



The top 10 students in the Class of 2013 jump for joy at all they achieved while at St. Mary's. From left, John Kiley, Haley Pelletier, Meagan Palermo, Michelle Urh, Danielle Pieroni, Nancy O'Neil, Meghan McCarthy, Maria Ierardi, Emily Geaney and Patrick Spellman. Meet the Top 10. Pages 8-9.



Dr. Mark DiFabio, S.T.L., Ed.D.

New principal excited to join St. Mary's family

BY PAUL HALLORAN

Mark DiFabio, who has served as an administrator and teacher in Catholic education for the last 15 years, has settled into his new role of Assistant Head of School/Principal at St. Mary's High School.

He replaces Carl DiMaiti, who has moved into a new position as Special Assistant to the Head of School, focusing primarily on enrollment and advancement.

DiFabio came to St. Mary's from St. John's Prep in Danvers, where he had been Assistant Principal for Freshmen and Sophomores since 2010. Prior to that, he taught religious studies at The Prep for three years.

"Mark brings a passion for excellence in

Catholic education and a mission-driven vision to St. Mary's," said Head of School Grace Cotter Regan, who co-chaired the search committee with Elizabeth Twomey, a St. Mary's trustee. "I feel blessed to share a leadership role with Mark and look forward to advancing the mission of St. Mary's together."

Chosen from a pool of 40 applicants, DiFabio said he was attracted to St. Mary's by the family atmosphere for which the school is known.

"What I find exciting about St. Mary's is the fantastic sense of community," he said. "There is a feeling of optimism and excitement. There is a lot of great work being done here, and I'm excited to be a part of it."

At St. John's Prep, DiFabio was responsible

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Looking back on a productive first year



GRACE COTTER REGAN

I open most events at St. Mary's by saying, "God is good all the time," and it affirms my belief that God is especially good and present in the young men and women of St. Mary's. As I complete my first year as Head of School, I wish to thank each and every one of you for your warmth, kindness, generosity and candor. I feel blessed to be charged to lead this amazing school and to serve as the steward of our Catholic mission.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Principal Carl DiMaiti for his vocation at St. Mary's and wish him well as he moves into his new role as Special Assistant to the Head of School, focusing on the St. Mary's Scholars Program, enrollment and advancement. I am also thrilled to welcome Dr. Mark DiFabio, who will serve as the new Assistant Head of School and Principal. Dr. DiFabio, who comes to St. Mary's from St. John's Prep, was chosen from a pool of more than 40 talented educators.

We have had an incredible year of transition. I was honored and blessed to attend hundreds of events with students, parents, faculty, alumni and benefactors. We opened the 2012-13 school year with the Mass of the Holy Spirit with Cardinal Sean O'Malley and the Head of School installation ceremony. That set the tone for us as a community as we celebrated our newly defined pillars for success: Catholic, Excellence, Integrity and Respect. We also introduced our commitment to Spartan Pride and the National Standards and Benchmarks for Catholic Schools.

The year was marked with milestones and special events. We introduced the Spartan Weekly Update which has been a tremendous tool for parents and alumni. I had the blessing to travel with Fr. Brian Flynn and our students to the March for Life in Washington. Mr. DiMaiti and I have been to athletic events, the drama festival, service programs, retreats and the musical. We have attended alumni events in Boston, Washington, D.C., and Naples, Fla., with our Advancement team. We have visited schools, principals and pastors and embarked on a significant enrollment and marketing campaign for St. Mary's with Comcast, North Shore

Magazine, local papers and Kiss-108 radio. We have worked with Dean Gribbins and faculty on the Digital Citizenship Initiative. We have met with hundreds of parents at events and the Coffees with Grace series. We have partnered with the City of Lynn on several events, including Commencement at Lynn Memorial Auditorium and our art show, which coincided with our Spartans under the Stars parent night at the Lynn Museum.

It has been one of the fastest but most fruitful years I have ever experienced. Our commitment to you for FY14 is transparency, excellent communication, student performance and excellence in education. As you can see from the Top 10 and the Class of 2013 college acceptances, there has been a terrific return on investment. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and our team here at St. Mary's, thank you for your fidelity and commitment to St. Mary's. This publication holds up and honors the many blessings here at St. Mary's. God is good all the time!

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Reflections on a gratifying tenure



CARL A. DIMAITI

As I write my final commentary as principal, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the many positive changes that have taken place during my time as the educational leader of our school.

I cannot begin to thank our graduates and friends for their tireless work on behalf of this institution. What has happened here on Tremont Street is truly miraculous. When I began my tenure, the enrollment picture was bleak, as our active roster stood at only 300 students. Today, our population is almost twice that number and our students experience 21st-century education in a thoroughly modern facility. Thanks to the generosity of the Connell family, the work of our first capital campaign co-chairs, Tony DiCroce and Joan Hill, as well as the

commitment demonstrated by countless alumni and friends, we offer a first-class education to families seeking a value-based experience.

I am so proud of the success of our graduates in gaining admission to some of the most competitive schools in the country. I am also proud of our athletic and co-curricular success—not too bad for a small Catholic school in downtown Lynn.

I have had the distinct privilege of working with a talented group of teachers, counselors, coaches and administrators. Their dedication to St. Mary's has been a source of inspiration to me and I will never be able to adequately express my gratitude to them.

I have also enjoyed meeting and working with countless students and parents. I hope that in some small manner, our time together has been as beneficial to them as it has been gratifying to me.

Finally, I have to thank two people who have provided tremendous leadership to our school and have served as diligent mentors to me. The first is our former pastor, Rev. Monsignor Paul

V. Garrity. His clear vision and unwavering dedication to the mission of St. Mary's High School will always be remembered. The second is Dr. Raymond Bastarache, our first head of school and one of the most talented educators I have ever encountered. His willingness to share his knowledge of curriculum, teacher development, and teacher evaluation helped me to become a better administrator. His loyalty to his alma mater and his willingness to help students, coupled with his devotion to our faith, helped to make him the perfect person to serve in this critical position.

As I transition to a new role, I look forward to working with Headmistress Grace Cotter Regan. Her energy, enthusiasm, ideas and experience promise to make my new job as Special Assistant to the Head of School both rewarding and exciting. I am certain that her skills will lead us to even greater heights in the near future.

Carl A. DiMaiti is principal of St. Mary's High School.

DiMaiti looks forward to new challenges

Carl DiMaiti, a veteran educator who has served as St. Mary's principal since 1999, transitioned to a new position July 1 when he became special assistant to the head of school.

DiMaiti, who came to St. Mary's as a teacher in 1990, will focus on three areas in his new role: enrollment, advancement and the St. Mary's Scholars program for high-achieving incoming freshmen.

"For any private school, given the current economic climate, enrollment and institutional advancement are key areas," said DiMaiti. "My experience at the school lends itself to contributing in those two areas."

St. Mary's Head of School Grace Cotter Regan said she is thrilled DiMaiti will be staying at the school.

"Carl's vision and leadership have been inspirational," said



Carl DiMaiti

Regan. "He is committed to our future, and I'm delighted he will continue to be a strategic partner with me as we work to advance the mission St. Mary's."

DiMaiti said the construction on a new academic building—the Connell Center—in 2005 was one of the highlights on his tenure as principal. He has also overseen the upgrade of the curriculum, including the addition of several honors and AP courses, the transition from a parish school to an independent Catholic school run by a board of trustees, and the addition of the Marian Division for grades 6-8.

DiMaiti has two children in the St. Mary's Class of 2014, Drew and Carol.

Send a note of thanks to Mr. DiMaiti at carl.dimaiti@stmaryslynn.com..



Marian Division students work outdoors at Nature's Classroom.



Maddie Dana, Taylah Piazza, Jackie Foley, Kayla Harvey, Mackenzie Spates, Kayla Magwood and Jade Henne.

MARIAN DIVISION STUDENTS EXPERIENCE ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING

A group of 70 Marian Division students, five teachers and three parent chaperones got an up-close and hands-on view of nature and the environment when they visited Nature's Classroom in Grafton.

The students enjoyed a variety of experiences, including night hikes, wall climbing, learning about plant life and dissecting a frog and baby shark, according to Marian Division Administrator Jade Henne, who organized the trip.

They stayed in a dormitory-style cabin and were not allowed to bring cell phones or computers.

"It was a great experience for the kids," said Henne, who had previously been to Nature's Classroom as a teacher at the Johnson School in Nahant. "We incorporated material into our curriculum before we went and after we came back, so they could expand on what they learned."

Nature's Classroom is a residential environmental education program with 13 sites in New England and New York. The program is designed to help students develop a sense of community, a confidence in themselves and an appreciation for others that carries over to the school community.

For more information about the St. Mary's Marian Division, please visit <http://stmaryslynn.com/marian>.

21ST-CENTURY LEARNING



From left, Carli DiMeo, Rachel Hanlon and Lauren Skinnion work in the media center.

1:1 iPad program at St. Mary's highlights Digital Citizenship

By PAUL HALLORAN

As part of St. Mary's commitment to 21st-century learning, the school has embarked on a Digital Citizenship initiative that is being implemented after several months of strategic planning, preparation and professional development.

The highlight of Digital Citizenship at St. Mary's is the 1:1 iPad Initiative. Starting with the 2013-14 school year, all St. Mary's students must have their own iPad. The minimum requirements are the iPad 2, Wi-Fi version with at least 16GB of memory.

Arthur Gribbins, Dean of Instructional Technology and Integrated Curriculum, cites many reasons the school has adopted this policy. "We want our students to have access to information and knowledge anytime, anywhere," said Gribbins.

Gribbins said St. Mary's also wants to be aligned with the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools.

"Curriculum and instruction for 21st-century learning prepares students to become expert users of technology, able to create, publish, and critique digital products that reflect their understanding of the content and their technological skills. iPads

will be a valuable tool to reach that benchmark," he said.

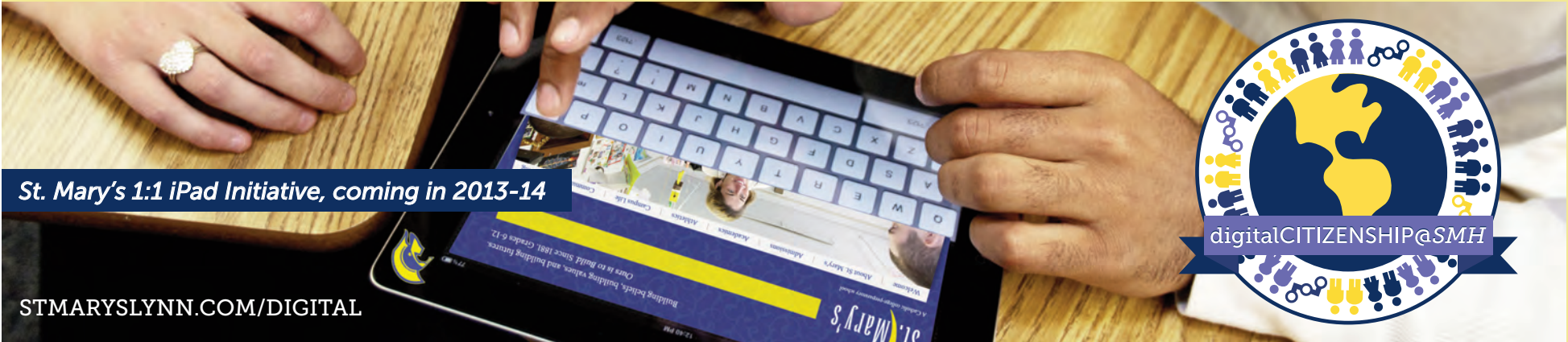
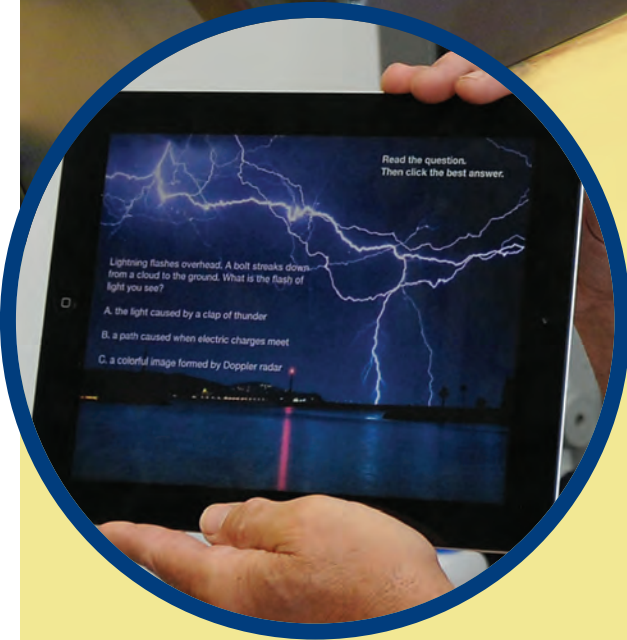
Headmistress Grace Cotter Regan, who has made Digital Citizenship at St. Mary's one of her priorities in her first year leading St. Mary's, said she realizes purchasing an iPad represents a significant investment for families, but there will be a net savings over time. The school plans to make as many textbooks as possible available in e-book format, which will be markedly cheaper than buying traditional textbooks.

Gribbins said students will use their iPads in all classes. Among the benefits, he cited the ability of students to record lectures, create podcasts, practice language skills and dictate notes. The iPads will also provide instant access to school e-mail and the student portal.

St. Mary's has held three parent information nights to address questions concerning the iPad initiative. Summer training sessions and device registration nights for students and parents are being held three times a week.

"We are confident that Digital Citizenship will better prepare our students for college and their career by helping them become 21st-century learners," Regan said.

For more information about Digital Citizenship @SMH, please visit <http://stmaryslynn.com/digital>.



St. Mary's 1:1 iPad Initiative, coming in 2013-14

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21ST-CENTURY LEARNING



Lopez says “Hola!” to teaching with technology

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

For 25-year veteran teacher Hector Lopez, the rise in technology in the classroom—and the announcement of St. Mary's Digital Citizenship Initiative—is transforming the way his students are absorbing a second language.

“It's exciting,” said Lopez, who teaches Spanish. “As teachers, we already have SMART Boards, laptops and iPads, and many of the students already have their iPhones or iPads. They no longer need English-to-Spanish dictionaries. They can just use their phones to find a word.”

Lopez has also been able to engage students with iMovies, iBooks and language and grammar apps, and looks forward to the start of the new school year when every student will have his or her own iPad.

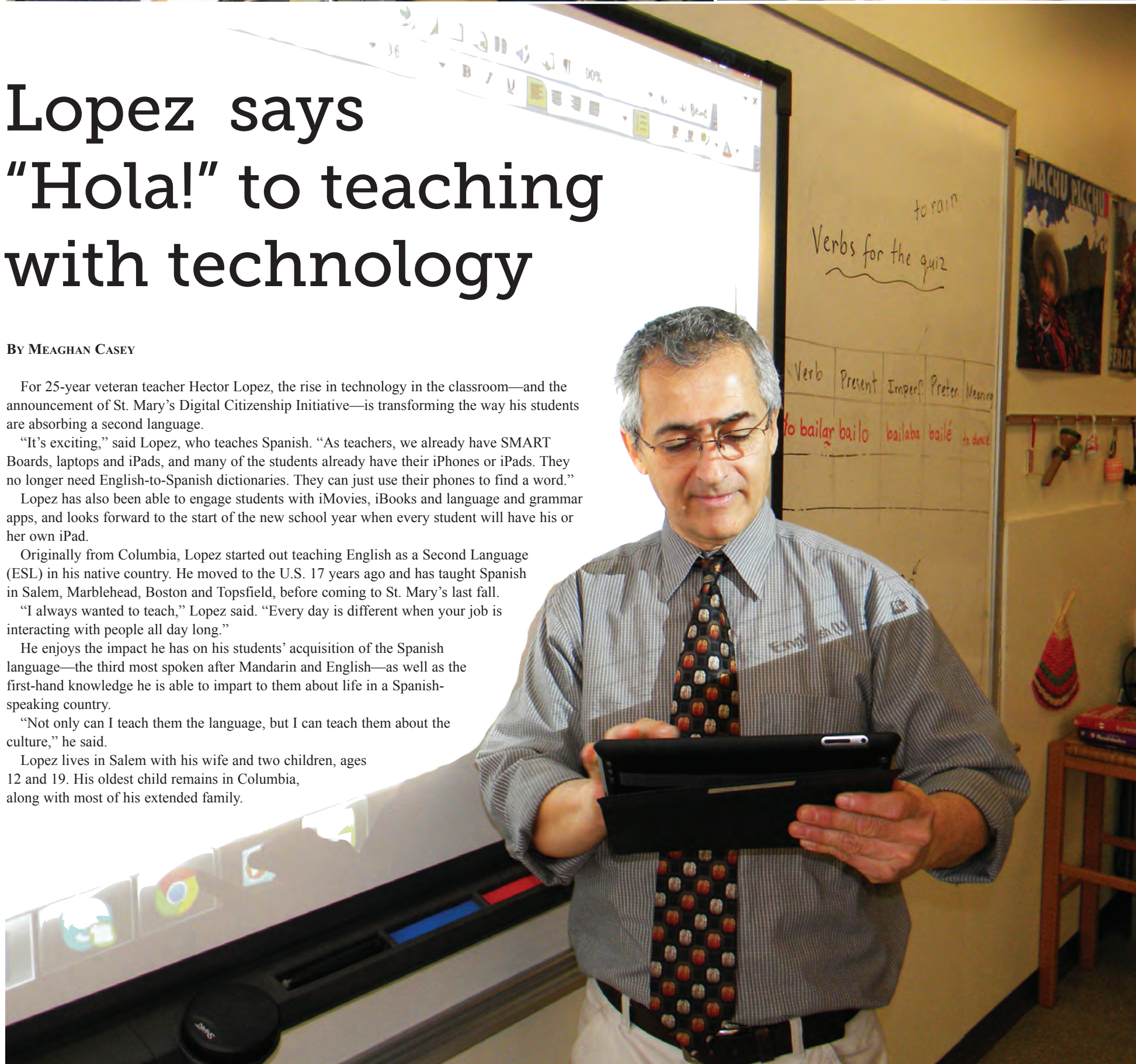
Originally from Columbia, Lopez started out teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) in his native country. He moved to the U.S. 17 years ago and has taught Spanish in Salem, Marblehead, Boston and Topsfield, before coming to St. Mary's last fall.

“I always wanted to teach,” Lopez said. “Every day is different when your job is interacting with people all day long.”

He enjoys the impact he has on his students' acquisition of the Spanish language—the third most spoken after Mandarin and English—as well as the first-hand knowledge he is able to impart to them about life in a Spanish-speaking country.

“Not only can I teach them the language, but I can teach them about the culture,” he said.

Lopez lives in Salem with his wife and two children, ages 12 and 19. His oldest child remains in Columbia, along with most of his extended family.



2013 Commencement

137 JOIN ST. MARY'S ALUMNI

BY PAUL HALLORAN

Valedictorian Haley Pelletier of Lynn captured the true spirit of St. Mary's in her address at the school's 131st commencement at Lynn City Hall Memorial Auditorium May 23.

"I think it is safe to say that every student here has been a part of something successful," said Pelletier said, who will attend the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering. "And I'm not judging success by the number of trophies we won—although there were a lot. I am judging success by the way we came together to achieve common goals, and by the way we worked to improve ourselves and those around us in everything that we did. I think that is ultimately what defines St. Mary's students: We're a team."

Pelletier and her 136 "teammates" received their diplomas at a ceremony that was highlighted by Carl DiMaiti's delivering the commencement address in his last year as principal. DiMaiti, who has been principal since 1999, is moving into a new role as special assistant to the head of school, in which he will focus on enrollment and advancement.

"Even though tonight is a milestone, it's just one checkpoint on a lifelong journey," said DiMaiti, who urged the graduates to be lifelong learners.

Members of the Class of 2013 will be attending some of the top universities in the country including: Harvard University, Smith College, College of the Holy Cross, Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, Providence College, Boston University, Bentley University and Clark University.

Head of School Grace Cotter Regan and Board of Trustees Chair Jack King also offered remarks, while Dean of Advancement Kathryn Dearing officially welcomed the graduates into the distinguished group of St. Mary's alumni.

Regan noted the number of landmark events the Class of 2013 has lived through, including the

terrorist attacks of 9/11 and the Boston Marathon, the election of the country's first black president and the emergence of social media. "This class is experiencing a world that is forever changing and there seems to be a new normal every day," said Regan, who is completing her first year as head of school.

King, a 1966 St. Mary's graduate, was a member of one of the last classes to graduate at City Hall Auditorium before this year, as the ceremony was moved to the school—and later the church—after 1967.

Starting a new tradition, St. Mary's presented Spartan pins to the members of the graduating class from 50 years ago. Richard Cuffe, a 1963 graduate, accepted the pins on behalf of the members of his class, as well as the classes of 1943 and 1953.

St. Mary's honored longtime teacher and senior class advisor Carolan Patten '68, who retired this year. Mayor Judith Flanagan Kennedy and state Rep. Robert Fennell also spoke at the ceremony.

The night before graduation, a Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated for members of the Class of 2013 and their families. St. Mary's Pastor Rev. Brian Flynn presided at the Mass, which was followed by the presentation of senior awards. Salutatorian Meghan McCarthy, who will attend the College of the Holy Cross, addressed her classmates, encouraging them to embrace what lies ahead.

"It is time for us to take what we have learned and apply it so that we may learn what we want to learn, see what we want to see, and do what we want to do," she said. "A whole world of possibilities is in front of us; all we have to do now is be courageous enough to step out into it."

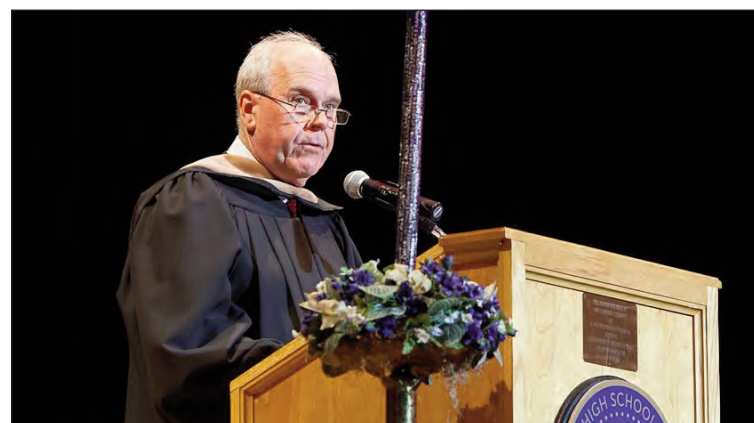
For more memories, photos and the chance to order the St. Mary's 2013 Commencement DVD please visit <http://stmaryslynn.com/commencement>.



Graduates Ryan Madden and Justin O'Blens show their approval for the new venue.



Principal Carl DiMaiti is joined at graduation by his family, from left, Carol '14, Drew '14 and his wife, Mary.



Chair of the Board of Trustees John B. King '66 speaks at the commencement ceremony.



The family of valedictorian Haley Pelletier applauds one of the graduation speeches.



Teacher Carolan Patten '68, a teacher and senior class advisor who retired this year, addresses the graduates.

Engineered to be No. 1 in her class

By Meaghan Casey

Haley Pelletier may have finished at the top of her class, but the valedictorian firmly believes she is only one of many success stories in the Class of 2013.

“We are a diverse group of students who have proven ourselves as leaders on all fronts; not only in the classroom, but on the field, court and stage as well,” she said.

A Lynn native, Pelletier attended St. John’s School in Peabody before entering St. Mary’s as a freshman.

“I had some friends at St. Mary’s and I liked the feel of it when I visited for the open house,” she said. “I absolutely made the right decision.”

Pelletier thrived at St. Mary’s, excelling in the classroom and as captain of the Science League, member of the College Bowl team

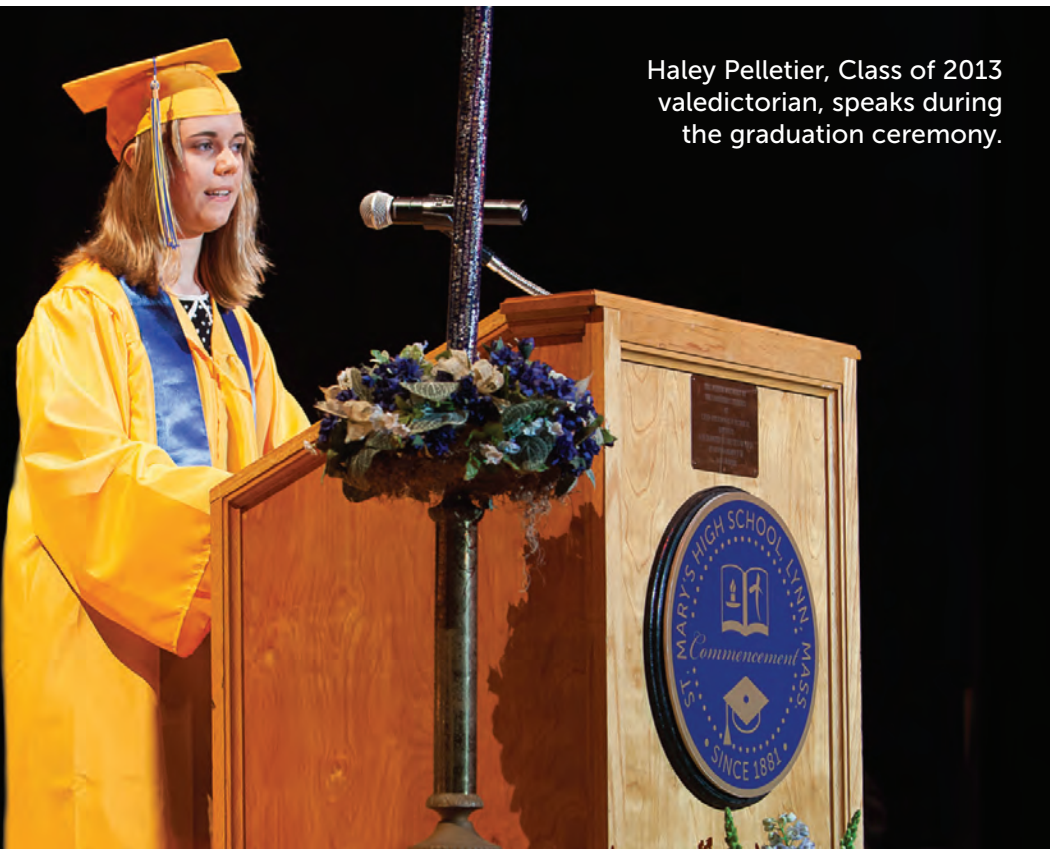
and crew member of the Drama Club.

“St. Mary’s taught me the confidence to break out of my comfort zone, the courage to be my own person and the perseverance to pursue my dreams and never stop trying,” she said.

In the fall, Pelletier will enroll as a freshman at the prestigious and highly selective Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, located in Needham. She will pursue a degree in electrical and computer engineering.

“My dad is an engineer and I’ve always been interested in science and engineering in high school, especially through the Science League,” she said.

To view the list of our student acceptances, please visit <http://stmaryslynn.com/classof2013>.



Haley Pelletier, Class of 2013 valedictorian, speaks during the graduation ceremony.



National Honor Society members Denise Bedoya, Nene Nnodim-Amadi, Meaghan Walker and Megan Stacey smile for the camera outside City Hall.



Trustee Richard Cuffe '63, represented all Golden Jubilarians at graduation.



NHS members, from left, Steven Bourque, Christian Blaise, Patrick Barceleau and Gabriel Skelton gather for a photo prior to the ceremony.



Headmistress Grace Cotter Regan and Rev. Brian Flynn lead the procession.



The Class of 2013 enters City Hall for graduation.

ST. MARY'S TOP 10 2013



HALEY PELLETIER

1. If you were stranded on a desert island with three other people, who would you want them to be? Bear Grylls, Billie Joe Armstrong and my dad
2. What is the one book everyone should read? "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky
3. If you were a superhero what would your name and superpower be? Name: Malachite Power:

Superpower: Teleportation

4. What's the best advice anyone has ever given you? "Even if you lose your job, your house, your life savings ...One thing that can never be taken away from you is your education." - Mrs. Galluzzo
5. Who/what are you most thankful for? My supportive family, my incredible friends, and all the great teachers I've had over the years
6. What's your favorite app? Bloons Tower Defense
7. What college were you accepted to? Boston University, Northeastern, Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, Tufts, WPI.
8. What college will you be attending? Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering



MEGHAN MCCARTHY

1. If you were stranded on a desert island with three other people, who would you want them to be? The three people who I would want to be stranded on a desert island with are my best friends: Emily Geaney, Maria Ierardi and Christina Ierardi.
2. What is the one book everyone should read? Everyone should read the "Harry Potter" series at least once.

3. If you were a superhero what would your name and superpower be? If I were a superhero, I would be WanderWoman, and I would be able to teleport.

4. What's the best advice anyone has ever given you? "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." - Dr. Seuss
5. Who/what are you most thankful for? I am most thankful for my friends and family; they are always there to love and support me.
6. What's your favorite app? My absolute favorite app is Pinterest.
7. What college were you accepted to? Boston College, Boston University, College of the Holy Cross, Merrimack College, University of Massachusetts Amherst, and University of New Hampshire.
8. What college will you be attending? College of the Holy Cross



MEAGAN PALERMO

1. If you were stranded on a desert island with three other people, who would you want them to be? I would want the three people to be my three best friends. We all have crazy personalities, so it would be interesting and hilarious to be stranded on an island with them.
2. What is the one book everyone should read? "The Shack" by William P. Young. It is an amazing story that can touch everyone's heart, even if they are not strong in their faith.

3. If you were a superhero what would your name and superpower be? My name would be the Meaganizer and I would have the power of invisibility.
4. What's the best advice anyone has ever given you? The best advice I have ever been given is that hard work always pays off.

5. Who/what are you most thankful for? My favorite app is Wanelo. It is an app that shows a wide range of products, including clothes and accessories. If you like something, you can click on it and it will direct you to the website that sells it! It's so convenient, which makes it one of my vices.
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7. What college were you accepted to? Boston University, UMass Amherst
8. What college will you be attending? Boston University

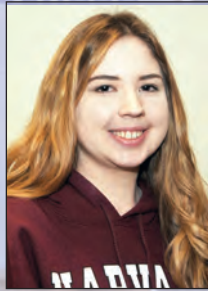


MICHELLE URH

1. If you were stranded on a desert island with three other people, who would you want them to be? Dr. Bob Ballard, Ozzy Lusth from Survivor, and Clive Cussler
2. What is the one book everyone should read? I think everyone should read "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie and "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams.

3. If you were a superhero what would your name and superpower be? My superhero name would be Calypso and my power would be telekinesis (the ability to move objects with my mind).

4. What's the best advice anyone has ever given you? Always have duct tape.
5. Who/what are you most thankful for? I am most thankful for my dad for teaching me to scuba dive and introducing me to the ocean world I love so much.
6. What's your favorite app? Google Sky Map
7. What college were you accepted to? UConn, Northeastern, Salem State University
8. What college will you be attending? Salem State University



NANCY O'NEILL

1. If you were stranded on a desert island with three other people, who would you want them to be? Barack Obama, Theodore Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy
2. What is the one book everyone should read? "Suite Francaise" by Irene Nemirovsky
3. If you were a superhero what would your name and superpower be? You don't have to be a superhero to make a difference. Kindness can achieve the same result.

4. What's the best advice anyone has ever given you? Work hard.
5. Who/what are you most thankful for? My parents have given me everything, and for this I will always be thankful.
6. What's your favorite app? CNN
7. What college were you accepted to? Boston University, College of the Holy Cross, Harvard, Northeastern University, University of Vermont
8. What college will you be attending? Harvard



PATRICK SPELLMAN

1. If you were stranded on a desert island with three other people, who would you want them to be? Edgar Allan Poe, Sylvia Plath and F. Scott Fitzgerald
2. What is the one book everyone should read? "The Stranger" by Albert Camus
3. If you were a superhero what would your name and superpower be? Comet. My power would be

flight, because I've always wanted to fly.

4. What's the best advice anyone has ever given you? No matter how bad something might seem, eventually things will get better, and you need to try your hardest to make that future a reality.
5. Who/what are you most thankful for? My friends
6. What's your favorite app? Tumblr
7. What college were you accepted to? UMass Amherst, Northeastern, University of Vermont
8. What college will you be attending? UMass Amherst - Commonwealth Honors College



JOHN KILEY

1. If you were stranded on a desert island with three other people, who would you want them to be? I would want them to be two of my more capable friends, and also Bear Grylls, so that I would be able to survive.
2. What is the one book everyone should read? The one literary work that everyone should read is the "Harry Potter" series by J.K. Rowling.
3. If you were a superhero what would your name

and superpower be? If I were a superhero, I would be named the Turtelman, and my power would be to escape awkward situations.

4. What's the best advice anyone has ever given you? The best advice ever given to me was by my grandmother, who said to "cherish the little time you have with the people that really matter."
5. Who/what are you most thankful for? I am most thankful for my family and my friends, who have acted as a support system and have made my life so worthwhile.
6. What's your favorite app? My favorite app is the Dictionary.com app.
7. What college were you accepted to? Boston University, Northeastern, Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, Tufts, WPI.
8. What college will you be attending? Clark University



DANIELLE PIERONI

1. If you were stranded on a desert island with three other people, who would you want them to be? I would want them to be Sophia Bush, Jennifer Lawrence, and any guy that is strong and knows what he is doing.
2. What is the one book everyone should read? I think everyone should read "The Outsiders" at some point in their life.

3. If you were a superhero what would your name and superpower be? If I were a superhero, my name would be Superdan, and my superpower would be time traveling.

4. What's the best advice anyone has ever given you? Always be true to yourself, because you cannot expect others to accept you if you cannot accept yourself.
5. Who/what are you most thankful for? I am definitely most thankful for my parents, my sister, my grandmother and my closest friends.
6. What's your favorite app? Twitter
7. What college were you accepted to? Bridgewater State University, Emmanuel, Fitchburg State University, Merrimack, University of New Hampshire
8. What college will you be attending? University of New Hampshire



MARIA IERARDI

1. If you were stranded on a desert island with three other people, who would you want them to be? I would want them to be my twin sister Christina and my two best friends Emily and Meghan.
2. What is the one book everyone should read? "The Hunger Games."
3. If you were a superhero what would your name

and superpower be? If I were a superhero, my name would be the Silver Leopard and my superpower would be reading minds.

4. What's the best advice anyone has ever given you? The best advice that anyone has given me is to stay strong to my morals, to not do anything I will regret, and to not give up.
5. Who/what are you most thankful for? I am most thankful for my mom and sister.
6. What's your favorite app? Twitter and Instagram
7. What college were you accepted to? Assumption, Fitchburg State, Framingham State, Merrimack, Roger Williams University, Southern New Hampshire University, Saint Anselm College, Stonehill, Westfield State
8. What college will you be attending? Saint Anselm College



EMILY GEANEY

1. If you were stranded on a desert island with three other people, who would you want them to be? Meghan, Maria, and Christina.
2. What is the one book everyone should read? "The Hunger Games"
3. If you were a superhero what would your name and superpower be? I would have the ability to

- time travel and my name would be Super Em.
4. What's the best advice anyone has ever given you? You can always take pride in yourself if you do your best.
5. Who/what are you most thankful for? My family and friends
6. What's your favorite app? Pinterest.
7. What college were you accepted to? Assumption, Emmanuel, Fairfield, Merrimack, Roger Williams, Saint Anselm, Providence, Stonehill, Saint Michael's
8. What college will you be attending? Emmanuel College

Surfer bids farewell to St. Mary's, says aloha to Chaminade University

BY MEAGHAN CASEY

The motto “no waves, no glory” rings true to St. Mary's graduate Eddie Traniello, a standout surfer and swimmer who will attend Chaminade University, the only Catholic university in Hawaii.

Traniello, a Revere native, began surfing when he was six years old. He picked up the sport while vacationing in Puerto Rico, where his family has a second home.

“I've been in the water my whole life,” he said.

His father, Tony, a Cambridge native, surfs as a hobby and introduced Traniello to the sport. When he was a freshman at St. Mary's, Traniello began competing in surfing contests throughout New England, as well as in Florida. He typically surfs in eight to 10 competitions a year. In September, he placed first in the open longboard and second in both the junior and open men's divisions in a competition at Hampton Beach.

Traniello is in the water every day, practicing in Nahant. Battling the elements of New England weather, he wears a 5-millimeter wetsuit in the winter. He is looking forward to a respite from the cold for the next four years while he is in Hawaii, which is not only the birthplace of surfing, but continues to be the world's surfing mecca.

“I can't wait, I'm very excited,” said Traniello, who applied to two colleges, both in Hawaii. Chaminade, founded by the Marianists religious order, is located in Honolulu, not far from Waikiki beach.



Eddie Traniello '13 will be surfing in Hawaii, where he will attend Chaminade University.

While in school, he hopes to work as a lifeguard or surf instructor and join the university's Surf Club. He surfed for the first time on the island last summer when he visited the school. He is still exploring career options, but is considering majors in environmental science or entrepreneurship. Though he will be more than 5,000 miles from home, his mother, Theresa, is a flight attendant, so visits will be more feasible.

“I'll miss all the friends I've made here, but I'll never forget the people I've met or the education I've gotten,” he said.

Traniello, who previously attended Immaculate Conception School in Revere, enrolled at St. Mary's as a seventh-grader.

“It was close to home and had a reputation for being a good school,” he said.

He played football and lacrosse in seventh- and eighth-grade and joined the swim team as an eighth-grader. As a sophomore, Traniello was named team MVP and one of the *Daily Item's* swimmers of the year. As a junior, he was named one of the Boston Herald's swimming all-stars. He was captain of the team this year, earning three individual honors in the Catholic Central League championships. He also served on the Student Council and was a member of the yearbook committee.

To view the list of our student acceptances, please visit <http://stmaryslynn.com/classof2013>.

A visit from the Salem State president



St. Mary's students headed to Salem State University gather with Salem State President Dr. Patricia Meservey and Headmistress Grace Cotter Regan: from left Olivia Lejeune, Michael Moore, John Shea, Karlens Beauge, Brendan DeLeire, Ryan Madden, Michelle Urh and Megan Stacey.

BY PAUL HALLORAN

Salem State University President Dr. Patricia Meservey visited St. Mary's High School on April 10, meeting with more than 50 students who have expressed interest in the college, as well as a group of seniors who had already registered for next fall.

Meservey and Brian Boppert of the Salem State admission office gave the students an overview of the college, including the

various degree programs offered, and answered questions on topics ranging from the average class size to the quality of dining hall food.

“We were thrilled to welcome Dr. Meservey to St. Mary's,” said Head of School Grace Cotter Regan. “We are fortunate to have such a quality institution of higher learning on the North Shore. There are many opportunities for collaboration with St. Mary's and Salem State, and we

look forward to expanding our partnership.”

Meservey and Boppert told the students there are approximately 10,000 students at Salem State (7,800 undergraduate), 2,000 of whom live in the five residence halls on campus. The average class size is 21, and the majority of students are from Massachusetts, while four percent of students come from foreign countries. A new library and a new fitness center are scheduled to open later this year.

“Salem State can offer you a first-class education that is also affordable,” Meservey told students, urging them to visit the college if they have not already done so.

Also in attendance were two St. Mary's graduates who are students at Salem State—Jade Cipolla '08, a dance major who works with the dance team at St. Mary's, and Julie Bennett '11, a Presidential Scholar and winner of the Paul Tsongas Scholarship.

Hannah finds a home at St. Mary's

Student Profile



Hannah McCormack '14

By PAUL HALLORAN

Hannah McCormack is from a Catholic school family, with four older siblings having gone to either Bishop Fenwick or St. John's Prep. So when it came time for the Gloucester resident to pick a high school, it was no surprise when she landed at Fenwick.

After spending a year there, however, McCormack and her parents realized it was not the right fit, so they looked elsewhere. Fortunately, they found St. Mary's—and the rest is history.

"My parents [Dee and Michael] and I decided to look into other Catholic schools," said McCormack, a rising senior who just completed her second year at St. Mary's. "I'm more of a quiet person, and on my first day [at St. Mary's] there were people talking to me and showing me around. I was made to feel welcome right away."

It did not take long for McCormack to take full advantage of all the opportunities offered at St. Mary's. She has excelled academically, earning membership into the National Honor Society and the No. 1 ranking in her class. She participates in College Bowl and Science League. McCormack is also a two-sport track athlete

—winter and spring—as a hurdler.

"St. Mary's has been a very positive experience," she said. "Here, when I see someone in the hallway there is a high likelihood I know them and can talk to them. I feel like everyone really knows each other here."

With McCormack having such a positive experience at the school, it was not surprising that her sister, Aislinn, took the same path and enrolled last year as a freshman. The sisters get dropped off in the morning by their father and either take the train home or get picked up by their mother.

"The train is really convenient," McCormack said. "We can get some homework done on the way home."

The end of junior year is a time when many students start narrowing in on their college options, and McCormack is no exception. She is thinking of studying computer engineering, and is looking at schools such as M.I.T. and Wentworth. Wherever she ends up, she knows she will have made scores of friends in her time at St. Mary's.

"You don't have to worry about making friends here," she said. "They'll find you instead of you having to search for them."



CONNELL SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED

Hannah McCormack, second from left, was the student recipient of this year's William F. Connell '55 Service Awards. Other winners included Edward C. Collins '52, third from right and his wife, Rita. The awards were presented by Carl DiMaiti, far left, Margot Connell, third from left, and Headmistress Grace Cotter Regan, far right. The Connell Service Awards are presented by St. Mary's and the Connell family in recognition of consistent and exemplary service to St. Mary's. They are presented in memory of one of St. Mary's most distinguished and generous alumni. For more information, photos and student finalists, visit

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CONNECTIONS

St. Mary's inducts six into Hall of Fame

St. Mary's High School honored six distinguished alumni with induction into the school's Hall of Fame on June 5 at Spinelli's in Lynnfield.

Inducted were: A. James Lynch '45 (posthumously); John J. Schickling '57; Albert V. DiVirgilio '59; Dr. Cheryl L. Meninno '74; Mark M. McGuire '75; and Lisa J. Nerich '83.

After graduating from St. Mary's, Lynch entered the U.S. Navy and served in World War II. Upon returning to Lynn, he established A. James Lynch Real Estate and Insurance in 1955, a company that today is run by his daughter, Maura, and son, Tom. After he retired in 1990, he and his wife, Patricia (Newhall), moved to Rockport. He died earlier this year at the age of 85.

Schickling, a former vice chair of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees, served in the U.S. Marines. He subsequently graduated first in his class at Salem State, going to college while working at General Electric. Schickling, who worked for General Electric for 14 years, earned an MBA from Babson College and has enjoyed a successful business career with extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions. He and his wife, Janet, established the Schickling Family Endowed Scholarship Fund for St. Mary's students in 2007.

In 1986, DiVirgilio became the first St. Mary's graduate to be elected mayor of Lynn, serving six years as the city's chief executive. Prior to that he had served four years on the Lynn School Committee and eight years on the City Council. A Salem State graduate, DiVirgilio has run a variety of businesses, including a driving school, travel agency, insurance agency, financial planning company, ice cream store and consulting firm. He and his wife, Virginia, have 10 grandchildren, including two who are St. Mary's students.

Meninno, who earned her doctorate from UMass Lowell,



From left, St. Mary's Headmistress Grace Cotter Regan, Lisa Nerich '83, Hall of Fame Committee Chair Richard Cuffe '63, Al DiVirgilio '59, Mark McGuire '75, Edward Lynch '59 (accepting for his late brother, A. James Lynch '45), John Schickling '57, Dr. Cheryl L. Meninno '74 and Board of Trustees Chair John King '66.

has worked in the field of special education for 35 years, starting as a teacher at Cardinal Cushing Centers in Hanover. She also taught at Saugus High and worked as an administrator at Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute, before becoming director of special education for Lynn Public Schools in 2004. Meninno has served as co-chair of the St. Mary's Golf Open for the past several years, helping to raise an average of \$75,000 to support scholarships and programming.

McGuire, an attorney who earned his law degree at the University of Virginia after graduating from George Washington University, has enjoyed a successful career in law and business. He was a partner at Powell, Goldstein LLP, a law firm with offices in Atlanta and Washington, D.C. before joining International Paper Company, where he eventually became vice president and deputy general counsel. He currently serves as executive vice president and general counsel at Eaton Corporation in Cleveland.

Nerich has devoted her entire professional career to public

service, working for the City of Lynn since graduating from Regis College in 1987. She has served for many years as director of the Lynn Parks and Recreation Special Needs Camp, and in 2008 was named assistant superintendent of parks and playgrounds for the Lynn DPW. Earlier this year she was named DPW acting associate commissioner. Her father, John, a 1956 St. Mary's graduate, was inducted into the Hall of Fame posthumously in 2001.

Since 1990, the St. Mary's Hall of Fame has acknowledged St. Mary's alumni and friends who have exemplified St. Mary's Pillars for Success: Catholic, Excellence, Integrity and Respect. Members of the Hall of Fame are acknowledged as testaments of a St. Mary's education. Inductees are chosen for their service to the St. Mary's community and their generosity toward others. Their lifetimes are marked by striving for excellence in whichever profession and endeavors they pursue.

For more photos and past inductees visit <http://stmaryslynn.com/halloffame>.

reunionupdates

The **Class of 1948** will gather for its 65th reunion Sept. 11 at the Porthole restaurant. A notice with the details has been mailed.

The Boys High **Class of 1953** is having its 60th Reunion on Sept. 11, at the Porthole. For info contact: Jack Keon at 781-245-8861, Joe Maney at 781-334-3480, Jim McGovern at 781-334-6527, Dan Sullivan at 978-531-1187.

The **Class of 1955** held a Christmas Luncheon at Hart House in Ipswich on Dec. 7, 2012.

The **Class of 1959** will gather for its 55th reunion on Sept. 6, 2014. Details will be forthcoming.

The 50th reunion of the St. Mary's Boys and Girls **Class of 1963** will be held on Aug. 23-24. Aug. 23 - golf, followed by evening boat cruise from Salem Harbor. Aug. 24 - daytime tours around Lynn/Salem or cookout at

Lynn/Nahant Beach; dinner at Double Tree in Danvers from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Aug. 25 - Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church followed by a light brunch and tour of St. Mary's High School. For more info, contact Richard Cuffe, trcuffe@bradleymoorelaw.com.

The **Class of 1972** gathered on May 18 at Olde Tyme Italian Restaurant in Lynn.

The **Class of 1977** held their 35th reunion last summer at Gannon. With the ticket proceeds,

the class purchased a Marian chasuble for classmate Rev. Jack Gentleman and \$1,545 was donated as a gift to St. Mary's.

The **Class of 2007** gathered on July 26 at Gannon Golf Course.

The **Class of 2008** will hold its 5-year reunion on Nov. 29 at the Porthole. For info, contact Katie Reddy at KReddy@americanrenal.com.

Ready to plan your reunion? Let's talk!

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LOOKING TO BUY OR SELL A HOME?

Realtor Matthew Newhall '02 is partnering with St. Mary's on a project to benefit students. For any home listed or bought through Matt through the end of 2013, he will donate \$250 to St. Mary's upon the closing. Contact Matt at 781-599-1776 or matthew.newhall@century21.com.

Swanson brothers carve out success

ALUMNI PROFILES:
DEREK SWANSON '95
RYAN SWANSON '97

BY RICH FAHEY

Sometimes success is simply a matter of perspiration meeting opportunity, and being in the right place at the right time.

Two St. Mary's High alumni—Derek Swanson '95 and Ryan Swanson '97—have found their niche sharpening the equipment of some of Washington, D.C.'s most distinguished chefs.

DC Sharp (dcsharp.com) sells and services fine cutlery and knives for professional chefs as well as foodies and at-home cooks.

DC Sharp began as a mobile business, servicing businesses and at-home customers by appointment. It gained a permanent presence last September at the new Union Market, near Gallaudet University, and became an almost immediate hit on the Capitol's thriving foodie scene.

Union Market is a year-round indoor market, billed as an authentic artisanal marketplace, with 40 select vendors, including DC Sharp. The market has been favorably reviewed by newspapers and many travel sites and now sees about 10,000 visitors a week.

Derek, 37, was a three-season athlete at St. Mary's and attended Boston College, but left to enlist in the U.S. Navy. The Navy sent him back to school—at Boston University, on scholarship. He graduated in 2000 and served as an officer in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After leaving the Navy, Derek came to Washington in 2008 to work as a civilian for the Military Sealift Command, managing merchant marine logistics and government cargo restocking. He was looking for something entrepreneurial he could do on

the side when he discovered knife sharpening.

"I couldn't really find anyone doing this in the major cities," he said. "I bought some equipment, got some training and started doing it by appointment on the side."

Networking led him to the owner of Union Market, who was lining up vendors for the market, which opened last September in a former warehouse district



Derek Swanson '95 and Ryan Swanson '97

that has been rejuvenated.

Ryan Swanson, 34, played football and baseball at St. Mary's and attended Fairfield University, where he also played football, and Cape Cod Community College, before graduating from UMass Boston with a degree in history.

He had started working at the Hampshire House in Boston while in college and did a stint there and at other stops in the hospitality industry. He was actually looking for a new opportunity when he got a frantic phone call from his brother last fall.

"Derek called me up and said, 'I'll give you \$1,000 to come down here and sharpen knives for a week,'" said Ryan. "I put my dog in the car and away we went. We were so busy it was five weeks before I could go

back to Boston and get the rest of my stuff."

The brothers have quickly acquired a strong reputation via word of mouth and social media in Washington. They are also involved in selling fine cutlery.

Derek, who has a wife, Rhiannon, and a 3½-year-old son, runs the business side while Ryan focuses more on operations. Derek said only in the past few months has he had a breather since establishing the business.

The brothers, who grew up on Pine Hill, say their time at St. Mary's helped develop the business and people skills that have served them well in getting DC Sharp up and running.

Derek Swanson paid tribute to former St. Mary's former pastor, Rev. Monsignor Paul V. Garrity. "It was amazing what he was able to do for both the parish and the school in the time he was there," he said.

Ryan Swanson said the values he learned at the school have served him well.

"You have to be respectful of people. Every customer has to be the most important person you deal with that day," he said.

The Swansons had a chance to meet St. Mary's Head of School Grace Cotter Regan when she visited Washington earlier this year. Regan was impressed with the business the brothers have built, and took the opportunity to update them on what is happening at their alma mater.

The brothers have invested much of their profits back into equipment for the business, which continues to grow. They have hired others to keep up with the demand for their services.

"I sold all my worldly possessions to come here and get a fresh start," said Ryan Swanson. "It's changed my life, to be honest."

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Balancing act pays off

NELSON EARNS GYMNASTICS SCHOLARSHIP TO ARKANSAS

BY PAUL HALLORAN

It's about 1,600 miles from Lynn to Fayetteville, Ark., but St. Mary's graduate Samantha Nelson is confident she will feel right at home when she gets there.

Nelson has accepted a full gymnastics scholarship to the University of Arkansas, where she will compete for one of the top women's programs in the country. The Razorbacks, who averaged 3,000 fans per home meet this year, have twice qualified for the NCAA Super Six, finishing fifth in the country in 2009 and sixth in 2012.

"I like the atmosphere there and there are great opportunities for athletes," Nelson said. "I already know my roommates and teammates, and I'm looking forward to competing and representing Arkansas."

Nelson caught the eye of college coaches while competing in the Junior Olympics National Championships, for which she has qualified the last three years, finishing second in the floor exercise in 2011. That summer, the Arkansas staff came to Ace Gymnastics in Ipswich, where Nelson has trained the last two years, and offered her a scholarship.

"The Arkansas coaches came to my gym the summer after my sophomore year and offered me a scholarship," said Nelson, who turned 18 on April 18. "I said I would go out and take a look at the school and once I got out there I fell

in love with it. I knew it was the right place for me."

Nelson started gymnastics when she was three and began competing at age seven. She has trained at several gyms, including Baker School of Gymnastics in Peabody, Yellow Jackets in Middleton and Brestyan's American Gymnastics in Burlington, made famous last summer by Olympic gold medalist Aly Raisman.

She trains about 25 hours per week, mostly after school, evenings and weekends, though as a freshman and sophomore in high school she trained early in the morning before school as well.

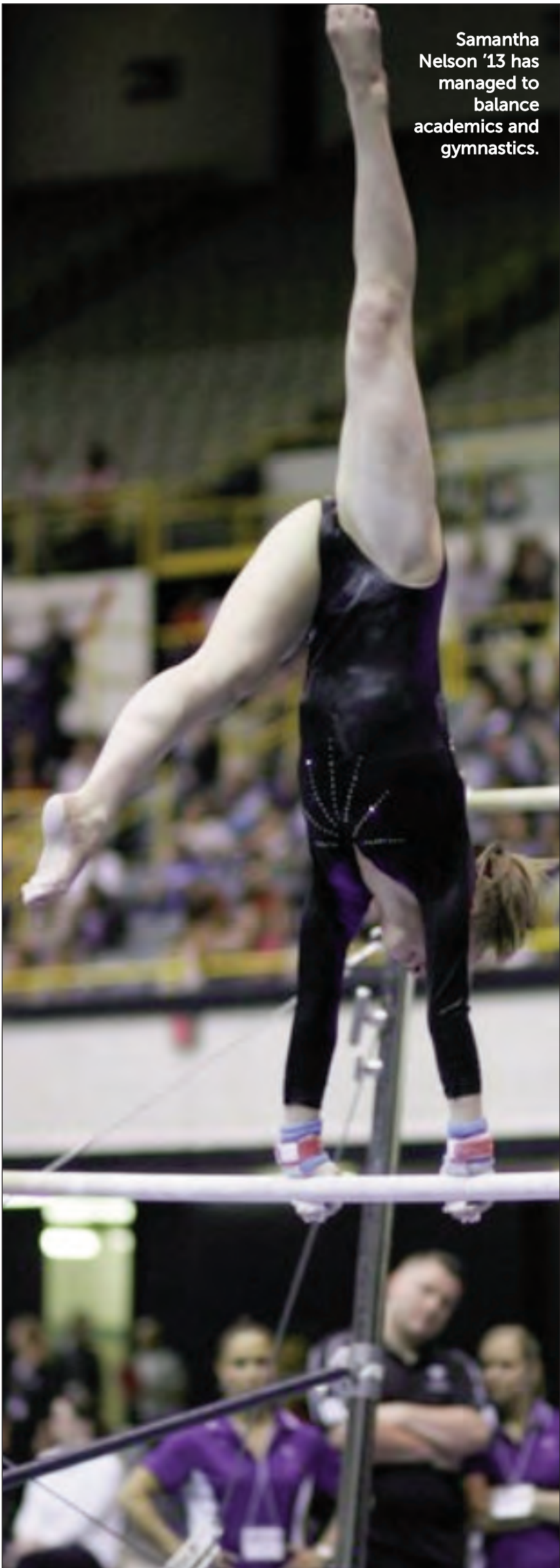
"Gymnastics has taught me how to be organized, manage my time and be disciplined," said Nelson, who lives in Peabody with her parents, Richard and Laurie. She has a brother, Peter, who goes to Penn State.

While St. Mary's does not have a gymnastics team, Nelson has greatly enjoyed her time at the school, crediting Principal Carl DiMaiti and the faculty with supporting her endeavors.

"Mr. DiMaiti and the staff have been very willing to help me balance academics and gymnastics," she said. "St. Mary's has been very good to me."

A National Honor Society member, Nelson has volunteered with Special Olympics since seventh grade and she also teaches gymnastics to special-needs children.

Samantha Nelson '13 has managed to balance academics and gymnastics.



Samantha Nelson, left, will attend the University of Arkansas on a full scholarship.

DiFabio excited to join St. Mary's community

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for coordinating programs for freshmen and sophomores, including placement, curriculum, orientation, merit scholarships and international studies. He also helped develop a 360° review process for faculty and staff.

"Mark has been a valued educational leader in the Prep community," said St. John's Headmaster Ed Hardiman. "He is well respected by students, parents and faculty, and we wish him well in his work as principal at St. Mary's."

Prior to St. John's Prep, DiFabio taught theology for eight years at Cheverus High School, a Jesuit school in Portland, Maine, where he also served as assistant athletic director. He taught and developed undergraduate and graduate courses at St. Joseph's College in Maine. He recently completed his doctorate in education at the Boston College Lynch School of Education. He also holds a degree in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome.

"Mark emerged as the strongest candidate in a very good field," said Twomey. "He impressed the committee with his depth of understanding and his commitment to mission. By his education, training and temperament, Mark is well suited to work with Grace in leading St. Mary's at this time."

Twomey and Regan led a search committee that

included: Rev. Joseph O'Keefe, S.J., former dean of the Lynch School of Education at BC; St. Mary's Marian Division Coordinator Jade Henne; Dean of Advancement Katie Dearing; teacher Lawrence Doherty; parent Susan Carroll; benefactor Jane Mosakowski; St. Mary's Pastor Rev. Brian Flynn; Dean of Instructional Technology and Integrated Curriculum Arthur Gribbins; Professional development consultant Dr. Ann McGreevy; and Boston College High School Principal Stephen Hughes.

A Brimfield, Mass., native who lives in Exeter, N.H. with his wife, Kathy, and 11-year-old daughter, Sophia, DiFabio has enjoyed the opportunity to get to know members of the faculty and administration, as well as five rising seniors: Gabriele Ayers, Tatiana Doucette, Melissa LeFave, Helio Meirelles Neto and Brianna Rudolph. If first impressions count, he will be a big hit.

"He's very personable and he wants to get to know us," LeFave said.

"He told us it's his job to make our experience better, not the other way around," Neto added.

"He asked us what St. Mary's is all about and we told him it is a family, where everyone knows everyone," said Rudolph. "He liked that."

Send a note of welcome to Dr. DiFabio at mark.difabio@stmaryslynn.com.



New Principal Mark DiFabio is shown around the school by Director of Admissions Carole Frederick and students, from left, Brianna Rudolph, Gabriele Ayers, Helio Meirelles Neto and Melissa LeFave.

Girls ice state title

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games and tied four (19-3-4), but put together four straight wins in the tournament when it counted the most. Kaleigh Finigan (Medford), Madison Molea (Lynn) and Brooke Bergeron (Swampscott) were the other seniors on the St. Mary's roster. Finigan joined Butler and freshman Samantha Callahan (Danvers) on the top line, while Crugnale centered Molea and eighth-grader Sarah Ryan (Nahant) on the second unit.



NORTH CHAMPS: Congratulations to the St. Mary's softball team, which won the MIAA Div. 3 North championship and advanced to the state final vs. Assabet Valley Tech, before coming up short, 5-2. The Spartans defeated Whittier, 7-3, in the North final and Case, 4-3, in the state semifinals.



Best of luck to our pastor, Rev. Brian Flynn, as he takes on the new role of leading a collaborative of parishes that includes St. Mary's and Sacred Heart.




St. Mary's Night at the North Shore Navigators is now Aug. 4 at 5 p.m.

Ticket info at STMARYSLYNN.COM/NAVS

St. Mary's Alumni, including the most recent Alumni Class of 2013, are invited to watch the game at a special reception on the upper deck.

ST. MARY'S NIGHT AT THE NAVIGATORS ALUMNI COMMITTEE

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ST. MARY'S WINS ANOTHER HOCKEY STATE TITLE



The St. Mary's girls hockey team celebrates another state championship on the TD Garden ice.

By PAUL HALLORAN

The St. Mary's girls hockey team gave the other schools in Massachusetts a chance to experience the thrill of winning an MIAA Div. 1 state championship the last two years, but the Spartans did not want to make a habit of it and they again laid claim to the crown.

Avenging a defeat from last year's state final, St. Mary's beat Arlington Catholic,

2-1, at TD Garden to win its fourth state title in the last six years and fifth overall (the Spartans won the Div. 2 championship in 2005).

"I don't think a lot of people picked us to be here, but our five seniors have done a tremendous job of being great leaders and keeping the glue to this team together," Coach Frank Pagliuca said. "Sometimes you have to fit pieces in a puzzle and they did that this year. I'm

very proud of them."

With the score tied, senior Alison Butler (Danvers) netted the game-winner with 2:46 left in the game. The goal was the 199th point of Butler's career, and junior goalie Lauren Skinnion (Boxford) shut the door on the Cougars to preserve the victory.

"I think she's the best player in the state," Pagliuca said of Butler. "She got that opportunity and she buried it."

Senior Gabby Crugnale (Malden) had given St. Mary's a 1-0 lead in the final minute of the third period, but AC tied it 2½ minutes into the third.

The state championship marks the first for the Spartans since their three-peat in 2008-09-10. In that time, they compiled a 100-game unbeaten streak that was snapped by Hingham in the 2011 state quarterfinals. This year, they lost three

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