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# ALUMNI NEWS

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## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



**Congratulations to our 2016 SAHS Graduates and may God bless them in their post graduate plans.**

*Bottom Row:* Fr. Michal Rosa, *First Row:* Samantha Brandenburger (Parkland College), Dawn McGuire (Lake Land College), Carson Fonner (Maryville Univ.), Fr. Chris Brey, Fr. Zach Edgar, Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, Aly Esker (SIU-Edwardsville), Kyla Burton (Univ. of Evansville), Libby Brandt (Illinois State Univ.), Bailey Weishaar (Illinois State Univ.), Madison Schuette (SIU-Edwardsville), Raven Rincker (SIU-Edwardsville), Wanxi Dorransoro (Foreign Exchange Student). *Second Row:* Abeer Kohli (EIU), Abby Ellis (Lake Land College), Isabel Moore (Univ. of Kentucky), Allison Spraul (Notre Dame Univ.), Elizabeth Falconburg (Lake Land College), Sara Ragland (Univ. of Kentucky), Ashley Dietzen (EIU), Abby Brown (SIU-Edwardsville), Emma Richards (Butler Univ.), Andrea Doedtman (Lake Land College), Hunter Niebrugge (Univ. of Illinois-Springfield), Emily McDevitt (Univ. of Kentucky), Jade Koester (Lake Land College), Hayley Koester (Lake Land College), Parker Anderson (Univ. of Alabama), Samantha Moran (Lake Land College). *Third Row:* Taylor Sears (Lake Land College), Joe Lidy (Lake Land College), James Kabbes (Univ. of Illinois), Brian Ritz (SIU-Edwardsville), Will Clausius (Lake Land College), Charlie Marshall (Univ. of Illinois), Nick Grunloh (SIU-Edwardsville), Blake Esker (Lake Land College), Jared Hutchison (Harding Univ.), Kyle Hartke (Univ. of Evansville), Ian Harris (SIU-Edwardsville), Alex Bloemer (Army), Chandler Martelli (Quincy Univ.), Jeff Niebrugge (Lake Land College), Principal Greg Fearday. Absent from photo due to tennis sectional play: Christopher Jones (Lake Land College) and Jay Niebrugge (Univ. of Illinois).



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Greg Fearday  
SAHS Principal

## A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Alumni,

As I reflected on another great school year that has come to an end, I found the following bible verse that characterizes our entire St. Anthony High School family.

**John 1:16**

***“From His abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another.”***

No words could possibly ring more true. I continue to feel blessed in so many ways. Speaking on behalf of the entire school administration:

We have been blessed with great students. Thank you Class of 2016 for making all of us proud to now call you Alumni.

We have been blessed with supportive parents, who, without their unwavering support, our students and school would not be the respected institution we have today.

We have been blessed with great faculty who are beyond committed to our mission of “Pressing on to the Goal of Service to the Lord by Stretching our Intellect, Confirming our Values, and Living our Faith.”

We have been blessed with an amazing parish family who never fail to pray for our students and leadership, and always help support our Annual Fund, Corvette Raffle, Parish Picnic, and anything else necessary to provide for our students.

Thank you ALL for your ongoing support of St. Anthony High School.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Greg Fearday**

*Principal*

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## SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

St. Anthony High School hosted the school's annual Recognition Awards Banquet on May 5, 2016. The night was spent honoring the high level of academic and athletic achievement of our graduating students. Local representatives presented the senior students with awards and scholarship gifts totaling \$43,730. The following students were recognized:

**Parker Anderson**, daughter of Todd Anderson and Robin Anderson, received the EffingHAM-Jam Scholarship, Army Scholar Athlete Award, and both the Presidential Scholarship for full tuition from the University of Alabama, and the Engineering Leadership Scholarship from the School of Engineering.

**Samantha Brandenburger**, daughter of Noah and Holly Brandenburger, received the Andrew Gobcynski Scholarship.

**Abby Brown**, daughter of Chris and Robin Brown, received the Roy Robson and Roma Jackson Nursing Scholarship, Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship, and a Weber's Jewelry watch.

**Kyla Burton**, daughter of Misty Heath, received the Oberlin Charitable Trust Scholarship, and the Ray, Mary and Tim Niebrugge (RMT) Charitable Trust Scholarship.

**Will Clausius**, son of Jeff and **Kathy Niebrugge Clausius ('87)**, received the Presidential Scholarship (equivalent to two years full tuition) from Lake Land College.

**Abby Ellis**, daughter of Aaron and Maria Ellis, received the Max and Louella Jaeger Scholarship.

**Aly Esker**, daughter of **Kevin ('79)** and Kelley Esker, received the Dr. Henry and Esther Poterucha Scholarship.

**Blake Esker**, son of **Terry ('80)** and Gail Esker, received the Presidential Scholarship (equivalent to two years full tuition) from Lake Land College and the Daughters of the American Revolution Dorothy Coslet History Scholarship.

**Elizabeth Falconburg**, daughter of R. Louis Falconburg and Stacia Bloemer, received the P.E.O. Sisterhood Scholarship.

**Nick Grunloh**, son of **Ted Grunloh ('69)** and Jean Anne Grunloh, received the Knights of Columbus Scholarship, **Tom Bryant ('59)** Memorial Scholarship and the Meridian Scholarship (equivalent to four years of cost of attendance) from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

**Ian Harris**, son of **Robert Harris ('78)** and Robin Harris, received the Joe Schultz Memorial Scholarship and the American Red Cross donor goal award.

**Kyle Hartke**, son of **Kirk ('89)** and **Emily Bloemer Hartke ('91)**, received the Army Scholar Athlete Award.

**Chris Jones**, son of **Randy ('73)** and Kathy Jones, received the Presidential Scholarship (equivalent to two years full tuition) from Lake Land College.

**James Kabbes**, son of **Craig ('84)** and Tess Kabbes, received the Knights of Columbus Scholarship, St. Anthony Booster Club Scholarship, Effingham Noon Rotary Scholarship, and a Weber's Jewelry watch.

**Chandler Martelli**, son of **Mike ('80)** and **Shelli Swingler ('86) Martelli** received the Knights of Columbus Scholarship, and the Franciscan Service Scholarship and St. Francis Solanus Scholarship, both from Quincy University.

**Isabel Moore**, daughter of Ian and Aimee Moore, received the Dr. Henry and Esther Poterucha Scholarship and the Presidential Scholarship equivalent to full tuition from the University of Kentucky.

**Hunter Niebrugge**, daughter of **Dan ('87)** and Toni Niebrugge, received the Knights of Columbus Christian Athlete Award, Knights of Columbus Scholarship, St. Anthony Booster Club Scholarship, **Tom Bryant ('59)** Memorial Scholarship, Zonta Club Scholarship and the Effingham Chamber of Commerce Scholarship.

**Jay Niebrugge**, son of the late **Ron Niebrugge ('68)** and Margie Niebrugge, received the Knights of Columbus Scholarship and the Children of Veterans tuition waiver equivalent to four years tuition from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

**Emma Richards**, daughter of **Jeff ('86)** and **Julie Ludwig Richards ('86)** received the Knights of Columbus Scholarship and the American Red Cross donor goal award.





# ST. ANTHONY PARISH



Come Home to the St. Anthony Parish Picnic August 13-14

## SPORTS



### Softball

Congratulations to Coach Crystal Tipton and the Lady Bulldog Softball Team on another great season. They finished the season with a 19-16 record, including big wins against tough competition. Highlights included advancing into tournament play in their annual Kentucky season opening tournament, in addition to a 2nd place finish at the Newton Invitational. They finished the season strong by winning the NTC Conference Tourney, followed by a Regional Title! Congratulations to our seniors, Hunter Niebrugge and Maddie Schuette. Hunter surpassed Makayla Walsh's career home run record of 24 by hitting her 25th home run during the Regional Championship Game.

### Baseball

Coach Kenny Koenig and the Boys Baseball Team had another good year, finishing with a 14-12 record against a very tough schedule. They split the City Series, sharing their first ever Sam Rickelman Trophy. Congratulations to seniors James Kabbes & Taylor Sears.

### Boys Tennis

Congratulations to Head Coach Joe Reynolds and Asst. Coach **Charlie Jansen ('07)**. The team finished the season strong with a record of 9-3. They finished 1st out of 5 teams at both the St. Anthony Doubles Invitational and the Catholic Schools Invitational, with Jay Niebrugge and Chris Jones as Doubles Champs in both tournaments! Nick Grunoh finished 1st in the #2 singles position at the Catholic Schools Invitationals and Ian Harris and Liam Hammer finished 1st in the St. Anthony Doubles Invitational's #3 doubles competition.

Jay Niebrugge and Chris Jones finished 2nd out of 20 doubles teams at Sectionals, earning them a trip to State, where they won 2 rounds! Chris and Jay continued St. Anthony's 17 year streak with a winning round at the IHSA State Tournament!

Congratulations Seniors: Ian Harris, Kyle Hartke, Chris Jones, Chandler Martelli, Jay Niebrugge, Jeff Niebrugge and Brian Ritz.

### Track

Both the boys and girls ended their track season with multiple state appearances and multiple state titles! Congratulations to all who worked hard throughout the year, and especially those who qualified for state and earned titles as well. Congratulations Seniors: Blake Esker, Abby Brown, Aly Esker, Elizabeth Falconburg, Emily McDevitt, and Sara Ragland.

#### Coach **Phil Zaccari's ('80)** Boys Track team State qualifiers include:

Discus - Ty Kinkelaar

#### Coach **Randy Blake's** Girls Track team State qualifiers include:

1600 & 3200 - Anna Sophia Keller

800 & 1600 - Abby Weis

Pole vault - Kristen Slaughter

4x100 team- Kristin Slaughter, Sara Ragland, Abby Weis, Anna Sophia Keller



#### We are proud of our state title holders:

**Anna Sophia Keller** (Junior)

State Champion 1600, State Champion 3200

**Kristen Slaughter** (Junior)

State Champion Pole Vault

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## THE WYSE TRADITION CONTINUES!



St. Anthony High School WYSE team earned 5th place at the State WYSE! St. Anthony has reached the state competition every year for the past 14 years, with previous state rankings in 2015 with 5th place; 2013 with 4th place; 2010 with 3rd place; 2008 with 3rd place and 2007 with 2nd place.

This year's team competed against 30 other teams in the 300 Division.

Collectively, the team finished in the following categories: 13th place in Biology; 5th place in English; 5th place in Chemistry; 2nd place in Math; and 2nd place in Physics. Individual team members also placed in the division. In Math, Andy Saba placed 4th and Abby Brown placed 6th. In Physics, James Kabbes earned 4th place. Gillian Erickson received 5th place in Chemistry, and Allison Spraul placed 5th in English.

WYSE team members include James Kabbes, Parker Anderson, Isabel Moore, Abby Brown, Gillian Erickson, Andy Saba, Kristin Slaughter, Grace Zeller, Emma Richards, Allison Spraul, Maryann Saba, Jenna Woltman, Rachel Wortman and Ian Harris. Team coaches are Joy Jones and Matthew Poston.

## PERFECT ACT SCORE!



Gillian Erickson, junior, scored a perfect 36 on her ACT. According to the ACT National Office, 1.92 million students took the ACT test in 2015, and only 1598 received a perfect score. What a significant and rare accomplishment! Congratulations, Gillian!

## CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNER – 15TH DISTRICT



Megan Hodge, sophomore, won the 15th District Congressional Art Competition. Her painting will hang in the Cannon Tunnel in Washington, D.C. Megan and her family will travel to the nation's capital this summer where a winner from all U.S. Districts will be chosen. What a beautiful painting!

*(Pictured: Congressman John Shimkus presents the award to Megan Hodge)*

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

St. Anthony High School is proud to recognize successful and outstanding alumni!



### Edward Austin ('93)

BS in Mechanical Engineering, United States Military Academy at West Point (1997), MBA, University of Illinois (2008)

Edward followed an untraditional path following his graduation from SAHS. He attended West Point where he received his BS in Mechanical Engineering and was later commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army.

Edward has traveled the world serving in a variety of leadership roles supporting peacekeeping missions in Europe, foreign military training in Asia and North Africa, and combat operations throughout the Middle East. The pinnacle of his military career was his final assignment as the Company Commander of a Blackhawk helicopter unit in Afghanistan.

In 2006, Edward transitioned from military service to the private sector, attending the University of Illinois to earn his MBA. He then accepted a position with ExxonMobil in Houston, TX, to begin a new career in the oil and gas industry. Edward has achieved much success with ExxonMobil. His position has enabled him and his family to travel around the globe. Edward currently resides in Singapore with his wife, Amanda, and two children, Gabriella and Crews.

Edward appreciates growing up in Effingham and attending St. Anthony. The Catholic education provided him a strong moral base and educational foundation. When asked if he would change anything about his St. Anthony education, he said he had only one regret. He wished he would have studied a little harder during Spanish class, or at least developed a greater appreciation for foreign languages given all the travel he's done through the years!

**Thank you, Edward, for your service! We are proud to call you a St. Anthony High School Alumnus!**

*If you would like to submit an alumnus for spotlight consideration, please submit your nomination to [alumni@stanthony.com](mailto:alumni@stanthony.com)*



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Parish Picnic  
**August 13 & 14**

School Resumes  
**August 18**





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## SPRING GALA

This fun night of celebration and fellowship continues to grow! More than 250 people attended a wonderful evening at the Thelma Keller Convention Center honoring our latest Hall of Fame inductees. Make plans to attend next year on April 8, 2017! For a full list of Hall of Fame members, visit: [www.stanthony.com/high-school/alumni/hall-of-fame/members](http://www.stanthony.com/high-school/alumni/hall-of-fame/members)



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## Alumni Newsletter Summer 2016

### 4TH ANNUAL FIELD DAY CELEBRATION

On Thursday, May 19, the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen participated in the 4th annual Field Day. On Field Day, the students come together for some "friendly" class competition to end the year. The students participate in several events including dodge ball, tug of war, slip and slide relays and other water games.

At the end of the competition, the class with the most points wins and earns bragging rights for the following school year. In addition, their class picture is proudly mounted on the Field Day plaque for all to see!

The class with the most points also earns the privilege of wearing jeans and T-shirts one day during the next school year while the rest of the students wear their uniforms.

Congratulations to the class of 2017 for winning this year's Field Day!

