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The background of the page is a photograph of a school gate. The gate is made of dark wood and has a black sign with white text. The sign reads "聖心インターナショナルスクール" in Japanese and "INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART" in English. The gate is surrounded by lush green foliage, including trees and bushes. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

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聖心インターナショナルスクール  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMISTRESS



"...To the very ends  
of the earth"



**INSPIRED BY THE VISION** of Foundress St. Madeleine Sophie Barat to educate young people "...from all nations to the very ends of the earth," Sacred Heart schools form a global community. St. Madeleine Sophie's purpose was to "lay solid foundations of lively faith" in students so that through their love of the Heart of Christ they would make a transformational difference in the world.

Today, we stake our claim on this seminal belief proclaiming on banners, streetcars and billboards that "OUR GIRLS CHANGE THE WORLD!" At Sacred Heart, we proclaim this as our educational aim as surely today as St. Madeleine Sophie proclaimed it in the early 1800s.

Visions move us to reality; today, there are over 150 Schools of the Sacred Heart in 49 countries of the world. (<http://sofie.org/schools/international>) Each of these schools shares a deep commitment to goals and values, spirit and traditions, customs and cutting edge academics. They are united in a widening and growing network of hundreds and thousands of students and alumnae across the world.

This issue of *The Bridge* focuses on the global dimension of the Sacred Heart experience. Through each of the articles, you are invited to explore our commitment through curriculum, international service, international exchange, international travel programs, professional development, alumnae professionalism and international affiliations.

Whether through our speakers on global topics, our signature service programs, support for recovery following disasters around the world, or the welcoming of international visitors, you can see how our global Sacred Heart connections strengthen our girls' awareness of the world in which they live and deepen in them a sense of love and compassion. We believe that through all of these efforts, our girls will, indeed, change the world!

Best regards,

*Sr. Melanie A. Guste, RSCJ*

Sr. Melanie A. Guste, RSCJ, '70  
Headmistress



# OUR TOKYO CONNECTION

By **Eddy Hayes**  
(Father of Darby Hayes, Class of 2026)



*Buddhist Temple on the campus*

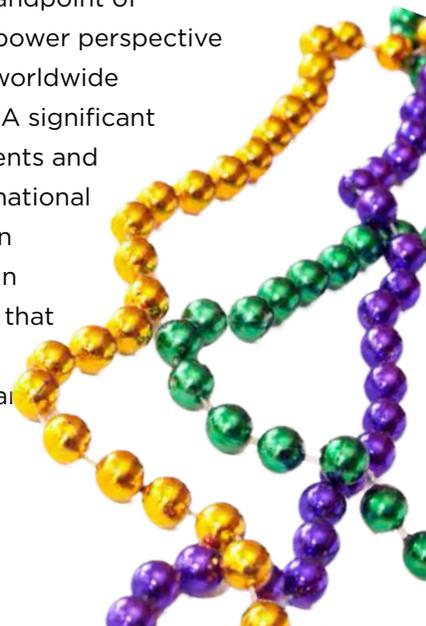


*Eddie Hayes and Darby Hayes*

**INTERNATIONAL** trade frequently conjures images of massive ships traversing the oceans with hundreds of containers stacked precariously on top of each other. In fact, trade in goods like we see on container vessels is only one part of international trade. Trade in services is a lesser-known but nevertheless significant component of our worldwide economy. While the U.S. carries a trade deficit in goods, we enjoy a trade surplus in services.

What exactly is international trade in services? We measure trade in services through broad categories, such as international tourism, transportation, insurance, finance, telecommunication, and other business services. Activities within these broad categories that occur across international borders generate measurable economic activity.

International trade in educational services is one of the most important, yet underappreciated service sectors. International education is critical to the U.S. both from a hard power standpoint of generating revenue and a soft power perspective of spreading American values worldwide through our education system. A significant part of this trade involves students and teachers travelling across international borders to receive or provide an education. While education is an obvious virtue, few understand that educational exchanges at the primary, secondary, university, and graduate levels are vital to our national economic agenda.





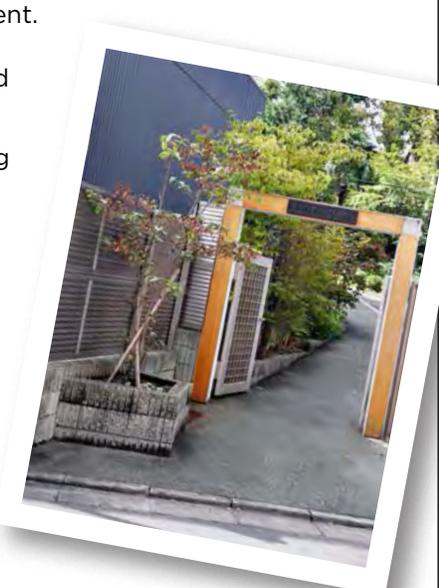
What does any of this have to do with ASH? We are blessed with a robust international exchange program through our sister schools across the globe. Some of those programs and exchanges are examined throughout this issue of *The Bridge*. This article, however, highlights a self-made educational service trade exchange that I was fortunate to experience on a recent business trip to Tokyo, Japan.

My work as an international trade attorney frequently requires overseas travel. Before I travel overseas for any length of time, I try to locate a Jesuit church in the vicinity of my hotel to attend mass. I've been blessed to participate in mass at Jesuit churches throughout Asia, South America and Europe. After locating a Jesuit church in Tokyo, I found myself searching for a Sacred Heart school in Tokyo. Our daughter Darby is in her first year at ASH, and I was curious how far the Sacred Heart network extends. As it turned out, the International School of the Sacred Heart was within walking distance from my hotel.

I soon found myself transmitting an introductory email to the headmistress in Tokyo inquiring about some "international trade" between our two schools. The Tokyo faculty was extremely generous, and our own Ms. Cowley gathered her First Primary colleagues to create our own international trade in education.

Each of our First Primary classes created a book of stories about New Orleans. I'm especially proud to say that our New Orleans Saints won the contest in entries, but our girls also love the ASH "big campus," Mardi Gras, alligators, and our French heritage. We supplemented our trade with a few dozen Mardi Gras beads and masks, and I was on my way to conduct our international trade experiment.

After four days of jet-lagged business meetings, I was thrilled to engage our young colleagues. As you can see from the photo of the entranceway, the school appears unusually small from the outside. The small entrance is a throwback to the ancient time of the Samurai in Kyoto and Tokyo where property taxes were largely based on the size of the home or business fronting the street. This incentivized owners to create narrow entrances with large, multi-storied rear camelbacks, somewhat similar to our shotgun houses in New Orleans.





The Sacred Heart Tokyo campus lies up a short hill in the Shibuya district of Tokyo. Once you enter the tiny breezeway, you immediately witness a grand campus more beautiful in its simplicity than its grandeur, like much of Japan. A small, delicate garden with a statue of our Mother Mary guards the threshold of the school building, with an old Buddhist temple off a hill to the right.

Upon entering the school building, I was enthusiastically greeted by an energetic group of girls anxious to discover life in the Big Easy. The school curriculum is taught entirely in English, and the girls' language skills were impeccable. After reviewing our books about New Orleans and covering a short story on our Mardi Gras traditions, we conducted a mini-parade in the classroom complete with masks and bead tossing. Not wanting to experience a trade deficit, the Tokyo girls presented me with origami bookmarks inscribed with the names of each of our girls in Japanese and English.

Fifteen years of legal practice involving international litigation and business transactions failed to prepare me for this simple, yet personal experience in international trade. I departed the Sacred Heart Tokyo campus refreshed and reinvigorated after experiencing this small gesture of trade from young girls separated by culture and thousands of miles. Will their paths cross in our globalized world of international economics? Perhaps so, but what truly matters is that our New Orleans girls and their Tokyo sisters will always carry a small part of each other as they progress in the common bond of Sacred Heart education.

I encourage everyone to carefully consider participating in the ASH international exchange programs discussed in this issue. If that doesn't appeal to you, then I recommend creating your own miniature international educational exchange experience like I did in Tokyo. I will take the smiles of those girls in Tokyo over a successful corporate international distribution transaction any day of the week.

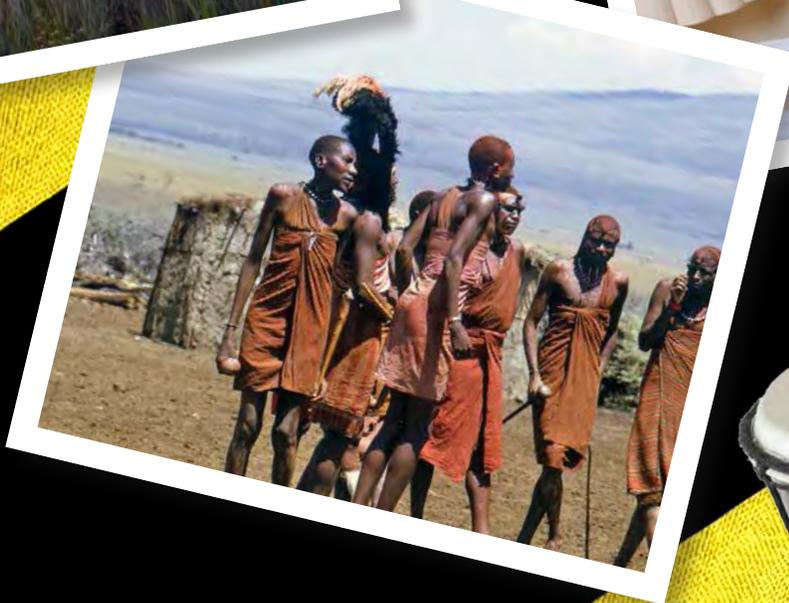
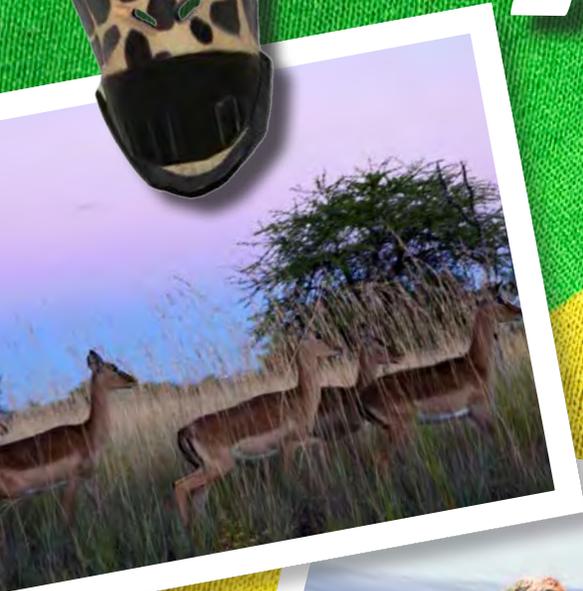
Eddy Hayes leads the international trade and business practice at Leake & Andersson, LLP in New Orleans. He has been an Adjunct Professor of law at Tulane University Law School since 2005 and is the current President of the World Trade Center Board of Directors. Eddy was appointed to serve as the Honorary Consul to Ukraine in 2014. He and his wife Christina Murphy Hayes have two children, Darby Elizabeth Hayes (Class of 2026) and Bradan Thomas Hayes.

Opposite page, top to bottom: *First primary students wearing Mardi Gras masks and beads; Entranceway to campus from main road at bottom of hill*  
 This page, left to right: *Statue of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat in campus garden; Doorway to school on top of hill*



# INTO AFRICA

by Emma Kern - Class of 2015





Since as long as I can remember, I have always dreamed of traveling to some country in Africa so that I could not only do service work, but immerse myself in the culture of the people who live there. I was ecstatic when my mom told me about an opportunity I would have to travel to Tanzania in the summer of 2014 for three weeks. There, I did service work, taught English, went on a safari, and traveled to the nearby island, Zanzibar. For half of the time I was there, I was living with a generous, loving family in Njoro village. Everyone in this small village, whether it be the village Chairman, the mason, the school kids, or just a common villager, welcomed me with open arms. In the village, we were responsible for building an eating area and new classrooms for the small primary school called Poly Primary. We laid cement, painted the school's newly built walls, and built columns while interacting with the villagers. In the afternoon, I taught the children of Njoro village English. I was surprised at how much these kids knew because when I tried to teach them basic animals, numbers, colors, etc., they knew it all! While teaching them, I also learned some words in Swahili.

Halfway through the trip, I made my way to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater for a safari. For four days, I traveled around these wildlife preservations spotting animals such as giraffes, elephants, hippos, lions, rhinos, and cheetahs. **WHILE SLEEPING IN THE SERENGETI, I COULD HEAR HYENAS AND ELEPHANTS OUTSIDE MY TENT AT NIGHT.** After that, I took a plane to Zanzibar, the island right off the coast of Tanzania in the Indian Ocean. We were there during Ramadan, so it was very interesting to see all of the customs these Muslims took part in during their holy holiday. In Zanzibar, I snorkeled in the Indian Ocean and went on a spice tour. This trip was an amazing experience, and I completely recommend that if anyone ever has the opportunity to do something like this to go! I loved being able to live in the village and really immerse myself in Tanzanian culture. Every single person I met in Tanzania was so generous, and I plan to go back as soon as possible!

# THE ROSARY EXCHANGE PROGRAM: TRANSFORMING STUDENTS INTO GLOBAL CITIZENS

By Betsy Sterkx, Exchange Coordinator

The Rosary has offered an international exchange program to our students for decades. For our current students, developing and expanding their cultural literacy is a valuable asset. The exchange program gives our students the rare opportunity to truly participate in another culture by living with a family and attending a local school. One important component of our exchange program is reciprocity: our Rosary students attend school and live with a Sacred Heart family in another country; before or after the trip, our students host an international student in New Orleans. There is a unique opportunity that is realized when you host. Hosting allows our students to view their own country, culture and lifestyle through the eyes of their exchange student. It is ideal for our students to travel and host, as this gives them a complete exchange experience.

When I started to write this article, I spoke with two Rosary students – one who was getting ready to start her exchange and one who had already completed it.

I met with junior Elizabeth Reed the week before her exchange sister arrived at the Rosary. Elizabeth was getting ready to host Josefina San Martín from Colegio del Sagrado Corazón Monjas Inglesas in Santiago, Chile. Elizabeth told me, “I am preparing myself to be ready for anything. I’m excited and prepared to see what else is out there.” That is the perfect attitude! I encourage our students to be open to new experiences during their exchange, both while they host and travel. To prepare for her exchange, Elizabeth focused on communication. She contacted her exchange sister the day that she got her application and has been in touch with her several times a week since then. Elizabeth hopes that she will learn about Sacred Heart traditions at the school in Chile, and that the language immersion will improve her Spanish skills. The Chile exchange is in its sixth year at the Rosary. Four girls travel together to Chile each summer, and they host the Chilean students in January and February.

I also talked with senior Emily Ellison who traveled to Colegio Sagrado Corazón Sophianum in Lima, Peru in the summer of 2014. Emily likes to try new things, and she was excited to be the first Rosary student to exchange with Peru. Emily wanted to travel alone to immerse herself in the language and culture of Peru. She wanted to improve her fluency in Spanish because she hopes to go abroad to Spain while she is in college. When Emily returned from Peru during summer vacation, she wrote to me about her trip: “It was one of the best experiences in my entire life.” Her exchange was a great success! By the end of her trip, Emily was comfortable speaking Spanish to anyone that she met, and she is very confident about going away to college next year and living in a new situation.

This year our students are exchanging with Sacred Heart schools in the U.S., Austria, Chile, France, Ireland and Peru. We are finalizing plans now for our first exchange with our school in Rome, Italy, and we are working on developing an exchange relationship with our schools in Asia. Our eighth grade exchange trips are 1 week in length, and our high school exchange trips are 2 – 4 weeks. We hope that participating in the exchange program will inspire students to become increasingly active, informed and responsible members of our Sacred Heart community and the global community.

## GLOBAL CITIZEN

Someone who identifies with being part of an emerging world community and whose actions contribute to building this community's values and practices



Emily Ellison in Machu Picchu with her exchange sister



Emily Ellison in a market in Peru



*Elizabeth Reed (1st person, 2nd row) with other Rosary host students and Chile students*



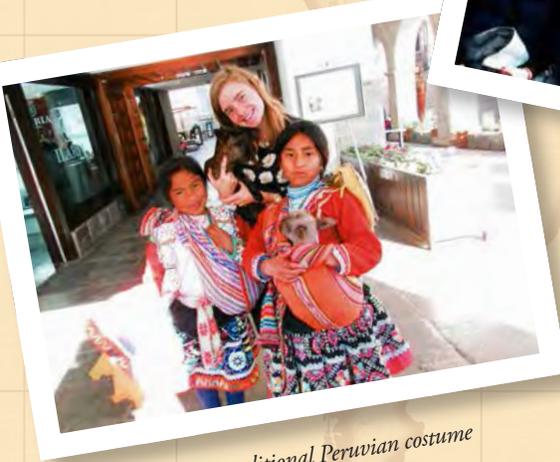
*Elizabeth Reed and her Chilean exchange sister Josefina San Martin*



**CULTURAL LITERACY**  
The ability to understand and participate fluently in a given culture



*Elizabeth Reed (1st person, front row) with Rosary and Chile students in the Louisiana swamp*



*Emily Ellison in a traditional Peruvian costume*

### ASH FACULTY MEMBER VISITS SACRED HEART SCHOOL IN MADRID

Lisa Guevara, Middle School Spanish teacher, visited El Colegio Sagrado Corazón de Jesús in Madrid over Mardi Gras break. She took with her, letters written by her sixth grade Spanish students to begin a letter exchange with the students from Spain. Pictured below are the students proudly displaying their letters.





## Leslie Argote Hammond '86

by Lisette Bayle '83

# Making a difference worldwide

**H**aving worked in the hospitality industry for the last 24 years, currently as an international meeting planner, Leslie Argote Hammond '86 has travelled extensively. She has seen many amazing sights while living in Asia, but what has really made an impact on her was being exposed to many communities living in poverty and having a strong desire to want to do something to help.

Three years ago, Leslie and a friend spent Christmas in Mumbai. They were shocked by the number of street children they saw in desperate situations. Within weeks of returning from the trip, Leslie traveled to Singapore and met a person who worked on fundraising efforts for a non-governmental organization (NGO) based in India, which supports street children. The local organization connected Leslie with this NGO, I-India, and within no time, they began working together. This NGO was started in 1993 by an Indian couple – the wife, a journalist/researcher and her husband, a sociology professor. The wife was assigned to report on street children in Jaipur by the Indian Government and the United Nations. After the story was released, the journalist realized that nothing was going to be done to help these children despite her findings, so she and her husband took matters into their own hands. They took in one child, then another and eventually opened shelters throughout Jaipur, providing funding and resources to give shelter, food, education, medical care and counseling. The NGO has grown over the last 22 years and currently provides support to 3,000 children daily throughout Rajasthan.

Leslie works with the organization's vocational center, which provides on-the-job training and fair-trade earnings for adolescents living in the community and in shelters, with a specific focus on girls, who would otherwise be forced into prostitution or some other labor to provide income for their families. Leslie develops the design and provides training, sourcing of materials, and production management for the girls to create ornaments/gift tags, hand-printed textiles, and artwork. The finished fair-trade products are purchased by Leslie from the vocational center and marketed and sold internationally by Leslie. In 2013, Leslie's friend and fellow alumna Catherine Friedrichs Sewell, planned a fundraising event for her daughter's Rosary fourth grade class and coordinated with Leslie to supply ornaments for the fourth graders to sell at the Avenue Marketplace. The Rosary fourth graders raised \$1,200.00 which they donated to the Network of Sacred Heart Schools' Philippine Relief Fund to aid those who were adversely affected by Hurricane Haiyan.

Leslie credits her strong desire to want to make a difference and help those less fortunate to her parents and her Sacred Heart experience. "Sacred Heart instills essential elements for a strong character – a solid moral structure, a value system built around service and

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independent creative thinking. All of these are great qualities for women, and my parents and Sacred Heart have certainly impacted the character I strive to display,” she says.

Leslie has this advice for others who want to help make a difference for the impoverished populations of the world as she has. “There are endless opportunities to get involved both locally and internationally. Identify a cause that you are passionate about, something that keeps you awake at night and you want to change. Determine for yourself how much time you are capable of committing to that cause and how you want to get involved, whether physically or on the business end. Commit to the cause and follow through with what you sign up for.”

For 2015, Leslie has several things in the works, including a Pilot Art Project to provide underprivileged adolescent girls in Rajasthan with access to art classes to learn about “Indian Heritage Paintings” from award-winning Indian master artists. She hopes this will provide another healthy outlet and skill set for these children to provide income for themselves and thus break out of the poverty cycle.

Additionally, Leslie is launching an e-commerce store for her retail brand, Tamarind Living, which specializes in fair-trade products and one-of-a-kind home decor products made from ethnic and contemporary designer textiles. She sources the products globally and features her designs made by the girls from the Indian vocational center. The products are available on a wholesale and retail basis by contacting [info@tamarindliving.com](mailto:info@tamarindliving.com). A sampling of products will be available on Etsy at [www.Etsy/TamarindLiving.com](http://www.Etsy/TamarindLiving.com) this spring.



*Indian fair-trade ornaments*



*Girls at work at the Indian vocational center*



*Lisa Crow's high school class in Madrid*

# GLOBAL EDUCATION

**Teacher to Teacher** by Kitty Mattesky (faculty member) and Lisa Crow '08

If passion for her current life in Spain is a measure of success, Lisa Crow is living the international dream. An English language assistant at IES Antares, a bilingual public high school located in the suburbs of Madrid, Spain, Lisa teaches Natural Sciences, Art, English, Social Studies, and Technology to high school students who range in age from twelve to eighteen years. A 2008 graduate of the Rosary, Lisa spoke about her experiences with her former Rosary English teacher and current friend, Kitty Mattesky.

**Q** I think it must be very enlightening to experience the culture of a country through the lens of a school environment.

**A** Yes, it is. Spain is a very relaxed country. Daily siestas are a staple for most Spaniards, their meals tend to last 2-3 hours, and the simple task of getting a coffee can turn into an entire afternoon. Curriculum and discipline follow that same pattern. When a teacher assigns a deadline for a project or assignment, the date given to the students is more of a “suggestion.” The teacher will tell the students to bring their work next Tuesday... followed by “más o menos,” a frequently-used term meaning “more or less.” Some students interpret that to mean two weeks after Tuesday. I think one of the biggest lessons I have learned is the importance of adaptability.

**Q** That is interesting. What is the prevailing attitude toward education in Spain?

**A** It is incredible how much the students value their education. They are very politically conscious. A big part of the Spanish culture is the right to protest. In my two years teaching in Spain, I have witnessed over ten student strikes or protests... más o menos. The Spanish government currently wants to increase the price of university tuition. As a result, a majority of the teachers will skip school and lose pay in order to protest in front of the congressional building in the Madrid City Center. On Thursday, the students will do the same. They both realize that education is vital to success, as they have seen what happens when someone loses their job and is unable to find work.

**Q** Having been a young high school student during the Katrina years, you experienced first-hand the resilience of our community. In what ways did Spain's economic crisis of 2008 affect your students and their families?

**A** While things are continually getting better here, I still hear someone mention "the crisis" every day. Many of my students' parents lost their jobs. Today, the unemployment rate in Spain is 24%, and more than 50% of young people are unemployed. My students know that if they want to find a job in this current competitive global economy, they will have to do well in school, and most importantly, they know that speaking more than one language is key to finding a job in Europe.

**Q** When you were a student at The Rosary, you were often recognized for your inventive approach and positive leadership. I thought about you during Mardi Gras when the Sophie B. Wright band marched in Krewe of Fluff - your legacy! What impact do you feel you have had on the students at your school?

**A** I like to think I have taught the kids a lot of the English language, but more importantly, about the American culture. Because my students are so interested in learning English, most of them read American and British literature as well as watch American films and TV series. Their passion for American pop culture can be a double-edged sword. In social studies one day, we were discussing different continents. As we began to talk about the American continents, I asked them to tell me the first thing that came to their minds when I said the words "United States of America." The three most popular responses were "guns," "fast food," and "war." Wow! These are the images that surface in my students' minds when I say my country's name. I have tried very hard to teach them that there is so much more to the United States than these things. For many of my students, I am the first American they have actually met. As a result, I have come to realize that I am more than just a teacher when I am speaking to them. I am representing my country, and I have been given the amazing opportunity to shatter those American stereotypes and teach them how we think and live in the United States.

**Q** Of the five Goals of Sacred Heart education, which do you feel has had the strongest impact on you, on the work that you are currently doing, and on the person you have become?

**A** Goal Three: Schools of the Sacred Heart commit themselves to educate to a social awareness which impels to action.

From a very young age, I was taught at Sacred Heart how to be an active, informed, and responsible citizen in my community of New Orleans. Sacred Heart always provided us with opportunities to help the less fortunate, and I found these experiences very fulfilling. After Hurricane Katrina, life in New Orleans would not have returned to "normal" without the help of socially aware citizens who were impelled to action. After being on the receiving end of that community service, I felt impelled to give back, not just to New Orleans, but to the world around me. As a result, I expanded my sphere of comfort in hopes of influencing the greater good in other cities and countries. Sacred Heart was able to provide me with an amazing opportunity to do just that, with

mission trips to Mexico and Nicaragua. And I participated in an exchange program with the Sacred Heart School in Guadalajara, Mexico, where I lived with a Mexican family and volunteered with inner-city youth at an educational summer camp. Although I was out of my comfort zone in the beginning, I learned that traveling and volunteering abroad was a wonderful way to give back and learn about the different cultures in our world.

**Q** Of all the teachers with whom you spent time during your years at Sacred Heart, who would you say had the greatest life-long impact on your character?

**A** Mr. Vaicius shared his passion for Latin America and the Spanish culture with me in such a way that it was contagious. Instead of just focusing on the Spanish language, he tried to teach us all about the Hispanic culture. This is the same exact thing I try to do with my students now. Obviously language is important, but why are we learning this language? So we are able to better communicate and learn about the cultures that speak that language. Mr. Vaicius traveled with our group to Nicaragua several times. In addition, he organized an amazing class trip to Costa Rica. As we planted trees and kept sea turtles safe from poachers, my classmates and I were able to speak Spanish with the local volunteers. I remember talking about politics and world events with the Costa Ricans and being so interested in their points of view. I think that is when I realized I wanted to become fluent in Spanish - so that I could truly understand the world from the perspective of different cultures.

**Q** And remember our current students! What advice do you have for them?

**A** Get out of your comfort zone. Go see the world and explore. I think the best way to do this is through volunteering abroad. It allows you to connect with the locals, learn a new language, help others, and experience a new culture, usually pretty cheaply!



*Lisa Crow leading a discussion in her visual arts class*

# New Faces at the Rosary



## GARY ALIPIO

Gary Alipio joins the Academy of the Sacred Heart as the new Director of Marketing. A graduate of Louisiana State University with a B.A. in Journalism, Gary began his advertising career in 1996 at DDB Needham in Dallas. He later joined Ackerman-McQueen to help re-connect Six Flags with their core audience – kids. While you may not have been exposed to his national work on Fortune 150 CenturyLink, GTE and Johnson & Johnson, you may be familiar with his local work for Zatarain's, Tulane Football, the Zurich Classic of New Orleans and others working with local Peter Mayer Advertising. He's worn many creative hats as evident by his 40+ awards, and his work has been featured in Graphis, Adweek, Sports Illustrated and the New York Times. When he's not casing the best ads of the world, you can find him taking in the NOLA culture, hanging with his family and teaching his dogs cool frisbee tricks.

## CAROLINE AVEGNO

Caroline Avegno joins the Academy of the Sacred Heart as Director of Communications and Public Relations. A 2008 graduate of Wake Forest University with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Economics, she comes to Sacred Heart with more than five years of marketing/communications experience in an ISAS school setting, serving as Director of Communications at St. George's Episcopal School. As a Sacred Heart alumna from the Class of 2004, Caroline is well acquainted with the mission and culture of Sacred Heart and will be responsible for publications and other PR efforts. In her spare time, Caroline enjoys staying active by participating in several local sports leagues. She has also coached middle school soccer at St. George's and is a member of the Junior League of New Orleans.



## JANA FOGLEMAN

Jana Fogleman joins the ASH administration as the Community Outreach Coordinator. She received her B.A. from Newcomb College where she was a four year collegiate tennis player. Her Master's degree in Communication Disorders was completed at LSUHSC-New Orleans. She practiced as a Speech-Language Pathologist on the Child Search Team in the Jefferson Parish Public School System for thirty-two years. Jana also has her certification as a 10 and under tennis professional. She recently successfully marketed and implemented programming for a grant from the USTA that had many components similar to her responsibilities as ASH Community Outreach Coordinator. Jana is charged with the development of a multi-faceted outreach program and partnerships based on the Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart Schools, particularly Goal Three, social awareness which impels to action. Her daughter Sara is an ASH alum, Class of 2007.

## SARAH KIRKWOOD REISS

Sarah Kirkwood Reiss joins the ASH community as the new Director of Athletics. Sarah received her B.A. in Neuroscience and Master's degree in Commerce from the University of Virginia. Sarah was a four year college volleyball player at U.Va. and a two-time All-American. She played volleyball professionally in Italy and Puerto Rico before moving to New York to work as a Fixed Income Trader at Morgan Stanley. With a desire to return to the field of athletics, Sarah earned a law degree from Cardozo University concentrating in Intellectual Property Law and Sports Law. Sarah comes to Sacred Heart from The Spence School in New York City where she served as the Associate Athletic Director and Head Volleyball Coach.



## Changing Focus

## LIZ MANTHEY

After 18 years of leading the Office of Communications and Marketing, Liz Manthey is transitioning to a part-time role in Education to the Mission. She leaves her former office in the capable hands of Gary Alipio and Caroline Avegno '04, knowing that they will continue to grow the department and expand Sacred Heart's visibility in the community and communicate the mission of Sacred Heart education to all audiences. As a committed member of the Sacred Heart family, Liz is looking forward to her new role and spending time with her first grandchild due in May.



Thirty year anniversary of Peer Support with Dr. Lynne Neitzschman (center)



Headmistress Sr. Melanie Guste, RSCJ on the occasion of her commissioning by Sr. Sheila Hammond, RSCJ



New Orleans Hispanic Heritage Foundation Scholarship recipient Carolina Avila with Dr. Yvonne Adler, Sr. Melanie Guste, RSCJ, Raúl V. Fonte and Alex Gershanik



Book Fair Chairs - Katie Eddins, Caroline Parrish, Pamela Tran and Amy Seemann



Sr. Tita Villere, RSCJ celebrates the renewal of her vows with her classmates



The Student Council takes the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge



The Wiz cast and crew



Young Alums return to speak to the seniors

The positive momentum from our fall sports teams (Volleyball, Cross Country, and Swimming) has transferred right into winter and spring, as the Cardinals find themselves in the midst of another successful season of ASH Athletics. Student interest for both basketball and soccer was especially strong this year. As a result, we were able to outfit eight total basketball and soccer teams (four Middle School teams and four Upper School teams). Looking forward to spring, the Athletic Department will be expanding its Middle School sports offerings, adding both Track and Field and Tennis teams to our spring line-up. In line with this expansion, Ashley Ruckert was promoted to Associate Athletic Director and will be the Coordinator for the Middle School athletic programs.

The Sacred Heart Athletic Booster Club held its inaugural meeting in January, led by President Jimmy Holmes. The Booster Club will be a parent-run organization working alongside Athletic Director Sarah Reiss to foster school spirit, promote sportsmanship, and encourage the success of our athletic programs. The initiatives taken on by the Boosters will undoubtedly enhance the overall athletic experience of our Sacred Heart student athletes, and we welcome the positive impact on the Athletic Program!

## BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS

This season, our Varsity Basketball team defeated four of our district opponents – Lusher, De La Salle, McGehee, and McMain!

Three Sacred Heart players reached “Double-Double” statistics (10 or more rebounds and 10 or more points) against Lusher.

In the midst of “Rivalry Week,” the Cardinals were victorious against McGehee at home.

Varsity Basketball tied for fourth in the district as they neared the end of regular season play.

Claire Moreau was selected as Nola.com Player of the Week twice this season, a first in Sacred Heart Basketball history. Claire was also named to *Clarion Herald's* 2015 Elite Girls' Basketball Team.



*Varsity Basketball Team*



*Lizzie Hotard and Claire Moreau*



*Avery Hardie*



*Claire Moreau*



*Kyle Maher*

## SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS

Our Varsity Soccer Team captured the District Championship! The Cardinals were ranked third in the state going into the postseason. The team beat St. Louis in a rainy Quarterfinal competition to advance to the Semifinals. Unfortunately, the Cardinals were defeated by U-High in a hard fought 2-1 battle.

The season was filled with highlights, including a win against last year's State Champion Pope John Paul.

Soccer took on Newman during "Rivalry Week" and prevailed with a 2-1 victory.

We honored our four seniors Mallory Rodriguez, Elle McLeod, Carrie Christmann, and Emily Ellison during their final regular season home game against St. Martin's. We thank them for their contributions to ASH Soccer and wish them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors.

Senior Carrie Christmann was named to the Division III All-Academic Composite team. All members must have a perfect 4.0 unweighted GPA.

Mallory Rodriguez, Erin Tolar, Caroline Licciardi, Elle McLeod, and Sarah Dawson were named to First All-District Team. Emily Ellison was named All-District MVP.

In Middle School news, our seventh and eighth grade soccer team posted a perfect regular season record!



*Varsity Soccer Team*



*Elle McLeod*



*Caroline Licciardi*



*Mary Mitchell Henry*



*Kathryn Payne*



*Carrie Christmann with Jesse Jarrett and Tooraj Badie*

## 2014-15 ASH CHEERLEADING SQUAD



**INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD HIGHLIGHTS**

Sacred Heart fields a select team comprised only of returning Varsity runners for the Indoor Track and Field season.

Megan Jackson, Individual Cross Country State Champion, added Indoor 2 Mile Indoor State Champion to her list of honors.

Claire Moreau set a personal record when she cleared 5'3" in the high jump, earning 4th place at the State Championship meet. Reigning State Champion Ellie Silvia cleared an impressive 5'5", becoming State Runner-Up at the Indoor State Championship meet.

Olivia Pitt (7th grade) and Madeline Kling (8th grade) set personal records in the 1-mile with a time of 5:44.



Madeline Kling and Olivia Pitt (Indoor Track)



Megan Jackson (center) Indoor Track

**VARSITY COACHES' CORNER - QUOTABLE QUOTES**



**"Filling the Pontchartrain Center with over 500 ASH fans for our State Quarterfinal win against McGehee..."**

Ashley Ruckert, *Volleyball*



**"Coach, if I practice today it will mess up my pedicure, and this is such a pretty color."**

Kara Martin, *Swimming*



**"St. Charles Avenue... it's where champions train!"**

Jenny and Greg Caro, *Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Golf*



**"Coming up with a win against McGehee in front of our loyal fans..."**

Micki Andry, *Basketball*



**"Watching our girls play technically sound soccer against Pope John Paul..."**

Tooraj Badie, *Soccer*



**"Expanding the tennis program to include both JV and Middle School tennis..."**

Chris Dazet, *Tennis*



**"Every day is a highlight when I can contribute to the health and safety of our talented athletes."**

Jason Aucoin, *Athletic Trainer*



## FATHERS' CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, September 12, 2014 – The Academy of the Sacred Heart Fathers' Club hosted its annual Golf Tournament at Audubon Park. Fathers' Club President and Tournament Chair, Jerry Plough, and his committee: Dale Gallager, Wil Jacobs and Bobby Jones, got the community involved to make this year's event a great success. Many thanks to our tournament sponsors, attendees, prize donors and volunteers for making this event possible and so enjoyable.

### Tournament Sponsors

**Whitney National Bank**

**Sunrise Exploration**

**Sheriff Newell Normand**

**Judge Bobby Jones, Gallo Mechanical, Gibbs Construction,**

**A J Gallagher, Robert Birtel and English Turn Golf Club**

**Audubon Title, TGIF Friday, New Orleans Harley-Davidson, Banner**

**Chevrolet-Ford, LA Public Service Commissioner Chairman Eric Skrmetta**



*Fathers' Club Treasurer Kevin Reed, Club President and Tournament Chair Jerry Plough, and Assistant Treasurer Tim Brennan*



*Golfers enjoying A. J.'s cooking*



*Chad Raymond from Harley-Davidson*



*Golf carts ready to roll*



*Larry Palestina and Brandt Temple*



*Gill Bulloch, with A. J. Lulich (stirring the pot), and Rick Paulk*

**AVENUE MARKETPLACE**

November 22, 2014 – The Academy of the Sacred Heart’s Avenue Marketplace was a wonderful day filled with a wide variety of shopping opportunities, delicious food, and the added benefit of an extended time continuing the event into the evening. The annual fundraiser was open to the ASH community and the general public and featured over 100 vendors selling unique gift items, clothing, jewelry and art. We thank our Marketplace Chairs, **Allie Pierson** and **Mandi Frischhertz** for leading a fantastic group of parent volunteers through a flawlessly organized event.

The Marketplace also featured a sold-out luncheon with food provided by Clancy’s Restaurant. Luncheon guests were entertained by a live jazz trio during the meal. **Charlotte Schmedtje Hebert ’90**, **Julie Ann Schmedtje Connick ’77** and **Genie Ogden** and their committee transformed the Rosary Dining Hall into a lovely holiday setting. Special thanks to **Clancy’s Restaurant** for their continued support. Later, the fun continued with the Marketplace remaining open until 7:00 pm with food provided by local food trucks **La Cocinita** and **Frencheeze**. The evening crowd was entertained by **Benny Grunch** and his band.



*Lisa Doss, Tracy Dreiling, Bridget Branch, Monique Christina, Michelle Silva, Kim Smith, Anjanette Bent and Natasha Forest*



*Monica Mehaffie, Renée Grady, Shannon Arch, Monica Farris, Terri Van Hoven, Eugenie Gibbens and Malise Lange Kearny ’92*



*Bonnie Smith Talbot ’56, Sr. Georgeann Parizek, RSCJ and Sr. Melanie Guste, RSCJ*



*Catherine Friedrichs Sewell ’86 and Andrée Wood Batt ’81 take chances at the luncheon raffle*



*Sr. Guste greets Mary Stewart Smallpage Bailey ’81*



*Shoppers at the Marketplace*



*Charlotte Schmedtje Hebert ’90 and Genie Ogden*

**WHOLE KIDS OUTREACH (WKO) MISSION TRIP** *by Leslie Schroth*

In July 2014, eight students and two teachers traveled to rural Ellington, Missouri to participate in a service project at Whole Kids Outreach. Schools of the Sacred Heart share a commitment to certain values that are reflected in our Goals and Criteria. One such goal is a “Commitment to educate to a social awareness which impels to action.” Sacred Heart students have multiple opportunities to participate in service projects locally, nationally and internationally throughout the year.

Sr. Anne Francioni, SSND, Executive Director of WKO and a New Orleans native, approached Sacred Heart with the chance for our girls to work as counselors for the last week of WKO day camp. We felt that it was a great opportunity for our students to experience and serve the needy on a national level. The day camp provides a friendly environment for children 5-12 years of age who are often in an environment of confusion and turmoil. Many of the campers live in poverty in rural Missouri, are developmentally challenged, and are from high-risk families subject to abuse and neglect.

Our Sacred Heart girls raised money throughout the year to help purchase supplies for the day camp. They assisted in horseback riding and swimming lessons, arts and crafts and drums alive (which incorporates exercise while drumming), with the goal of putting on a camp show for the parents on the last day.

Several of the students on the Missouri trip had already traveled internationally to Nicaragua for a Sacred Heart mission trip. Students witnessed the sadness of campers, not just because of poverty, but because of emotional stressors due to abuse and neglect. Junior Avery Hardie summed up the trip beautifully. She stated, “When I arrived home from Nicaragua, I was most thankful for my material things, and the opportunities that we have in the United States, but when I arrived home from WKO, it made me realize how thankful I am for my parents and family.”

We are proud to afford our Sacred Heart students the opportunity to experience many different ways to serve in different communities. At Sacred Heart, we educate the whole child and service to others is an important goal that all students embrace.



*Front Row: Carol Ann Chatelain, Sr. Anne Francioni, SSND and Leslie Schroth  
Second Row from bottom: Elizabeth Toso, Caroline Lawless and Elizabeth Reed  
Third Row: Bond Bordelon, Julia Plauché and Sarah Dawson  
Back Row: Avery Hardie, Lauren Paysse*



*Bond Bordelon in circle, third from left*



*Avery Hardie with campers*



*Elizabeth Toso and Elizabeth Reed with campers*

MARDI GRAS ON THE AVENUE



KREWE  
OF  
SMOCKS

KREWE  
DE COEUR



KREWE  
OF  
FLUFF



**FATHERS' CLUB  
MARDI GRAS  
PICNIC**

**SANTA PARTY**



*Dennis and Friends entertain all the children during the party*



*Olivia Eustis Guider '99 helps her children Thompson and Charlotte with the crafts*



*Caroline McCammond and Kenzie Do have fun at the craft table*



*Do you see what I see?*



*Nick Fleming with his son Jude*



*The Balart family with Santa*



*Nicole Charbonnet '91 poses with her boys and Santa*



*Kate Mogabgab having a blast*



*Nursery student Lucy Richmond and her dad decorate cookies*



*Jackson Houser and Mae Reeves enjoy the party*



*Ashby Geary Navarro '04, Ann Geary and Ginger Logan Smith '00 bringing their families to see Santa*

**THE POWER OF LOVE AND PATRIOTISM** by Megan Albritton, middle school librarian



Last November, the Academy of the Sacred Heart had the privilege of hosting author Ruta Sepetys as a guest speaker for the middle and upper school divisions. She spoke about her *New York Times* best-selling book, *Between Shades of Gray*. The book is about a fifteen-year-old Lithuanian girl named Lina Vilkas and her family during the rule of Stalin. Although a work of fiction, the book was based on the author's extensive research into a period of history and a group of people

who were forgotten throughout the world. In the book, the heroine and her family are sent to a Siberian work camp to endure unbearably harsh conditions. Many of the Lithuanians persecuted under Stalin did not survive these trials which effectively destroyed a generation of Lithuania's intelligentsia.

What made this talk remarkable was not only the topic, but the author's personal connection to the story. Ms. Sepetys' father is from Lithuania and she grew up hearing a form of the Lithuanian language spoken in her household. Just after the beginning of World War II, his family fled Stalin and Lithuania, living in a refugee camp for a few years. They then emigrated to the United States. Growing up, Ms. Sepetys knew about her father's background, but not the whole story. It wasn't until she was older and took a trip to Lithuania to visit with family that she found out about the terrifying ordeal that they and many other families lived through. While she was shocked by her own family's history, she realized that it was not unique and that so many other families went through similar suffering or even worse conditions. It was then that she decided to write a book to give a voice to the families affected by Stalin. Some estimate that under Stalin, over 20 million people were killed through mass massacres, famines, torture, imprisonment in labor camps, and forced displacements.

During her visit to Sacred Heart last fall, Ms. Sepetys spent the morning talking with the middle school girls, who were extremely attentive and had thoughtful questions to ask. Afterwards, she stayed to take pictures with the students and sign books. She then spent some time with the faculty, chatting and talking more in-depth about her book and her family's experiences. Lunch was a roundtable discussion with some upper school faculty and students. Approximately ten girls had the chance to talk one-on-one with Ms. Sepetys to understand more fully her writing and research process and to talk about the themes presented in the book. Due to the visit of Ms. Sepetys, it was revealed that upper school Spanish teacher, Christian Vaicius, is of Lithuanian heritage and shares similar family experiences of refugee camps and immigration. After lunch, Ms. Sepetys spoke to the upper school. During this session, she went into more detail about her time spent researching,

This included harrowing experiences as part of a psychological research trial at a defunct Soviet prison, her hours spent in solitude in an authentic Soviet transport train car, and the occasions when working with a translator she interviewed survivors of these horrible camps. Ms. Sepetys sees it as a personal mission to not allow the world to forget these people and their stories.

The incredibly successful visit of Ruta Sepetys allowed the Sacred Heart middle and upper schools the opportunity to live out both Goal 2 - A deep respect for intellectual values and Goal 3 - A social awareness which impels to action. The students were so interested in the story that all seven copies of *Between Shades of Gray* have been checked out of the library for months! Additionally the closest local bookstore to campus, Octavia Books, was reportedly sold out of their copies. If you haven't had a chance to read *Between Shades of Gray*, this is a great opportunity to share a reading experience with your daughter.



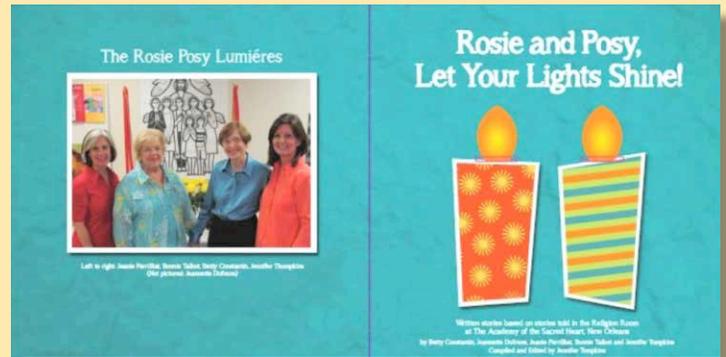
Ms. Sepetys with librarians Phina Schloegel and Megan Albritton



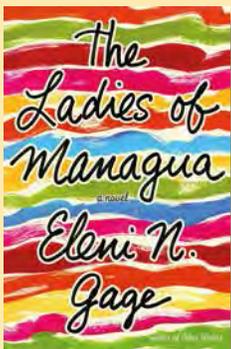
Ms. Sepetys with upper school students and Mrs. Albritton

## Rosie and Posy, Let Your Lights Shine!

"Tell us a Rosie Posy story, please," is a cry heard since the early 1970s in the Religion room at Sacred Heart. For the first time ever, some of the stories told in this treasured oral tradition, begun by Sr. Elia Torian, RSCJ, have been published. Sales of the first printing have been great, and plans are underway for a second printing. The twenty stories in the book are written by current and former Sacred Heart Religion teachers Betty Constantin, Jeannette Dufrene, Jeanie Perrilliat, Bonnie Talbot and Jennifer Tompkins. The sliding flames on the cover allow the reader to "blow out" the candles when Rosie or Posy chooses not to let her light shine. Students in grades 2-4 contributed the adorable artwork for the book. The stories most appeal to children ages 4-10. The book may be purchased at the Rosary Bookstore for \$22.00, or by contacting the authors at [Rosieposylumieres@gmail.com](mailto:Rosieposylumieres@gmail.com). Profits from the book go to Sacred Heart.



## The Ladies of Managua by Eleni Gage



*The Ladies of Managua* is the story about three women in Nicaragua – a grandmother, a mother and a daughter. Two summers ago, Ms. Gage accompanied her husband's grandmother Mamina on a trip to New Orleans and Sacred Heart. Here are her thoughts.

Love brought me to Sacred Heart. In 2009, as a journalist living in New York, I met Emilio, a Nicaraguan coffee trader (and my future husband). He had recently taken his grandmother, Mamina, on a pilgrimage to Lourdes. On their first night in Europe, an older gentlemen overheard them chatting in Spanish in the elevator and asked where they were from. By the time the ride ended, they'd discovered that he was the best friend of Mamina's long-lost first boyfriend, a Cuban she'd met in New Orleans while she attended Sacred Heart in the late 1940s. Shortly after Mamina returned from Spain, the Cuban gentleman phoned to tell her she was still his one true love.

They say that you don't just marry a man, but a family. When I married Emilio in 2010, I got an entire country. I learned about Nicaragua's fascinating past, including the revolution of the 70s and 80s. Inspired by that history, and by Mamina's star-crossed romance, I wrote a novel about three generations of Nicaraguan women, one of whom attends Sacred Heart in the middle of the last century.

Two years ago, Mamina turned 80 and we set out on another pilgrimage: to bring her back to the city where she'd been happiest. We toured her New Orleans landmarks, eating baked Alaska at Antoine's and having a drink at the Roosevelt Hotel, where the actor Robert Taylor once complimented her on her legs. But the highlight of our trip was our visit to Sacred Heart, where Mamina burst into tears upon seeing a photo of Mother Soniat. Sitting in the courtyard with Mamina, I realized that Sacred Heart was the perfect setting for the final scene of my novel, *The Ladies of Managua*, which will be published on May 5th by St. Martin's Press. As the book begins, each woman is hiding a secret. By the end they realize that love is sacred. And sometimes, it really does conquer all.

## SACRED HEART STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE "HOUR OF CODE" by Lynette Moody

Eighteen students in Third and Fourth Primary at Academy of the Sacred Heart, along with their technology teacher Lynette Moody, participated in a live video chat on December 8, 2014 with technology executive, Sheryl Sandberg. Ms. Sandberg is the Chief Operating Officer of Facebook and the first woman to serve on Facebook's board. Sacred Heart students, as well as groups from seven other schools across the U.S., were selected to participate in the live chat which kicked off the "Hour of Code" event during Computer Science Education Week, December 8 – 12, 2014. Each school had the opportunity to ask one question to Ms. Sandberg. Our students wanted to know, "How do you think studying computer science can help students perform better in other subjects like math, science or writing?" The Hour of Code was created by non-profit Code.org which is "dedicated to expanding participation in computer science by making it available in more schools, and increasing participation by women and underrepresented students of color." Third and Fourth Primary students will continue to learn how to code as part of the technology curriculum.



Bottom (left-right): Madeline Branch, Greta Kaliebe, Mignon Sewell, Mia Dreiling, Mae Mae Landry, Ava Arch and Libby Talbot; Middle row (left-right): Emma Bellaire, Gigi Gibbens, Anna Watson, Lucy Vaicius, Mrs. Lynette Moody; Last row (standing): C.C. Johnson, Adele Talbot, Cali Jane Luetkemeier, Lanier Kearney, Carolina Mehaffie, and Nynaa Sabharwal

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**Tita Lapeyre, RSCJ '55** celebrated her 50th anniversary of her vow renewal at Academy of the Sacred Heart on Monday, October 20, 2014 during Mater's Mass. Lead by Sr. Melanie Guste, RSCJ '70 and surrounded by family, classmates and friends, she renewed her vows and commitment to her call.

**Nell Nolan Young '62** recently appeared in *Love Letters* with Dennis Woltering at Mid-City Theatre. The Broadway production was a fundraiser for Bridge House and Mid-City Theatre.

**Pat Smith Watkins '68** has been living in Tequesta, Florida with her husband since 1977. She has three daughters and seven grandchildren. From 2003-2011, she served on the Village Council of the Village of Tequesta and as Mayor for four of those eight years.

Pat is a Realtor with Keller Williams Realty in Jupiter, FL and works with her youngest daughter Mary.



**Lesley Ferrara Poché '81** was named a 2014 Top Producer Platinum Award Winner with Keller Williams Realty New Orleans and a Top 200 Realtor in the Keller Williams Realty Gulf States Region. She was previously a Top Producer Silver Award Winner in 2012 & 2013.

**Brenda Canale Leslie '82** lives in Atlanta, Georgia with husband John and children Alexandra and Graham. Brenda was recently named the Director of Finance and Human Resources for Camp Twin Lakes, Inc., a non-profit organization providing life-changing camp experiences to children with serious illnesses, disabilities, and other life challenges.

**Christina Gallop, M.D. '82** has been chosen to receive the Distinguished Humanitarian Award from University of Utah School of Medicine, during their 2014 Medical Alumni Weekend. Christina is a 2007 graduate and is currently working as an internist in Salt Lake City.



**Bill Gallop** Former Headmaster Bill Gallop recently completed the Camino de Santiago, a 1,200-year-old pilgrimage hike from Porto, Portugal, to Santiago de Compostela, a total of 150 miles. He writes, "Hiking through the vineyards of Spain and the picturesque agrarian countryside of Portugal for two weeks with a 20-pound backpack became the challenge of a lifetime."



**Kay Charbonnet '02** recently founded *Kay's* on Magazine Street. Kay is a designer whose fashion obsession has taken her from Washington, D.C., and Virginia where she graduated with a degree in fashion design at Marymount University, to the foggy streets of London where she apprenticed under UK bridal designer Angela Stone, to Paris' American Academy where she honed her couture design techniques while working Paris Couture Fashion Week, and later to her hometown of New Orleans to design and construct custom evening, bridal and cocktail attire under her own KMC Design Studios.

**Renée Bienvenu LeBoeuf '04** is the Grants Director for the Louisiana Bar Association. She is responsible for the overall administration of grant programs established by the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Board of Directors. Renée ensures compliance by LBF grantees, evaluates grant outcomes, initiates grant payments, and maintains the grants database. Additionally, she works with the volunteer members of the Grants Committee and other committees that may be

appointed for special funding opportunities.

**Kristen Metzger '04** is the Director of Marketing, Sales & Design for *Kay's* on Magazine Street. Kristen attended the University of Alabama and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Restaurant, Meetings and Hospitality Management and a second degree in Graphic Design. Kristen and Kay Charbonnet '02 became friends in high school during a trip to Europe. They ran into each other back in New Orleans and have been working together since November. *Kay's* is happy to offer a 10% discount for all Sacred Heart students, alums and faculty.

**Elaine Murphy '06** works for Schlumberger. She is a Field Engineer for the oil company and lives in Brazil. Prior to Brazil, she worked in Equitorial Guinea on the west coast of Africa.

**Eleanor B. McAuliffe '07** graduated in December with a Master's in Counseling from UNO and started their Ph.D. program in Counselor Education & Supervision. Eleanor also started working as a substance abuse counselor with Orleans Parish Drug Court.



Members of the Class of 2006 recently gathered for a mini-reunion



Members of the Class of 2007 recently spent a weekend in Washington, D. C. to help Laura Sanders celebrate her birthday. Pictured from left to right are: Ali Finegan Jones, Lucy Boyd, Lizzie McCleskey, Laura Sanders, Margot Bienvenu and Sara Fogleman.

COURTYARD SOIRÉE



Soirée chairs Nina Wessel English '92 and Lacey Crawford Lanier '98



Friday night on the Avenue with family and friends



It's a family affair at the Courtyard Soirée



Going back to uniforms and pictures with the Cardinal



Class of 1999



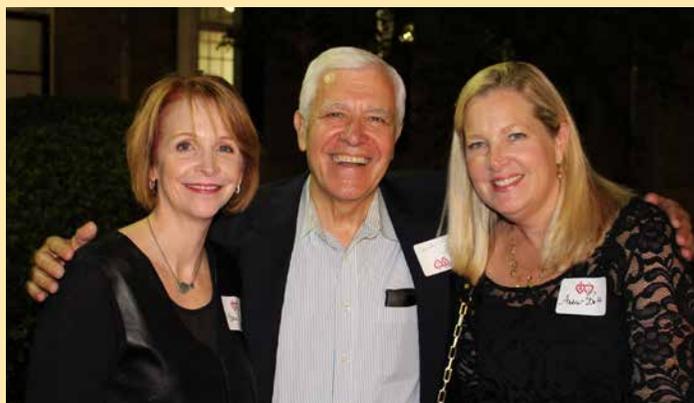
Fun times for the Class of 1984



Marley Miller Morris '97 and Amy Boasberg Ruggles '97 enjoy the Soirée



Sr. Guste visits with alums at the Soirée



Bro. Gayle enjoys the night with his former students

ALUMNAE WEEKEND



Reunion Weekend Honorees Patti Brechtel and Nell Nolan Young '62



Class of 1994 celebrates 20 years at Rock 'n' Bowl



The Class of 1989 at the Courtyard Soirée



Members of the Class of 1994 donned their old uniforms and graduation dresses to make their 20th reunion complete



St. Philippe Duchesne award recipient Patti Brechtel with her family following Sunday Mass



Class of 1969



Our 50 year reunion honorees, the Class of 1964



Members of the 50 year class before their luncheon with Sr. Guste



*Nell Nolan Young '62 receives the Alumna of the Year Award from Rosary Alum Board President, Colleen Eustis McLeod '88 and Awards Chair Jeanne Simon Burvant '81*



*Class of 1944 at the Legacy Luncheon*



*Class of 1979 enjoys the luncheon*



*Class of 2009*

## AMASC CONGRESS 2014

The World Association of Alumnae and Alumni of Sacred Heart, AMASC, held its 2014 Congress, *Listen with One Heart* last November in Phoenix, Arizona. Several members of the Rosary Alumnae Association attended the four day conference.



*Front: Olga Seiferth Rome '53, Irene Ernst Mackenroth '54; back: Sr. Melanie Guste, RSCJ, '70, Melsy Adams Saunders '53 and Sr. Georgeann Parisek, RSCJ*



*Sr. Sheila Hammond, RSCJ, Cathie Bouzon Kinabrew '66 and Sr. Shirley Miller, RSCJ*



*Melsy Adams Saunders '53, Irene Ernst Mackenroth '54, Wendy Delery Hills '71 and Olga Seiferth Rome '53*



*Melsy Adams Saunders '53, and RSCJ from Uganda*



**UPCOMING  
ALUMNAE EVENTS**

**PRIZE DAY AND GRADUATION**  
Friday, May 29, 2015

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**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART**  
Friday, June 12, 2015; 5:00pm  
Liturgy, reception to follow

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**ALUMNAE WEEKEND 2015**  
October 16-17, 2015  
*Honor classes end In O and 5*



**GOING TO THE CHAPEL**

**Caroline Smith '89**  
To: Thor Bryan

**Lindsey Beth Randon '00**  
To: John David Bullington III

**Francesca Jeanine Evelyn Perkins '01**  
To: Darryl Emanuel Austin

**Leah Michelle Calvaruso '02**  
To: John Kelly Laudun

**Julie Catherine Thomas '03**  
To: Andrew Christian Rose

**Renée Bienvenu '04**  
To: Sean Adams LeBoeuf

**Gretchen Noel Lozes '04**  
To: Merrill Paul Fischer II

**Emily Woford duQuesnay '05**  
To: Preston Steven Walhood

**Margaret Ann (Meg) Spalitta '05**  
To: William Polk Holliday

**Madeline Grace Baay '08**  
To: Christopher Allen Dubas



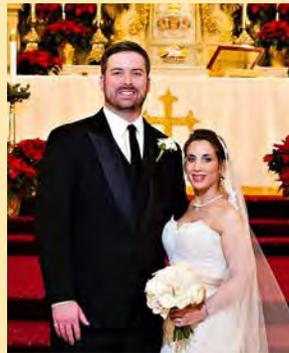
*Smith-Bryan*



*Randon-Bullington*



*Perkins-Austin*



*Calvaruso-Laudun*



*Bienvenu-LeBoeuf*



*Lozes-Fischer*



*duQuesnay-Walhood*



*Spalitta-Holliday*

**BLESS THESE BABIES**

**Julie Brewer Habetz '92 (A)**

4th child, 4th girl, Victoria Jane

**Susan Hamilton Hanlon '93 (B)**

3rd child, 2nd son- Peter Andrew Coyle

**Gigi Rothe Mathé '95 (C)**

1st child, 1st boy- James Joseph

**Jennifer Lacey Chauvin '99 (D)**

3rd child, 1st boy, Parker Henri

**Melissa Cousans Mortillaro '99 (E)**

2nd child, 1st girl-Molly Cousans

**Lauren Morley Ruppel '99 (F)**

1st child, 1st girl, Reagan Elise

**Lydia Arnoult Hollett '00 (G)**

1st child, 1st boy, Griffin William "Fin"

**Sibby Gwin Charbonnet '01 (H)**

2nd child, 2nd girl, Sarah Fitzpatrick

**Jennifer Lane Gilly '01 (I)**

2nd child, 1st girl, Lane Ann, "Laney"

**Danielle Long King '01 (J)**

1st child, 1st girl, Emmaline Monica

**Chavanne Korbel McDonald '01 (K)**

2nd child, 2nd boy, George Rule

**Rosemary Wilson Boersma '02 (L)**

1st child, 1st boy, Augustine Mitchell "Gus"

**Lindsey Becknell Capdepon '02 (M)**

2nd child, 2nd girl, Olivia Ann

**Christine Weiser Lejeune '02 (N)**

1st child, 1st girl Elizabeth Grace "Elise" 2nd child, 2nd girl Adelaide Claire "Addie"

**Sudie Sutter Joint '03 (O)**

1st child, 1st girl, Hazel Elaine

**Celie Stumm Howard '04 (P)**

1st child, 1st boy, Pike Turner

**Ashby Geary Navarro '04 (Q)**

1st child, 1st boy,  
Alexander Charles, Jr. "Charlie"

**Megan Barry Kepper '06 (R)**

1st child, 1st girl, Corinne Barry



The "memorials" section of *The Bridge* includes the immediate relatives of our Sacred Heart family. Please keep in mind that we rely on your notification to keep our column current and to keep your loved ones in our prayers. Condolences are for parents, spouses, children, grandchildren, siblings and "in-laws" of our current Rosary students and faculty and Rosary alumnae. To ensure an accurate and complete listing of family members, please contact the Alumnae Office at 504.269.1209 or email [thouser@ashrosary.org](mailto:thouser@ashrosary.org)

## Mary Hartson Arroyo '53

**August J. Barbier, Jr.** - grandfather of Emily Gundlach '12, Grace Gundlach '17

**Emily Friend Bayle** - mother of Lisette Bayle '83, Valerie Bayle Finch '85, Stephanie Bayle Gray '87, Aimée Bayle Dodds '89, grandmother of Olivia Finch '22, Audrey Finch '26, sister-in-law of Marie Elise Bayle King '47

**Edna Primm Berner** - mother-in-law of Connie Berner\*, grandmother of Julia Berner '10

**John Blouin** - father of Courtney Blouin Moss '97\*, grandfather of Campbell Moss '28, Morgan Moss '29, Laine Moss, ASH-FIN

**Tommy Boggs** - husband of Barbara Denechaud Boggs '57, Cokie Boggs Roberts '61

**Kit Macheca Bohn '48** - mother of Ginger Bohn Baldwin '71, Priscilla Bohn Dalton '73, Donna Bohn Patton '77, Theresa Bohn Godman '79, grandmother of Bailey Bohn '14, Carley Bohn '17, sister-in-law of Cathy Craig Zetzmann '69

**Richard "Dick" Brennan, Sr.** - husband of Lynne Trist Brennan '52, grandfather of Lindsey Brower Beard '07

**Mary Josephine Cameron** - mother of Sr. Muriel Cameron, RSCJ

**Nancy Cooney** - sister of Shannon Cooney Johnston ♥♥, aunt of Charlotte Johnston '26

## Elizabeth Deal '88

**Mary Frances Faherty** - mother of Colleen Faherty Stephens '90, grandmother of Emily Hobson Faherty '18.

**Mary Louise Favrot** - grandmother of Elaine delaHoussaye Montgomery '99

**Freda Fiel** - grandmother of Zoe Guillen '20

**John Fischer** - husband of Ann Potter Fischer '47

**Esther Fisher** - mother of Cathy Forst Alexis '70

**Roma deLucas Gibson** - mother of Roma Gibson-King '58, Karen Gibson '60, Michelle Gibson Bass '64, grandmother of Mimi Bass Miller '89, great grandmother of Lauren Terral '11, Megan Terral '14

**Jane Foley** - mother-in-law of Lady Holmes Foley '69 grandmother of Jennifer Foley Kogos '92, Emily Foley Herrin '96, Rachael Foley Morris '99, Stacey Foley '03, Caroline Foley '04, Margaret Foley Whitemann '07, Mary Legendre '09, Janna McIntyre '10, Maddie Foley '17

**Lisa Sins Hart '74** - sister of Daryl Sins Childress '66, aunt of Stacy Sins Ingram '91, Daphne Childress '94, Katherine Sins LeBlanc '96, great aunt of Maddie LeBlanc '28

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