendrez, Gabrielius Gurskas, Luis Garcia, and Santiago Vuilleumier enjoy a break in the action.

Jacob Wiese, Blase Whitting, Paul Meyer, and Jacob Younger pause for a 'Kodak' moment.



Jacob Younger



Snodgrass & President England



Tyler Yanda



Snap Shots participants, Brantley Snodgrass, Jacob Younger, Cole Bircher, Bryan Udofia, Tyler Yanda, and Jackson Brinn, gathered at the opening reception held at the warehouse of the Salina Art Center on Friday December 14, 2012. Following the reception, Mrs. England treated the Cadets to dinner at Martinelli's Little Italy in downtown Salina.



Bryan Udofia

## Worlds of Fun...in Kansas City

Thirty-three cadets along with several faculty and staff attended the Halloween Fright Festival at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City on October 20, 2012. "We had decided some time ago to give the middle school cadets the opportunity to spend time off campus on a structured activity. Last year, I decided to sponsor a trip that has now become an annual event," said Robert Forde, director of admissions at St. John's. International students

were also invited to attend. The Cadets had fun riding roller coasters in the morning and late afternoon. After dark, the Fright Festival began when the Overlord sent out his ghouls and goblins into the park. The cadets spent the evening enjoying more than eight different haunted houses and attractions.

*Thanks, MAJ Forde for the fun!*



Blase Whitting totes around his giant carnival game prize. *Hope it made it to the bus!*



Santiago Vuilleumier, Eduardo Melendrez, Luis Garcia, Gabrielius Gurskas, and Osvaldo Hernandez look forward to a ride through the rapids! *Hold on tight!*



# Scholastic Art Writing Awards

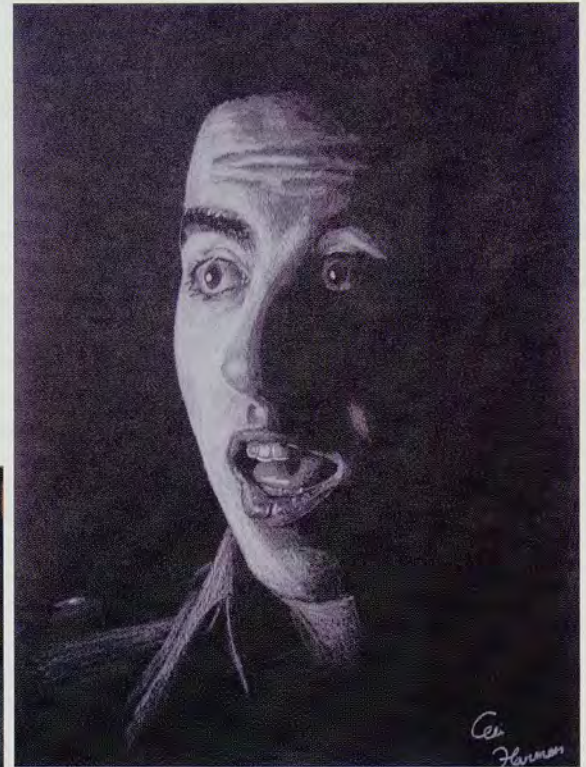
90 YEARS OF BOLD IDEAS

Congratulations

# Eli Harmon

*"When I submitted these works to the Scholastic Award program, I was hopeful they would receive recognition. Art is a hobby I plan to pursue throughout my life!"*

Eli Harmon



Self-Portrait  
*White pencil*  
Honorable Mention

Non-Objective Painting  
*Watercolor, glue*  
Silver Key Award

SJMS Art teacher, Scott Wiedeman, submitted Eli Harmon's art work to the 2013 Scholastic Art Awards program. Since 1923, the Awards have recognized the exceptional vision of our nation's youth, providing the opportunity for students to be noticed for their creative talents.

"The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards continues to be the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S., and the largest source of scholarships for young artists and writers."

Scholastic Awards submissions are juried by luminaries in the visual and

literary arts, some of whom are past award recipients. Notable past jurors include Francine Prose, Paul Giamatti, Langston Hughes, Robert Frost, Judy Blume, Paula Poundstone, Lesley Stahl, Edwidge Danticat, David Sedaris, and Billy Collins. Jurors look for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Harmon received both the Silver Key Award and an honorable mention for his work. The Silver Key Award is a regional award given to only 10-15% of the total annual submissions! The works were on display at the Wichita Center for the Arts from February 1 through March 10.

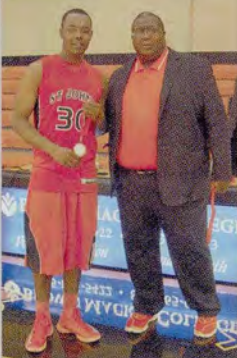
This is Eli's second consecutive year to receive recognition in this prestigious competition. He joins the likes of Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Robert Redford, and Joyce Carol Oates, all former winners of this award.

Harmon is company commander of Bravo company, a member of the National Honor Society, the soccer team, the wrestling team, and he earned Blue Beret honors for the first and second grading periods.

Eli has a twin brother, Levi, HHO company commander. Their parents, Donna and Edward Harmon reside in Flagstaff, Arizona.



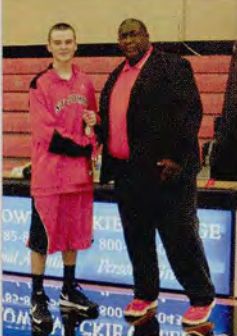
**All  
Tournament  
Team  
Selections**



**Leconte  
Prophete**



**Jase  
Lacy**



**Clay  
Smith**



**Barry  
Edouard**

# Paul H. Kellogg Tournament Champions *TWO YEARS IN A ROW!*



*front row: Brandon Mudd, Jase Lacy, and Jake Whitting. second row: Eduardo Melendrez, Lester Ostertag. back row: Coach TJ Jayne, Nicholas Cruz, Blake Williams, Cahill Shpall, Clay Smith, Barry Edouard, Leconte Prophete, Gabrielius Gurskas (manager), Brandon Wright, Coach Brady Srna, Ethan Pizzi (manager), and Head Coach Roy Lawrence. The team celebrates their big win on their home court. Coach Lawrence sure knows how to pick a trophy! Congratulations!*

# Martin Luther King Child Care Center

Garrison Keiller said it best, "nothing you do for a child is ever wasted." Katy England, SJMS first lady, supports this tenet by implementing programs that allow the Cadets to interact with young children. Each week she coordinates the book buddy program pairing children from the neighboring Martin Luther King childcare center with Cadets. The children walk over from their daycare center to the Remy Clem Library. Mrs. England distributes the books around the tables and matches children with Cadets. The library is abuzz with delighted sounds coming from the children as the Cadets bring the words on the pages of each book to life. Dr. Marilyn Jager Adams believes that "reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read."

England decided to expand the collaboration with the children from the Martin

Luther King childcare center to include some holiday crafts. Turkeys built with precut construction paper for Thanksgiving and for the Christmas season the Cadets helped the children decorate cupcakes.

Members of the SJMS National Honor Society (NHS) wrote a grant with help from faculty sponsor, Pam Kraus, to the Greater Salina Community Foundation to fund the purchase of books to be presented to the children of the Martin Luther King Center.

NHS wrapped and hand delivered the books to the children. It was a great Christmas moment!

The collaboration between St. John's and The Martin Luther King Childcare Center allows the Cadets the chance to realize the importance of giving and the joys that come from sharing with little children. The photos taken each week play witness to this fact, smiles all around. *Thanks Katy!*



"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."

-Pablo Picasso



# & SJMS partner and everybody... wins!



Literacy arouses hopes, not only in society as a whole but also in the individual who is striving for fulfillment, happiness and personal benefit by learning how to read and write. Literacy... means far more than learning how to read and write... The aim is to transmit... knowledge and promote social participation.

*UNESCO Institute for Education,  
Hamburg, Germany*



1. Santiago Vuilleumier Zuno reads to his tiny partner.
2. Katy England joins the group of readers.
3. Caelon Tautz, and Pam Kraus prepare to make a paper turkey with one of the MLK children.
4. Logan Murtha helps his child decorate a cupcake.
5. Anna Robles traces one of the children's hand.
6. Nicholas Sheldon helps organize paper for the project.



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**Commencement Schedule 2013**

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

8:00-9:00 am Breakfast for Cadets Only - Stevens Center  
 9:00-11:30 am Registration for Parents Vanier Academic Center Porch  
 Parent Teacher Coffee/Informal Discussion with Faculty  
 (Re-Enrollment Desk Open and in Linger Hall)  
 10:15 am Boy Scout Court of Honor - Armstrong Chapel  
 11:30 am Pass-in-Review - Tear Drop  
 12:00-1:30 pm Lunch for Cadets & Families Stevens Center  
 1:30-3:30 pm Academic/Military Awards Ceremony - Banes Gymnasium  
 (Re-Enrollment Desk Open in Linger Hall following Ceremony)  
 3:30 pm Pass Gate Open  
 3:30-4:30 pm St. John's History/Alumni Room Open - Linger Hall  
 5:30-6:00 pm Photo Opportunity for Parents at Prom - Salina Country Club  
 6:00-10:30 pm Junior/Senior Prom - Salina Country Club  
 6:00-7:00 pm Dinner for Cadets Only - Stevens Center  
 6:00 pm Alumni Social with Current/Former Faculty, Staff - Martinelli's  
 Dress: Business Casual  
 6:30 pm Alumni Dinner - Martinelli's  
 Presentation of 125th Memorial Coin  
 10:30 pm Pass Gate Closed for Cadets Not Attending Prom  
 12:00 am Pass Gate Closed for Cadets Attending Prom

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

8:00 am Flag Raising Ceremony/ Final Roll Call - Tear Drop  
 Pass-in-Review/"F" Troop Formation - Tear Drop  
 9:00 am Continental Breakfast Parents/Families - President's Backyard  
 Old Boy's Breakfast  
 9:00 am Breakfast for Cadets only - Stevens Center  
 9:30 am Memorial Service for Old Boy, Bill Meidell - Armstrong Chapel  
 Old Boys - please attend  
 Academic/Military Awards Ceremony - Banes Gym  
 10:45 am Scholarships/Distinguished Awards Ceremony -Banes Gym  
 Wall of Fame Inductions  
 12:00 pm Lunch for Cadets and Families - Stevens Center  
 1:30 pm Pass-in-Review in Honor of Meidell Family - Tear Drop  
 2:00 pm 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration - Presentation of Memorial Coin - Banes Gym  
 3:00-5:00 pm Re-enrollment Desk Open-Linger Hall  
 3:00 pm Pass Gate Open  
 5:00 pm Dinner for Cadets without parents - Stevens Center  
 7:00 pm President's Recognition Ceremony - Banes Gym  
 Ring Ceremony Class of 2014/Battalion Staff Farewell Class of 2013  
**ATTENDANCE MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS**  
**DRESS CODE: JACKET REQUIRED**  
 12:00 am Pass Gate Closed

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

7:15 am Breakfast for Cadets only - Stevens Center  
 Breakfast for Seniors Hosted by Old Boys - Browning Reception Room  
 8:30 am Senior Eucharist - Armstrong Chapel  
**MANDATORY FOR SENIORS**  
*(Parents and other Cadets welcome to attend)*  
 10:00 am Freedom Tree Ceremony - Tear drop  
 10:30 am Graduation - Class of 2013  
 Final Pass-in-Review - Browning Parade Field  
 Dismissal of the 125th Corps of Cadets  
 Following Graduation BBQ for Alumni and their families, SJMS staff & Faculty  
 President's Backyard

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