



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC ACADEMY



A Message From Ms. Mallett...

THE SAINT JOE'S ADVANTAGE

A Saint Joe's Catholic education is unlike any other learning experience. Why? Catholic Schools educate to develop the students mind, body, and soul. The educational process is an opportunity to cultivate the entire person by engaging the human need for physical, mental, social, and spiritual nourishment. It is the purpose of Saint Joe's to do just that.

Catholic Schools understand the multi-faceted nature of child development and are heavily invested in the wellbeing of their students. Attending Saint Joe's is an occasion to celebrate learning, develop talents, create lifelong bonds, and to love and serve God every day.

Our teaching style is effective because it is comprehensive. Students attending Saint Joe's benefit from a learning experience that develops all of the physical, emotional, social and spiritual qualities integral to human health and happiness. We recognize that young people are the heirs of our future. We think highly of our students and have gratitude for them as they are movers and shakers with the power to change the world.

We ask that you will join us in this purpose and support our teachers

with a monetary gift to purchase learning supplies on the NCEA Day of Giving February 1-2, 2022. Catholic schools are not funded directly through school tax levies and bonds, but through annual funds and campaigns. Therefore, we need your gift to help to support our teachers. Your donation helps provide enrichment programs and the academic extras that tuition dollars do not cover, and allow Saint Joe's to address needs as they arise.

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8th Grade OLV Students Visits Saint Joseph's!



8th grade students from Our Lady of Victory spent part of the day visiting Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy. The students joined the WolfPack at Mass in the Student Life Center and then participated in a variety of classes and from Literature and Composition, Theology, Physics, and more!



Saint Joseph's Inducts the first Hall of Fame Class



Saint Joseph's alumni Carrie Shearer (2015) and Garrett Bastardi (2015) have been named to Saint Joseph's inaugural Hall of Fame.

Saint Joseph's Hall of Fame recognizes Saint Joe's graduates or special

contributors who have helped define and advance the Saint Joseph's mission and pillars of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service through their post-graduate achievements and/or contributions. Jennifer Mallett, Head of School, views the Hall of Fame inductions as important because "they connect the past with the present. For a school that was opened 10 years ago, the Hall of Fame nominations and induction recognizes the best of the best while giving current students and families a blueprint for success."

Both Bastardi and Shearer described this honor as "humbling." Bastardi credits "the school and the community" for positively impacting his life and helping him to achieve this honor. He has taken the four pillars instilled to him at Saint Joe's and used them as the foundation for his life. Specifically, Bastardi has lived out the pillar of leadership by giving back to the very community that helped shape him. "I've lived out the pillar of leadership in my role as a coach and trying to do what I can to help young people not only reach their goals athletically, but also do so with gratitude and understanding that it's our Heavenly Father that gives us the opportunity to compete and learn."

Coaching basketball and golf at Our Lady of Victory and Saint Joseph's since 2018, Bastardi has had the opportunity to coach dozens of kids grades 6-12. "This role as a coach has provided me with the opportunity to lead and be a positive influence on a younger generation whose shoes I was just in not too long ago. I believe that advancing these four pillars on the court and/or out on the field of play is just as important as advancing the pillars in the classroom."

In addition to playing basketball and golf at Saint Joe's, Bastardi was also a member of Saint Joe's Student Council. Since high school graduation, he studied both Political Science and Meteorology at Penn State in addition to playing golf professionally for four years (2017-2021). In early 2021, Bastardi founded and began running a business in the golf and turfgrass management industry.

Shearer has also lived out Saint Joe's pillars since graduation. "Faith, scholarship, leadership, and service were not only guiding principles during my years in high school, but have also proven to align with my personal values as I continue life after graduation." Shearer graduated from Duquesne University Honors College (2019) and pursued a career in college sports and football operations. "While in college at Duquesne, I became greatly involved in campus ministry and a local church in the Pittsburgh area as a young adult/college ministry group leader." Her time as a ministry group leader has helped Shearer "to continue to put faith first in life, but also reinforced my passion for helping others to be intentional about living their faith every day."

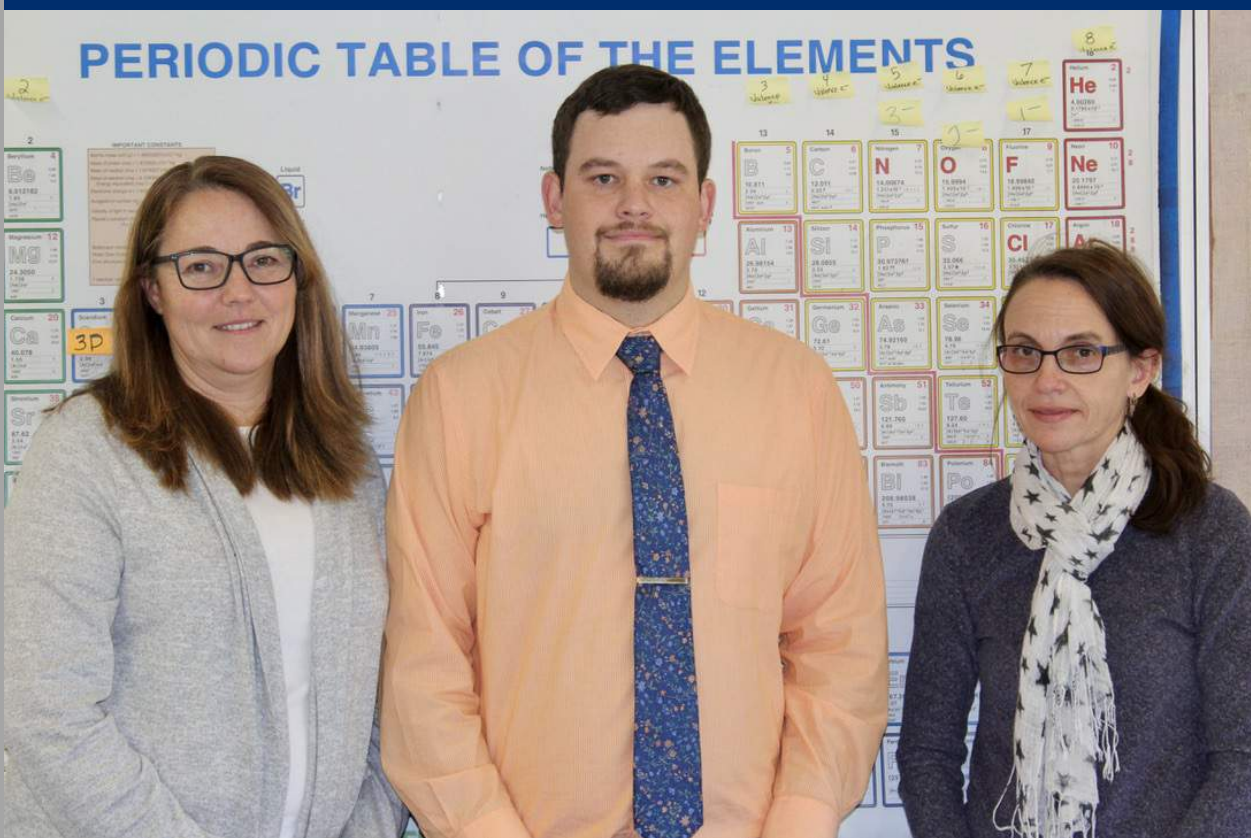
After graduating from Duquesne, shearer became a full-time postgraduate intern at the NCAA National Office in Indianapolis as well as at Women Leaders in College Sports in Kansas City. "Those roles allowed me to work with the Big Ten Conference Office for two of their championships, and countless other opportunities that have shaped the leader I have become. Currently, I am working with the Carolina Panthers as the Football Operations Training Camp Intern and am looking forward to returning to the NCAA in September." As Shearer moves into a professional career working in the NFL and professional sports, she notes that "those guiding pillars remain just as applicable to life and work."

Shearer noted that "The significance and meaning of this award is not lost on

me, because I know that I would not be currently working my dream job and proud of where I am today if it were not for the people at Saint Joe's who invested their faith and time in me." While at Saint Joe's, Shearer was an active member of the community. She was involved in the following clubs and activities: Youth Group, Student Council, Yearbook, Football Team Manager, Basketball Team Manager, Prom Committee, and Accreditation Committee.

Both Bastardi and Shearer have left a lasting impact at Saint Joe's and will continue to live out the school's mission while having positively impacting their communities. Susan Robinson Fruchtl, Director of Development, summed the honor up saying, "There is no better way to recognize how our inductees exemplify our Four Pillars of Faith, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service in their daily lives. We are very proud to induct our inaugural class in 2021!"

Department Feature



Mrs. Graham, Mr. Graham, and Mrs. Badger -- Science Department -- are pictured.

The science department at St Joseph's Catholic Academy is a place where you can find your niche in the science world. Students have a number of different avenues they can explore within the world of science.

Freshman take biology their first year to get their science experience started. In this class, students will be asked to view the living world through a more scientific lens in order to understand how living organisms interact and how they are made.

Students use their foundational skills learned from biology to take chemistry in their sophomore year. In 10th grade students will be able to think about how atoms are constructed.

Juniors take a physics course that ties chemistry into physics. In this class, students will be able to find out how matter interacts with one another.

Seniors have a wide range of classes to choose from as they finish their high school science career. These classes include Anatomy, Environmental Science, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering.

The ideal class sizes at Saint Joe's enable students to succeed and thrive in the classroom. Students are able to get more one-on-one help when completing labs, researching projects, and engaging in group work. We are able to help students grow and develop in their high school science career within the Research and Design class. In this class students are able to create their own hypothesis, test this hypothesis, collect data, analyze findings, and draw conclusions. Students then take their findings and compete in Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science state competition; where we have had countless students succeed. This event allows for a lot of new doors to be opened for students across the state.

Within our wide selection of science classes we are able to take the nature of the courses, teach successful methods of processing information, instill problem solving skills, and help grow a better understanding of how the world around us works even if we can not see it with the naked eye. Every year we are able to build off previous ideas to make the students walking out of Saint Joseph's well-rounded in all aspects of science, and ready to take on any science related task the world has to offer. We in the science department teach the mind to think rather than the learning of facts.

Fun For All, All For Fun! Seniors Celebrate Mid-Way Day

The carnival made its way to the Student Union at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy in celebration of Mid-Way Day—the halfway point of the school year. The senior class worked together to create an energetic event for the entire school to enjoy during the cold and dreary week of midterm exams. Complete with a popcorn machine, cotton candy, and baked goods, the class really engaged the student body with carnival-themed games. Students purchased tickets in order to play games such as guess the baby picture, cornhole toss, and more. Each ticket earned them a chance into the Mid-Way King and Queen drawing.

At a double-mic Friday assembly, students sat in their respective Houses anticipating the King and Queen



drawing. With a student-led drumroll, Tim Peters and Ava Bickel's names were drawn to be this year's Mid-Way King and Queen! Students will continue their Mid-Way celebration into next month as the seniors host a Mid-Way dance for the student body.

Members of the Pack Attend Leadership Collaborative

By: Chad Walsh

Ms. Stoicheff and I had the opportunity to do something that very few of us have had the ability to do over the past couple school years, get our students out on a real-life fieldtrip! The pandemic has made us suspend some of those traditions that make up a teaching and learning community, the things that bring energy and life to our faculty, staff, and



students. So, traveling to another school, working with other educators, seeing other students was just what we needed... an absolutely energizing experience.

Ms. Stoicheff brought the idea to the faculty a few weeks ago, and as she described the mission and her experience with the program, I couldn't wait to get some of our students there! So, with the blessing of the administration, and support of the board. We loaded up the Fullington van with seven students and headed to Warrior Run High School to take part in a leadership seminar hosted by Jostens Renaissance Education Program. The Renaissance program is committed to helping schools renew their culture and climate by working with administration, educators, and especially student leaders. The program was free and attended by 15+ schools with over 200 students in attendance, Saint Joe's getting the day's award for furthest distance traveled.

Members of House Council invited underclassman (not in House Council) to attend the seminar, which was just over three hours long, and led by teacher, coach, athletic director and principal from Tennessee, Dr. Philip "PC" Campbell. In the end, we had three seniors, a junior, a sophomore, and two freshmen with us, and each of our four houses were represented, with the hope that these students would bring some ideas and energy back to their classes and houses, as we continue to build our school's culture.

The students were given opportunities to discuss leadership experiences, new ideas and areas of improvement with peers from other districts. The morning was filled with interactive and energizing activities, culminating in a fast-paced slide show from Dr. Campbell outlining over 100 different ideas to help bolster school culture. Our seven students each brought notebooks, and as I looked over their shoulders 10-15 minutes into the event, most already had taken about a half-page of notes, without any instruction from either Ms. Stoicheff or me. To say that PC knows how to engage students (and educators, for that matter) was apparent, and it is easy to see why there is so much momentum behind the Renaissance Education Program. Our students genuinely seemed to enjoy getting to interact, collaborate and brainstorm with peers.

With a focus on enhancing our student body's culture, and shift in focus on the house system, we thought it was important to see the buy-in from our students this year, and they have stepped up in so many ways. This opportunity will only add to that, and I am convinced that these seven students will share their experience with classmates and housemates in order to strengthen our already strong sense of community through the traditions we've created, and also by bringing some new traditions into the fold. It was a great day, an energizing day, and will undoubtedly set us up with more great days to come at Saint Joe's.

For info on The Renaissance Program and/or Dr. Phil "PC" Campbell's visit their websites... <https://www.jostensrenaissance.com/>
<https://drphilcampbell.com/>

Saint Joe's Student Excels at the 2022 Pennsylvania Farm Show

Clayton Landis, a tenth grader at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, exhibited his

Hampshire sheep at the 2022 Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA. In the open show on Friday, January 14th his Hampshire ewe was awarded champion Hampshire ewe. On Saturday in the junior show he was lucky to have one both champion Hampshire ram and champion Hampshire ewe with the same sheep. The same ewe, "Diamond" went on to be selected as supreme champion ewe of the Pennsylvania Farm Show.



A Message From Father Mike...

In his book *God is Near Us: The Eucharist, The Heart of Life*, Pope Benedict 16th reflects on the Eucharist by stating, "In communion I enter into the Lord, who is communicating himself to me" (pg. 81). As we begin the year 2022, we have the opportunity amidst our many New Year resolutions to make the Eucharist our number one priority. Without the Eucharist, our life would not be the same. Without religion, we would cease being spiritual. Let us make this year a time when we continuously reflect upon the greatest gift given to humanity—Jesus truly presence in the Eucharist to communicate grace to us. Once we receive Him and commune with Him, we are never the same. We become more like Him who spent His life in service to all.



Athletic Updates & Information

Seniors Keep Saint Joe's Girls Basketball Scoring

Due to low participation numbers, the decision was made to cancel the girls varsity basketball season. But, that did not stop girls basketball team play at Saint Joe's. SJCA seniors, Kate Youngmark and Sophia LaPorta, worked with SJCA Athletic Director, Dr. Justin Rodkey, and SJCA Head Coach, Katie Sosnoskie, to create a "JV-level" team. The team has practiced and had games over the past few months, and an article about the teams was recently

published in the CDT (click button below to view).

"Next year is a golden opportunity for girls who want to come in, play and win at Saint Joe's," says Coach Sosnoskie. "Saint Joe's environment is perfect for rebuilding. I'm looking forward to a year of growth and success with Kelsey Prospero and other members of our, what I expect will be, young team."

For more information about Saint Joseph's sports go to <https://sjcasports.org/>

Read the CDT article
here!



Dear WolfPack Community,

Welcome to 2022! The Pack is back in action and we wanted to remind you about a few important links.

Keep Up-To-Date: Please remember that www.SJCASports.org is the "one stop shop" for all things sports and activities. Announcements, schedules, online registration, live stream links, travel information, links to social media, and more can be found here.

Watch Live Online Events (NFHS Network)

If you are interested in watching WolfPack Basketball online, please click the link below. We are excited to have the technology to produce quality live events. All home basketball games are live streamed using this link. Live streaming for away games will be dependent on the host school. Individuals will need to subscribe to watch live sporting events. People can sign up for a monthly (30 day) subscription which is \$10.99 (Annual Subscription Available as well). You will have unlimited access to all the games for that month as well as games from other schools. Individuals will be able to go back and re-watch games as well. Please consider supporting SJCA.

<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/st-josephs-catholic-academy-boalsburg-pa>

Back the Pack: Financial gifts are essential to the health and success of our programs. Please consider giving at <https://stsgive.com/MEW4/donations/details?src=rBNr> Donations to the Pack helps provide funding for everything from registration fees, transportation, officials, team uniforms, and more. The generosity and consistent giving of individuals like you enable our student-athletes to successfully compete on our 14 varsity sports teams. To learn more about Back the Pack please visit: <https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/back-the-pack/>

Much continues to happen here at Saint Joe's and we hope to see you soon.

Blessings & Go WolfPack!

Dr. Justin Rodkey, Director of Athletics & Activities

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PIAA Varsity & Club Sports

Boys & Girls Cross Country * Co-Ed Golf * Boys & Girls Soccer * Girls Volleyball
Boys & Girls Basketball * Ski Club * Indoor Track & Field Club
Baseball * Softball * Boys & Girls Track & Field



Student-Athlete GPA

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Baseball

District VI Finalist & State Qualifier (2018 & 2019)

Basketball

(Boys) 4x Conference Champions
(2015, 2016, 2018, 2019)

2x State Qualifier (2018 & 2019)

(Girls) 2x State Qualifier (2019 & 2020)

Cross Country

(Boys) Class A State Championships 12th Place (2019)

(Girls) 3x Class A State Champions

(2015, 2016, & 2019)

Runner-Up (2017), 3rd Place (2018), 8th Place (2021)

2x District VI Champions (2016 & 2017)

Golf

(Boys) PIAA State 3rd Place (2017), 5th Place (2018)

2x District VI Champions (2017 & 2018)

Soccer

(Boys) District VI Champions & State Qualifier (2021)

(Girls) District VI Playoff Qualifier (2018 & 2019)

Softball

Inaugural Season (2020)

Track & Field

(Girls) District VI Champions (2019)

Volleyball

District VI Playoff Qualifier (2018 & 2019)

Wrestling

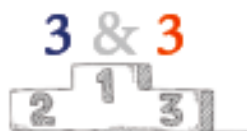
2 Individual State Champions (2020)

Class AA State Runner-Up (2019)

2x District VI Champions (2018 & 2019)

SW Regional Champions (2019)

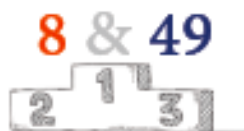
2012 - 2021 STATISTICS



Team/Individual
State Champions



Graduates Who
Competed in College



Team/Individual
District Champions



Individual
State Medalists



Team/Individual
State Qualifiers

Updated 11/21'

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— RUDYARD KIPLING

For an update of our athletics, go to SJCA sports.org

SAINT JOSEPH'S
WOLFPACK

Development & Advancement

Give Now to our Joseph's Annual Fund!

Now in its 11th year, Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy is still *All In* on developing the next generation of Christian leaders who embody our four pillars of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service. We continue to create a better opportunity – an ideal high school offering something more – a school impacting the lives of its students in a more meaningful and well-rounded way. In order to continue to support this important mission, we are asking you to be *All In* to ensure the future of Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy.

There is no higher calling than for our faculty and staff to develop our students through our Four Pillars. With a laser focus on our pillars of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service we provide:

- A Catholic values-based environment that nurtures an individual's relationship with Jesus Christ.
- A compelling and challenging curriculum focused on academic inquiry and critical thinking.
- The identification, growth, and development of personal leadership skills combined with the opportunity and courage to practice them.
- Engaged and generous community service and philanthropy.
- A foundation of inherent caring, integrity, and respect.

Join us once again or for the first time and be *All In* for Saint Joseph's. Make your donation now by giving online here: [Joseph's Annual Fund Online Page](#). You may also give by check. Download the following form to give by check: [Joseph's Annual Fund Paper Form](#). Saint Joe's is a unique and special community where the students of today are prepared to be leaders of faith tomorrow. People like you make our Saint Joseph's community so special! Thank you for your support.

Turn Your Pennsylvania Tax Payments Into Scholarships for Saint Joe's Students – Time is Running Out to Participate in the Fall 2021 Cycle – Contact Us Now to See if Tax Credits Still Remain!

Through this program businesses and individuals working in Pennsylvania may direct their Pennsylvania income tax payments to Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy.

How Does It Help?

Many Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy students are in need of financial support for their Catholic education. Without this financial support, some students would not be able to attend Saint Joe's.

The EITC program enables individuals and businesses working in PA to direct their state income tax liability to Saint Joe's, so that these funds can be used for need-based student scholarships. As an added benefit, in some cases participation in the EITC program can help individuals and businesses reduce their own PA income tax liability.

Who can participate?

• Individuals or businesses with a PA Tax Liability of at least \$3,500 may qualify to participate. See your latest Form PA-40 Line 12 for your PA Tax Liability amount.

- For individuals or couples (married filing jointly), one must work for a business, own a business or own stock in a company that does business in the state of Pennsylvania. Individuals may live outside of PA and still participate if they own such stock. You must have PA State Tax Liability.
- Retirees must own a small business (receive an annual K-1 form) or work for a business (receive and annual W-2 form) or own stock in a company that does business in the state of PA. Some retirees qualify due to side jobs or residual ownership of businesses and some do not. We can work with you to confirm qualification status. Retirees may live outside of PA and still participate if they own stock in a company that does business in the state of Pennsylvania. You must have PA State Tax Liability.
- Contact us to learn how you can participate now!

Name a Scholarship at Saint Joe's!

Named scholarships benefit qualifying Saint Joseph's students. To establish a Named Scholarship, a commitment of \$500 or more for a minimum of three consecutive years is required. This allows the donor(s) to work with the school to create the scholarship in their name or the name of someone they wish to honor.

With a named scholarship, your entire contribution is awarded each year to a qualified student. Without this support, some students would not be able to financially attend Saint Joe's.

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy will recognize the Named Scholarship Program donors at a yearly event. This event will provide the opportunity for our thoughtful and generous benefactors to meet their scholarship recipient(s) and for our student scholarship awardees to personally thank the individual or family for their commitment and support of their Catholic education.

To learn how to Name a Scholarship at Saint Joe's, email Susan Robinson at srobinson@stjoeacad.org, call her at 814-808-6118, or go to our website at <https://stjoeacad.org/advancement/named-scholarship-program/>

WHAT'S NEXT in the World of Development & Advancement?

Saint Joseph's is teaming up with Our Lady of Victory Catholic School to bring back the fun of trivia night this coming February! This great event for parents and adult friends of SJCA and OLVCS will be held this year at SJCA and will be more fun than ever. Stay tuned for all the details but Save the Date of February 18th for this fun night!

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Centre Gives

Centre Foundation's "Centre Gives" will take place in May 2022. Keep an eye out for important announcements about this major fundraising event for Saint Joe's. Last year we raised over \$26,000 during this 36-hour online giving event from the support of our gracious benefactors!

Four Pillars Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 6, 2022 to join us in our annual golf tournament at Centre Hills Country Club. With thirty foursomes in last year's event, we are excited to plan for next year back at Centre Hills.

Alumni Spotlight

By: Chad Walsh

Each month we will check in with a Saint Joseph's Alumni doing a Q & A to spotlight his/her journey. Our spotlight this month is Andrew (AJ) Youngmark, Class of 2016. Thanks to AJ for sharing about his journey and how Saint Joe's has impacted him.

Talk a little about your college experience:

I had a great experience at Penn State; I graduated last December with a major in Accounting. In addition, I worked with the Penn State football program as a student manager outside of the classroom. It was an excellent opportunity for me to be involved on campus and meet some of my best friends during my four years with the team.



What are you currently doing from a career or education standpoint?

I started working as a Financial Analyst with Crusoe Energy this past October in Denver, CO. It's been an excellent opportunity to learn about a rapidly growing industry. Our business model is unique – we take stranded natural gas from oil wells then convert it into electricity to mine Bitcoin.

What are some of your favorite things you like to do in your personal time?

In the last few years, I have really caught the golfing bug. When there isn't snow on the ground, I try to get out and practice/play as much as I can. However, some of my scores would say that I haven't played nearly enough.

How did Saint Joe's impact you? And how are you using the things you learned at Saint Joe's today?

SJCA was great – the thing that made it special was the teachers. They genuinely cared about you as a person and a student, which many schools can't claim. The things I use the most from SJCA aren't the facts about US History or

memorizing the periodic table – the values taught there are used every day, whether that is discipline, attention to detail, or simply treating people the right way.

What are you passionate about?

Working with great people who push me. Whether professionally or personally, being around great people is what I am passionate about.

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions." Psalm 51

"Take a chance! All life is a chance. The man who goes farthest is generally the one who is willing to do and dare." Dale Carnegie

Saint Joseph's Alumni Night



**Keep an eye out for Saint Joseph's
commercial!**

**This commercial features Saint
Joe's alumni
Kathleen Simander and Jonah
Clark alongside several other
talented Saint Joe's students.**



Important Dates

Catholic Schools Week
January 30th-February 5th

President's Day
February 21st - No School

Out of Uniform Day
February 25th - \$3

Athletic Events
Go to SJCASports.org for an athletic schedule.

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