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A Year of Excellence

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES, Staff and Faculty, I want to thank all of the parents, Old Boys, and Friends of SJMS for their support during the last year.

The heartfelt emotion that was exhibited by Cadet Colonel Hunter Lobertini in his remarks during the graduation ceremonies for the 118th Corps of Cadets moved all in attendance. Cadet Lobertini's love of St. John's Military School was shown by the other graduates as well. This feeling of emotion demonstrates to all what a remarkable place St. John's is.

The end of year ceremonies were full of history and pageantry. From the raising of the 118 flags during the opening ceremonies on Friday morning, to remembering deceased Old Boys during the Final Roll Call ceremony, to the awards ceremony, Military Ball, Graduation and Final Review, it was a time of joy, reflection and celebration.

A key highlight was the ground breaking for the new barracks which was held on Friday morning. While graduation is a time of reflection, this ceremony served to point to the strong future of SJMS.

During the Awards Ceremony on Friday morning, four cadets received full scholarships for the next school year. Cadet Nathan Dixon received the D. Dale Browning Scholarship. Cadets Thomas Sweeney, Stephan Hanna, and Samuel Bowman received the Horejsi Family Trust Scholarships. The Battalion Commander, Hunter Lobertini, and Battalion XO, Cadet Michael Class, received the Gordon Prize, one of the most prestigious awards given by SJMS.

The Military Ball was an evening of excitement and emotion. Each member of the Battalion staff made an emotional

farewell to each other and the Corps. The SJMS Drill Team made their final performance for 2006 and Cadet Stephan Hanna was named the 2006-2007 Drill Team Commander.

Saturday morning started with the Senior Eucharist in the Chapel followed by the Freedom Tree Ceremony. The Corps then moved to Perkins Field for graduation. The Parade of Flags and Handle Ceremony demonstrated the diversity of the Corps and the long history of SJMS.

LT GEN Robert Beckel, USAF (Ret), one of the first graduates of the Air Force Academy and a true American hero with over 300 combat missions during the Vietnam War, was the keynote speaker. His remarks encouraged the cadets and the spectators to give thought to the future.

Cadet Spencer Terry was named valedictorian and Cadet Hunter Lobertini, salutatorian. Cadet Samy Wahabrebi was named the Battalion Commander for the 119th Corps and Cadet Thomas Sweeney was named Command Sergeant Major.

Finally, each graduate received his diploma, the 118th Corps of Cadets formed for its final review and then the 118th was dismissed forever.

Yes, 2005-2006 was a year of excellence. The Corps attained a 997.2 during the Annual Formal Inspection and had an overall grade point average of 84.45 for the year. Great things were accomplished and more great things are ahead.



JACK FOX
Col, AUS (Ret)
President,
St. John's Military School



Stewart Horejsi Makes Scholarships Possible for Cadets



Top left:
Larry Dunlap
presents
scholarship award
to Cadet Thomas
Sweeney.

Lower left:
Stewart Horejsi

STEWART HOREJSI IS A MAN who has a great love for St. John's Military School. Born and raised in Salina, KS, Mr. Horejsi first became involved with St. John's when he served as a Trustee for 12 years. He next became a member of the Endowment Board, where he currently serves.

"I believe St. John's makes a difference in the lives of boys," said Mr. Horejsi. "I am proud of the organization and the school, and I feel very good about their mission."

As a manager of mutual funds that are traded on the New York Stock Exchange, Mr. Horejsi understands very clearly the importance of good leadership training and character building in the youth of today.

"St. John's helps the boys have a sense of self worth. I think it helps the boys self esteem," said Mr. Horejsi. "It's important that they feel good about themselves."

Because of his love for the school, Mr. Horejsi established the Horejsi Family Trust Scholarship for cadets at SJMS. The full-ride scholarships were awarded to three cadets this year, who will be seniors for the 2006-2007 school year.

CADET SERGEANT STEPHEN HANNA of Tahlequah, OK, is a two-year student at St. John's. He finished the 2005-2006 school year with a 4.00 grade point average, and his class rank was 2 of 36. His Junior year activities included: Academic Letter (top 10% of class); Honor Roll 2nd Quarter; Dean's Honor Roll 1st, 3rd, and 4th Quarters; and was a member of the Drill Team.



CADET 1ST SERGEANT THOMAS SWEENEY of Denver, CO, is a two-year student at St. John's. He finished the 2005-2006 school year with a 3.87 grade point average, and his class rank was 10 of 36. His Junior year activities included: Honor Roll 1st, 3rd, and 4th Quarters; Dean's Honor Roll 2nd Quarter; Member of the Drill Team, the National Honor Society, and the Nichomachean Society.



CADET 1ST LIEUTENANT SAMUEL BOWMAN of Hockessin, DE, is a two-year student at St. John's. He finished the 2005-2006 school year with a 3.143 grade point average, and his class rank was 8 of 36. His Junior year activities included: Honor Roll 2nd and 4th Quarters, and was a member of the Varsity Tennis Team.



"The personal attention provided to my son by the Staff and Faculty at St. John's Military School has made all the difference in his success at school...I am so grateful to the Horejsi Family for their generous scholarship contribution to my son."

Mr. Tom Sweeney

*Providing financial assistance to cadets
creates opportunities that will last a lifetime...*



Final Roll Call

Phillip Michael Scarborough
Attended 1991-1994

Chris Hollandsworth
Class of 1969

James McDowell, Jr.
Class of 1939

Robert Lee
Class of 2004

Philip A. Hendren
Class of 1958

Jack A. Jensen
Class of 1944

Beryl Reichardt
SJMS Asst. Golf Coach/
Military Advisor

David Cowie
Class of 1966

Woodrow Bruce Newalla
Class of 1937

Bill McDermith
Class of 1954

Jason Garrett Price
Class of 1991

Robert Campbell
Class of 1940

Dustin Darrel Wiener
Class of 2008

Willard Kelso Janes

Andre Douglas
Attended 1995

Tom Hawk
SJMS Maintenance Staff

The Right Reverend William Davidson ~ 1st Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas

Any Old Boy of Whom We Are Unaware...

the Battalion Bugler Jeffrey Adams

JEFFREY JUST FINISHED HIS EIGHTH GRADE YEAR at St. John's Military School. MAJ Wendy Stein asked Jeffrey to join the band as a member of the trumpet section upon learning that Jeffrey had previous experience on the instrument.

Jeffrey quickly became acclimated to the trumpet and spent many afternoons in the band room after school trying to find his trumpet chops and re-learn the names of the notes. Before long, Jeffrey's tone had improved and he had developed some trumpet fingering technique.

During second semester, Jeffrey expressed interest in learning the bugle calls and becoming battalion bugler. The duties of the battalion bugler entail the playing of bugle calls for evening retreat and taps. Once again, Jeffrey came in after school and put in the extra hours of practice needed to play the bugle calls. MAJ Stein encouraged Jeffrey to play the calls outdoors in order to become comfortable with the challenges of outdoor performing. Following spring break, MAJ Stein asked Jeffrey to begin playing "To the Colors" and "Retreat" during the evening formations. MAJ Stein played along with Jeffrey to boost his confidence and give him the chance to one day play alone.

One evening in early April, MAJ Stein could not be at retreat formation so Jeffrey found himself alone at the center of the Tear Drop ready to sound retreat. His playing was more than acceptable and Jeffrey heard many accolades from the members of the 118th Corps of Cadets.

From that point on, Jeffrey faithfully performed the duties of battalion bugler and was awarded the battalion bugler figure 4 chord to wear on his alpha uniform. Jeffrey is seen here playing taps just before the 118th Corps is dismissed forever.

"Jeffrey accepted the challenge of becoming battalion bugler with great enthusiasm and displayed a fantastic work ethic. It will be great to start the next school year with a bugler already in place! Good job, Jeffrey!" MAJ Stein.



Major Wendy Stein
Teaching Cadets at
SJMS for over 20
years

Academic Excellence

THE END OF THE YEAR entails many emotions, culminating a year of academic emphasis into the final days. A variety of exciting events have taken place the past several months. These events include the completion of the Kansas Assessments which holds the key to our Kansas State Accreditation. Our 3rd and final visit, concluding a five year cycle with North Central Association was an exciting day in May. Lastly, the conclusion of the school year with an exciting and emotional commencement weekend capped off the year.

In early April our students grades 7- 11 were engrossed in two weeks of evaluations. The Kansas Assessment exams are an important part of the No Child Left Behind mandate for schools. Student test scores are the primary criteria for a school to remain accredited through the state of Kansas as well as other states. Our students have improved greatly over the last two years on these assessments. In two years, our math scores have escalated from 11% of our students scoring better than average to 60% scoring above average. In reading, our scores have gone from 12% scoring above average to just over 81% scoring above average. These scores are a direct reflection of the teachers in those areas doing a superb job of teaching and an increased emphasis on academics school-wide. Students have done an exemplary job of taking the exams, taking results very seriously.

Greeting us in early May was our North Central Association (NCA) visiting team to conduct our 3rd and final evaluation of a five year

cycle. NCA is an accreditation agency we work with in addition to Kansas State Department of Education. Our visiting team of four gave us a glowing report. Extremely pleased with the improvement over the past two years, they unanimously accredited us with no deficiencies to speak of. Qualified staff and student test scores resulted in an easy and painless visit resulting in another year of being fully accredited.

The conclusion of the school year would not be the same without the poignant commencement weekend. From the completion of final exams to the “hats in the air,” the graduate’s weekend went off flawless. An abundance of awards and scholarships given were certainly a highlight, but no more important than the farewell speeches of our departing cadet staff. I want to personally congratulate the graduates and their families for their successes at St. John’s. We wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

For those returning, we encourage parents and students to strongly consider our summer school program beginning July 31st. The program is designed to get our students into an early routine of academics before the regular school year begins. A variety of information and course offerings are available online at www.sjms.org or through our Admissions Department.



DEVON WALTER
*Academic Dean,
St. John's Military School*



academic excellence...

Blue Berets

3rd Quarter Upper School



Benjamin Roman

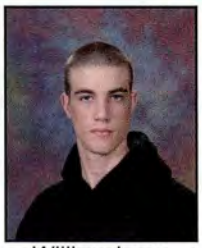


Kyle Hughes



Matthew Ravan

4th Quarter Upper School



William Long

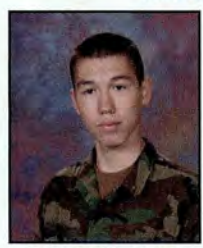


Matthew Ravan



Benjamin Roman

3rd Quarter Middle School



Devon Conway

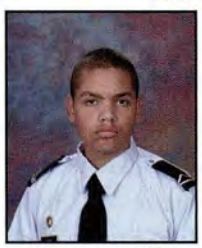


Treylan Loftis



Brandon Santana

4th Quarter Middle School



Treylan Loftis



Michael Manuel



Mitchell Warren

Academic Achievers

3rd Quarter Upper School



Kyle Taylor



Pierre Pressey



Eric Genautis

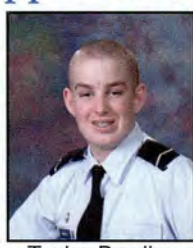
4th Quarter Upper School



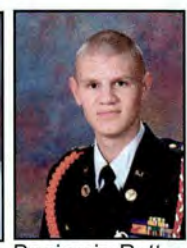
John Adams



Joseph O'Mara



Taylor Bradley



Benjamin Patton

3rd Quarter Middle School



James Zelenka



Riley Knox



Edgar McBee

4th Quarter Middle School



Rod Kleven



Isaiah Moreno



Mitchell Warren



Cadet Chris Reinertsen



Cadet Brian Schraeder



Cadet Ben Roman

ALL STUDENTS IN KANSAS with scores of 32 or better on their ACT (American College Test) recently received certificates from the Kansas State Department of Education in honor of their scores. Cadet Chris Reinertsen and Cadet Brian Schraeder both received certificates.

Cadet Ben Roman has been recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program. The purpose of this program is to identify outstanding Hispanic high school students based on their PSAT/NMSQT score. Ben's grade point average allows him to earn the top award of Scholar.

SJMS Cadets Excel on College Entrance Exams

Leadership Development

AFI 2006

EACH YEAR THE CORPS of Cadets undergoes an inspection known as the “AFI” or Annual Formal Inspection conducted by a team from the 11th ROTC Brigade out of Fort Carson, CO. There are 1,000 points possible on the inspection and each member of the Corps works to prepare for the inspection, but by far, the lion’s share of the effort is put in by the Battalion Staff.

The first part of the inspection is worth 400 points and the Corps is evaluated on its activities such as: drill team, color guard, rifle team, school support activities, community involvement, JROTC/JCLC summer camp, and cadet challenge. The scoring for these events begins the day after the previous AFI and ends the day before the new one begins. It makes the AFI part of the entire school year for the JROTC Department.

The second part takes place during the actual day of the AFI and is worth 600 points. It begins when the team arrives at 0900 and ends when the team departs at 1500. The inspection team is welcomed by the SJMS Honor Guard and band as they arrive on the Tear Drop. After the welcoming ceremony, the team moves to the roundroom for the cadet battalion staff briefing.

Next up is the inspection of the Corps, which involves each cadet getting his uniform inspected and then ten cadets are selected to be asked questions about what is studied in JROTC, the chain of command, and current events. Then the S1, S3, S4, and S5 must brief an inspector about their assigned areas of responsibility.

The Corps conducts a formal pass in-review after lunch, which is evaluated for how the cadets march and conduct themselves during the ceremony. Each company, the battalion staff, and the band form up on the Perkins Field to demonstrate their marching ability to the inspection team and the reviewing officer. The cadets have traditionally scored a 100% on the pass-in-review.

The final event of the day is an out brief where the battalion staff and school administration learn how well the inspection went. It is a tense first few moments as the cadets anxiously wait to learn if they did better than the previous Corps. The main competition at St. John’s is not other schools, but how well one Corps compares against those that preceded it.

Once again the cadets of St. John’s did an outstanding job during AFI and earned a score of 997.2. It was a total Corps effort and the cadets should be very proud of what they accomplished. The Battalion Staff did a masterful job of preparing the Corps for the inspection and once again, SJMS is a Honor Unit with Distinction.



TONY PINO

*Commandant,
St. John's Military School*



the recognition of excellence... the Gordon Award

Hardy Saber

Woodall Saber



Cadet Samy Wahabrebi

Cadet Thomas Sweeney

Cadet Michael Class & Cadet Hunter Lobertini

The Hardy Saber is named for Colonel Aaron Young Hardy, who first joined the St. John's staff in 1951 as a professor of military science.

He quickly became much more than what this title implied, and was invaluable as a recruiter, counselor, rifle team coach and beloved mentor of young men. Colonel Hardy was a Mormon, and was a grandson of the famed Mormon leader, Brigham Young.

He passed away unexpectedly just before Christmas in 1961, and in 1963, two distinctive memorials were made to him. The Hardy Saber is to be worn by the cadet battalion commander at ceremonial functions. It is otherwise on display in a case in Vanier Hall.

The Dwight Woodall Air Force Saber is awarded to the cadet selected to be the command sergeant major for the 119th Corps of Cadets.

This saber and a five hundred dollar endowed scholarship was established at St. John's Military School on behalf of the Woodall family, in honor of the memory of Master Sergeant Dwight Woodall, United States Air Force (Retired), who served as a military advisor at St. John's for a period of 17 years, and is fondly remembered by generations of cadets for his personal example, and wise counsel. He was a survivor of the Bataan Death March, and had a distinguished career in the Air Force.

The Gordon award is one of the most prestigious and cherished awards given to cadets at SJMS. This award is not necessarily presented every year and is only given to a cadet who truly epitomizes the spirit and life of all cadets who have graced the hallowed grounds of this great institution. The criteria for earning this award are special and entail a total commitment to serving the Corps of Cadets. The criteria reads as follows: "Given to the cadet who best combines the qualities of school spirit, leadership and excellence in studies and athletics". These words are on a metal plaque located in the foyer in Vanier Hall between the Battalion Assembly Area and Ms. McCoy's office. On this same wall are engraved on a beautiful marble plaque the names of those "Old Boys" who distinguished themselves while serving the Corps of Cadets and who have been honored with the Gordon award.

"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. One does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the quality of their actions and the integrity of their intent. In the end, leaders are like eagles...the don't flock, you find them one at a time."

2006



Bataan Memorial Death March



THE BATAAN MEMORIAL DEATH MARCH honors a special group of World War II heroes. These brave soldiers were responsible for the defense of the islands of Luzon, Corregidor and the harbor defense forts of the Philippines.

The conditions they encountered and the aftermath of the battle were unique. They fought in a malaria-infested region, surviving on half or quarter rations with little or no medical help. They fought with outdated equipment and virtually no air power.

On April 9, 1942, tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers were surrendered to Japanese forces. The Americans were Army, Army Air Corps, Navy and Marines. Among those seized were members of the 200th Coast Artillery, New Mexico National Guard.

They were marched for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungle, and thousands died. Those who survived faced the hardships of a prisoner of war camp. Others were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships transporting

prisoners of war to Japan were sunk by U.S. air and naval forces.

The Army ROTC Department at New Mexico State University began sponsoring the memorial march in 1989 to mark a page in history that included so many native sons and affected many families in the state. In 1992, White Sands Missile Range and the New Mexico National Guard joined in the sponsorship and the event was moved to the missile range.

This year, Cadets Hunter Lobertini, Alex DiFonzo, Alex Prouse, Joe Pantera, Ben Roman, Jeremy Frye, Shane Scott, Vance Beene, Brandon Jerome, Joe Berkey and Jonathan Dinsmoor, and SJMS coaches SFC Rob Cruce and SGT Shaun Carter competed in the 26.2 mile march.

These boys started their training in early January and spent many weekends of their personal time training. Even though they did not place in any of the categories, all reported that they had a great time competing and were looking forward to doing this again next year. They traveled approximately 1,000 miles one way to get to the competition.





Troop 1 2005-2006 Highlights

Recipient of the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award

for unselfish service to the youth of America from the Boy Scouts of America

Badges of Rank:

Cadet Jeff Adams

Tenderfoot

First Class

Second Class

Merit Badges:

Cadet Jeff Adams

First Aid, Model Design, Music, Reading, Scholarship, Space Exploration, Sports

Cadet Devon Conway

Model Design, Reading, Scholarship, Space Exploration

Cadet Brian Emde

Model Design, Reading, Space Exploration

Cadet Riley Knox

Reading, Sports

Cadet Treylan Loftis

Music, Reading, Scholarship, Space Exploration

Cadet Michael Manuel

Model Design, Reading, Scholarship, Space Exploration, Sports, Scuba

Cadet Edgar McBee

Model Design, Reading, Scholarship, Space Exploration, Sports

Cadet Isaiah Moreno

Model Design, Reading, Sports

Cadet Brian Pankey

Reading

Cadet Kaleb Persinger

Model Design, Music, Reading, Space Exploration

Cadet Brandon Santana

Model Design, Reading, Scholarship, Sports, Scuba

Cadet Destyne Sayers

Model Design, Reading

Cadet Dylan Trujillo

Model Design, Reading, Space Exploration, Sports, Scuba

Cadet James Zelenka

Reading

Boy Scout Troop 1 Has Successful Year of Excellence

DURING THE PAST YEAR, St. John's Military School has put a renewed emphasis on the long running partnership with the Boy Scouts of America. Since 1909, St. John's cadets have been able to participate in Scouting programs as a member of Boy Scout Troop 1. Early in the year, President Jack Fox challenged Gary Shoemaker, (Scouting's local District Director and St. John's volunteer Scoutmaster), and the St. John's staff to improve and expand the Troop and Venture Crew programs at the school. This program partnership puts to use both the ideals of Scouting and St. John's ideals of Character Development, Citizenship, Leadership and Fitness.

This resulted in 4 Venture Crew (High School) campouts and 3 Boy Scout Troop (Middle School) campouts during the year. Also expanded were the new weekly Scout meetings on Friday afternoons for all of the middle school cadets. The 2005-2006 school year ended with a Court of Honor for the Scouts.

The History of Troop 1...

- 1909-F. John Romanes arrives in Salina, KS, from the Church of England as a missionary at Christ Cathedral.
 - Lloyd Holsapple, a friend who was serving as a Canon of the Cathedral, was charged with creating a boys choir, and solicited the help of John Romanes, who had received training in a new youth program for boys called Boy Scouting, from Lord Robert Baden-Powell. Holsapple wanted to offer scouting as a reward for singing.
 - 1909-December- the first meeting of the Raven Patrol of Troop 1
 - Wolf Patrol was also organized during this time at St. John's
 - 1910-January - Eagle Patrol organized
 - 1910-February-Boy Scouts of America granted charter by U. S. Congress. Scouting was organized, meeting and operating at St. John's up to two months before the charter was granted.
 - 1910-May-Three patrols of Troop 1 camp together on the banks of the Solomon River. This is the first known campout of scouts in central Kansas.
 - 1910-Romanes leaves Salina to work for the newly established Denver Area Council of Boy Scouts, where he created and published a scouting newsletter, which evolved into what is today "Boy's Life"
- Special thanks to Mr. Jack Lambert for the historical information about Troop 1*

Spiritual Growth

The Spiritual Life: *Reflections of a Year Come and Gone*

HOW DOES ONE LOOK BACK on a long school year and ascertain how things went in the spiritual growth department? How does one deal with this question when St. John's is a school with boys whose religious backgrounds range from none to other religious traditions to various Christian traditions? These questions are especially challenging when one has to somehow affect "spiritual maturity" within the context of our specific Anglican tradition. How do we go about this?

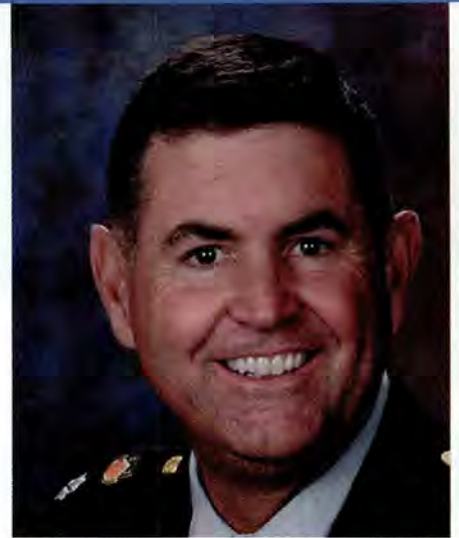
St. Paul in his first letter to the Church in Corinth writes, "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." Our servant ministry here is pretty much what Paul talks about, one of planting and watering. As the Chaplain, I often don't get to see what the harvest is. I can only trust in God. However, we have spent the year planting and watering. How then is this achieved?

In our tradition, we have two main sources that help us accomplish our servant mission. The first is the Holy Bible. The second is The Book of Common Prayer. These two sources are used in tandem in daily chapel and one, The Book of Common Prayer, is infused with scripture from the Holy Bible. Our cadets spent many combined hours in chapel praying and reading scripture. Many cadets have asked, "Why don't you just make up prayers instead of praying them from a book? Aren't made up prayers more heart felt?" In this context I answer, "No." The prayers and the scriptures are intended to form our faith and our moral character in a certain way. Our hearts and minds are to be formed in such a way by the prayers

and scripture that we may be able to pray them in more heart felt ways.

In the Book of Exodus, Moses encounters God in the theophany of the burning bush. God gives Moses a mission to deliver his people out of Egypt. Moses wants to be able to tell the Israelites who sends him. God answers, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God revealed himself to Moses and therefore to Israel in that moment. He further and most perfectly revealed himself to the world in His Son Jesus. Our cadets have spent their numerous hours in chapel remembering and rehearsing the great story of God's self revelation and of our salvation.

As St. Paul continually reminds me, I can't make anyone believe anything, I can only proclaim the Gospel (Good News). Our cadets have complained about the repetition of chapel. However, none will leave here without many portions of scripture committed to memory because of their time in chapel and in prayer. Have they grown in spiritual maturity? I don't know. Others may have to assess that. There is no end of year exam I can administer to determine that. Do you see moral growth? Do they manifest more love for their neighbor? Do they seem more interested in knowing and loving God? (This one has to be one on one. You can never get a cadet to admit that in public.) God knows and God will continue to work in them long after they leave St. John's if they are willing. Yet I am convinced that we have been faithful in God's garden.



**FATHER RON
LONGERO**

*Chaplain,
St. John's Military
School*

Physical Fitness

25,000 MILES

EARLY ON SATURDAY MORNING, 13 May, prior to graduation, several volunteers joined SFC Rob Cruce, Bravo Company CLA, and ran collectively 24 miles to insure that the 118th Corps logged over 25,000 miles of running during the 2005-2006 school year.

On Friday, the final tabulations were made and final running awards were presented. At that time the results showed a total of 24,976 miles had been run. Once this number was established, SFC Cruce didn't have any trouble in collecting cadet volunteers to reach the 25,000 mile mark.

Twenty-five thousand miles is truly a number to be proud of. B Company alone logged 10,000



miles and Cadet Alex Prouse was the first cadet in the Corps to reach the 1,000 mark as an individual. Almost every member of the Corps reached the 25 mile mark and every member has earned at least one t-shirt as a result.

While the cadets and staff take pride in the accomplishment of reaching the twenty-five thousand mile total, perhaps the greatest reward of all is the impact that running has made in each individual cadet's personal wellbeing.

Sports Highlights



Justin Williams delivers the ball closer to pin. Qualifying for state competition, Williams placed 11th individually.



Riley Dunn skillfully handles the ball, guarding against a defender, as he looks to pass.

Kyle Hughes scrambles to make the shot as he practices for upcoming tournaments.



Diving the 54-degree waters of Beaver Lake, Nicholas Cantrell is kept warm with a dry suit. With the conclusion of Rescue Diver, Nicholas earned his prestigious Master Scuba Diver Certification.



Continuing the Excellence

GOALS

•RECRUITING

To ensure full enrollment, SJMS has set goals to increase our financial assistance to cadets by \$1 million annually by offering a full range of scholarships and aid.

•LEADERSHIP TRAINING & PHYSICAL FITNESS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

We must vigorously enhance our Junior ROTC and Boy Scout programs and projects. Although we already have active and effective programs for JROTC and the Boy Scouts, we need increased funding to implement all of the programs that would make St. John's a much better experience for each cadet. As an example, our non-varsity athletes do not have adequate athletic space or equipment for their needs.

•CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT

We must enhance an active moral environment for all cadets regardless of faith or belief.

•ACADEMIC FUNDING

We must continue to enhance all of our academic programs, equipment needs and faculty excellence.

•CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION

As noted, we have received a lead gift of \$4 million from an anonymous donor to fund a new barracks. We also would like to renovate Mize Hall; move our football field, to name a few things..

SJMS Breaks Ground for New Barracks Campaign for Excellence Begins

AT 8:30 A.M. FRIDAY morning, 12 May, a major event occurred at St. John's Military School in Salina, Kansas. The event was the ceremonial ground breaking for a new barracks. This new barracks will have a footprint of over 13,000 square feet and accommodate 126 cadets, with an expected completion date of August 2007.

This new facility represents the future of St. John's and demonstrates the support that SJMS has from its "Old Boys". The barracks is a gift from a former SJMS cadet who wishes to remain anonymous. The building will replace the old "Mize Hall" and provide the ability to carry SJMS well into the 21st century.

"This gift also signifies that the future of SJMS is strong and cements our position as the finest military school in the nation," said COL Jack Fox, SJMS President.

Participating in the ground breaking ceremony were SJMS President, Col. Jack Fox; SJMS Board of Trustees Chairman, Pete Peterson; SJMS Endowment Board Chairman, Larry Dunlap; project architect, Jeff Gillam of Jones-Gillam Architects-



Engineers; project contractor Bob Miller of Busboom & Rauh; Old Boy Jack Vanier represented all Old Boys; and Cadet Brian Pankey of Evergreen, Colorado, represented the 118th Corps of Cadets.

A crowd of approximately 700 persons to include cadets, their parents and families, faculty and staff, alumni, and friends of St. John's were on hand to witness this historic event. This new barracks will be a valued addition to both St. John's Military School and the City of Salina.



Wall of Fame - 2006 Inductees



JEFF BROOME-CLASS OF 1971 Jeff graduated from Colorado State University with a BS in Psychology and Philosophy. He received his masters in Philosophy from Baylor and Ph.D. from the University of Colorado.

Jeff has worked as a Counselor, Treatment Director and Chaplain for the Salvation Army before turning his sights at teaching in college. He currently is a Philosophy and History Professor at Arapahoe Community College in Colorado

Jeff has numerous publications on Indian war history. In 2003, he authored *Dog Soldier Justice: The ordeal of Susanna Alderdice in the Kansas Indian War*

"I have always attributed all of my successes to my faith and character development, both of which were originated and nurtured at St. John's"

ISG WILLIAM J. L. BUNTING exemplifies the highest ideals and standards of the faculty and staff at SJMS. A combat veteran of Korea and Vietnam, Bunting retired from the Army after 20 years and began his second career at SJMS.

During his 22 year tenure, he served as a JROTC Instructor, TAC Officer, Crack Squad Sponsor, and Rifle Team Sponsor. He was also Administrative Asst. to Commandant LTC Paul H. Kellogg. His work ethic leadership and exceptional moral and ethical character fostered a strong loyalty among those with whom he worked. In addition to this, he also participated in countless senior trips, band trips, ski trips, rifle team trips and other activities as needed. For many years he has dressed up in the uniform and whiskers of the Mule-Skinner for school functions.

GINNY CONROY was first introduced to SJMS when she brought her son here for school. From that moment on, Ginny was an avid supporter and recruiter. She considered every young man at SJMS her "son" and did everything in her power to make them feel at home.

Ginny volunteered many hours. Helping the Parent-Staff Organization, talking to perspective parents and answering their many concerns to giving tours and making the visitors feel right at home were her specialty. Ginny was never shy in helping others and being a friend to everyone. She was always eager to share the "St. John's Story" to anyone that would listen. Her enthusiasm and warm smile was contagious. Ginny worked as a recruiter from her home in the Colorado area.

COL KEITH GRAFTON DUCKERS arrived at SJMS December 1950 and served as Acting Superintendent in 1967 and Superintendent from 1968 - 1993. Mrs. Duckers served as publicist.

The Duckers simply lived by the Boy Scout rule. St. John's was their life as they became a friend to cadets and alumni. COL. Duckers was a man blessed with insight, compassion and vision, and he guided SJMS thru a hardship of times, including the Vail Hall fire of 1978. Mrs. Duckers is noted for her famous gardens and landscaping around campus. COL. & Mrs. Duckers were diligent in holding true to traditions and establishing relationships to life-long friends. Together they served SJMS as a team.

COL. Duckers served the community in many ways, including becoming involved with municipal government. He served on the City Commission and as Mayor of Salina. "I have had my greatest pleasures at St. John's in being able to not only build buildings but build boys into successful men."

JEFFERSON SCHLESINGER-CLASS OF 1922

Jefferson's father passed away when he was nine, and his mother started selling wares across the country to support him. Jefferson states, "SJMS taught me responsibility and when I graduated at age 16, I went out and got a job and have supported myself ever since."

He went to work at J D Lee Flour Mill as a cereal chemist, relying on the lessons he learned at St. John's. Schlesinger said the best wheat had been coming to the mill in Enid, OK, so he went to Union Equity. Schlesinger designed the laboratory and oversaw its installation. He ran the lab until his retirement at age 65 in 1971.

ORIN SEYBERT-CLASS OF 1953

Soon after graduation, Orin, who was just 18, purchased his first plane, a tiny two-seat Taylorcraft. In 1955 he got his commercial flying certification and founded his company, a one-man operation called Peninsula Airways. Having one of the few planes in the area, Orin began using it to fly sick and injured people to the hospital. PenAir is currently the largest regional airline in Alaska, serving SW Alaska, the Aleutians and Pribilof Islands. The airline has provided millions of flight miles to SW residents, business travelers and thousands of fishermen. PenAir has generated \$60 million in sales, employs 450 and is 80% owned by the Seybert family. The company attributes its success to its commitment to safety, flexibility and the support and loyalty of lifelong customers living and working the Bristol Bay region.

"Even though I only spent 2 years there, it still gave me the discipline I needed to be successful in life."

HERB SOUKUP-CLASS OF 1955 was born and raised in Kansas and spent three years at SJMS, graduating in 1955. After graduation, he spent the next four years at College of Emporia, becoming a teacher.

Herb was active in the field of education, coaching football, basketball and track in the Hudson and Hutchinson areas. In 1974 he became the Assistant Business manager of the Hutchinson school district and retired in 1996 as the Director of Business Services.

Herb and his wife have been active by volunteering many hours on many projects such as Blood Mobile, Food Bank and serving on the board for Retired Senior Volunteers. Herb thoroughly enjoyed his 37 years of service in the education field, and now enjoys giving back by volunteering.

TIM SOULE-CLASS OF 1966

After graduation in 1966 from SJMS, Tim enrolled and graduated from Western State College in Colorado where he majored in Political Science.

After serving two years in the Army, Tim joined Union Power Company in 1972, which his family owned and became Vice President in 1975. Union Power Construction Company was a founding member of Quanta Services, Inc., a publicly traded NYSE company, founded in 1998.

Tim was a founding member of the Board of Directors of Quanta Services from 1998 - 2000. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of SJMS and NECA/IBEW Line Construction Benefit Fund. Tim is currently President and a member of the Board of Directors for the Soule Family Foundation.

ANDY WOLFE-CLASS OF 1985

After graduation and serving as Battalion Commander in 1985, Andy attended the University of Minnesota Duluth and Kansas University where he graduated with honors with a BS in Education, with a major in literature and language arts.

Andy has worked for the School District of Superior, WI as an English teacher. He has started a drama program, directed plays, worked on steering committees, and became the English Department Chairman. He has coached forensics, started a school newspaper and is a mentor for new teachers. He was honored by being chosen as "Inspirational Teacher of the Year." "SJMS made such an impact on my life, and to this day, I apply skills that I learned while there."



Mule-Skinner

the 39th Annual

Golf Tournament

August 11, 2006

- Salina Municipal Golf Course
- Chuck Wagon dinner at the Steven's Center on the SJMS Campus

The Mule-Skinners organization was established in 1967 to help supplement the need for capital improvements on the SJMS campus. Thousands of dollars have been raised since 1967. Beginning in 1988, the proceeds from the Mule-Skinner campaign have been used specifically for scholarships. In the past fifteen years, over \$650,000 has been raised and endowed to supplement the growing need for financial assistance.

The Mule-Skinner Club takes its name from the U.S. Army logo of long ago representing the wagon driver who was dedicated to the job of getting supplies through to the fighting men on the field. It was because of this small group's untiring loyalty and bravery that our armies never faltered.

The Mule-Skinner Golf Tournament and Chuck Wagon buffet is held annually as part of the Mule-Skinner campaign.

Any Mule-Skinner member that recruits a new member qualifies to become a Whip-Cracker and receives a genuine leather bull whip as a memento. The Top-Gun award is given annually to the volunteer that recruits the most Mule-Skinners by the Chuck Wagon Buffet on Friday evening of the golf tournament. Call SJMS at (785) 823-7231 for more information or to become a hole sponsor.

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