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Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the St. Pius X High School Class of 2014! I am pleased to announce that \$14 million in college scholarships was offered to members of this year's graduating class. That works out to approximately \$90,000 per graduate. Sixteen seniors signed letters of intent to participate in college athletics including track, rugby, baseball, softball, swimming, soccer, football and

volleyball. Graduating seniors are now on their way to furthering their education at institutions throughout the country including Yale, Notre Dame, United States Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Fordham and the University of San Diego. I hope you will feel the same pride I do when you read about our outstanding seniors in this issue.

In addition to accomplishments by seniors in academics and in athletics, several students received honors and awards in music, science and in service projects to our community.

A new tradition was started at this year's graduation by having a representative from the class celebrating its 50th anniversary present to make a brief presentation. Mr. **Chuck Reynolds '64**, welcomed the graduates into a group that spans six decades of alumni.

I would like to especially acknowledge Mr. David Kovarik, long-time St. Pius educator who retired this year after 36 years of service to students, and to Mr. Allen Jackson, who retired after more than 19 years serving as the school's business manager.

Wishing you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Dr. Barbara M. Rothweiler
Principal

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The DiLorenzo family's **David '85, Madison '14, Kathy '61 and Charles '61** remember graduations past and present on St. Pius X's Senior Hill.



St. Pius X High School presented 157 diplomas to students in a graduation ceremony held May 21 at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho. The class of 2014 was offered \$14 million in scholarships to colleges across the country and provided 19,063 hours of community service over the course of their senior year.

Goodness Outstanding Graduate: Kelli Reagan



For living a life that embodies the St. Pius X motto "Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge," the **Outstanding Graduate of the Class of 2014** is **Kelli Reagan**. Selected through a multi-step faculty voting process, Reagan is described by one of her teachers as "a lady, an academic force, a moral compass for others to follow, and a real champion." An artist and a distance runner, Reagan was last fall's Class 4A state cross-country champion, this spring's state 3200-meter run champion, and New Mexico's Cross Country Gatorade Athlete of the Year. With a GPA placing her among the Top Ten students in her class, she will take her academic and athletic abilities east to run for Yale University in the fall.



Discipline Valedictorian: Noelle Collins

The 2014 St. Pius X High School valedictorian **Noelle Collins** ended her graduation speech with a quote from Mother Teresa: "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

Knowledge Class of 2014 Top Ten



St. Pius X High School recognized the **Class of 2014's top ten academic students** at the May 21 graduation ceremony. They are (left to right) **Valedictorian Noelle Collins, Salutatorian Darby Jones, Valerie Perea, Michael Deprest, Julie Giannini, Erin Rose Howard, Kelli Reagan, Lauren Tagliaferro-Epler, Kayla Matteucci, and Teagan Stewart.**



Marissa Loutfy, Lauren Daly and Grace Cummings record the moment (left).

Senior Choice:

Giannini and Padilla

This year's senior class selected **Julie Giannini** and **Devon Padilla** for the 2014 Senior Choice Awards. St. Pius seniors consider intellectual integrity, respect and caring for peers, sensitivity, congeniality and leadership in choosing the two students who represent the all-around ideal St. Pius student.



Leadership Award: Adyan Sparks



Adyan Sparks received the **Principal's Leadership Award** for his diligence and dedication to leadership in school and community activities. He also received the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Company's award for excellence in American history, government and

economics courses. In addition he received the Chi-Rho Award for his yearbook leadership.

Special Recognition: Stock and Perea



Valerie Perea (right) and **Haley Stock** earned **Principal's Special Recognition Awards** for epitomizing what St. Pius students should be. Perea

was an instrumental member of the senior retreat team and qualified for the international science fair with a joint project on the prevention of Alzheimer's Disease. A talented artist and musician, she sang the National Anthem to start St. Pius athletic events and earned the SPX Fine Arts department's Renaissance Award. Stock is the founder and president of the Books and Beans Ministry, a citywide community service project providing for needy families. Recognized with the Albuquerque Journal's Sage 2014 Making a Difference Award, Stock's efforts have resulted in the collection of more than 10,000 pounds of beans and 5,000 books since her sophomore year.

Seniors Earn Awards



The SPX Theology Department awarded the **2014 Primo Contreras Awards** to **Allison Winebrenner** and **Tim Dang**. The award honors a young man and a young woman who have demonstrated joy in serving in the community, a love of St. Pius X High School, and exemplary character.



Honored as a **National Merit Scholarship Program** finalist was **Areyan Gonzales-Stocks** (right). Recognized with letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program were **Darby Jones** (left) and **Erin Rose Howard**.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program, sponsored by the College Board, named 10 St. Pius students as **National Hispanic**

Scholars: Veronica Apodaca, Noelle Collins, Julie Giannini, Areyan Gonzales-Stocks, Erin Rose Howard, Kayla Matteucci, Devon Padilla, Valerie Perea, Ramon "Ray" Reyes and Teagan Stewart.

St. Pius X High School recognized the following 2014 military academy appointments: **Douglas Ottino** to the **U.S. Air Force Academy**, **Alex Arviso** to the **U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School** and **Kyle Carmody** to the **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy**.

Seniors earning varsity letters in community service for giving 120 hours or more a year to the community were **Jens Brakenhoff, Isaac Chavez, Nicholas Chavez, Victoria Gurule, Tristan Howard, Kennedi Martinez, Kayla Matteucci, Valerie Perea, Amanda Sanchez, Marcos Ray Serna and Hailey Stock.**

The St. Pius X Fine Arts department honored **Valerie Perea** and **JD Garcia** with the **Renaissance Award** for excelling in multiple areas of the visual and performing arts. Also in the arts, the Art Has Heart Foundation awarded **Veronica Apodaca** the **2014 Art Has Heart \$1000 College Scholarship**.

Athletic Awards Presented



SPX honored distance runners **Julie Giannini** and **Kelli Reagan** as female **Scholar-Athletes of the Year** and basketball and baseball athlete **Ramon "Ray" Reyes** (left) as male **Scholar-Athlete of the Year**. The award requires being an honor student and a multi-sport athlete of exceptional participation and performance.



SPX presented the **2014 Danny McKay Memorial Manager of the Year** award to **Julie Gadomski** (left) for her dedication as an athletic training student and student manager.

Amanda Sanchez is the winner of the **Marcita Marek Award** for athletic leadership and service. An accomplished athlete who demonstrates her quiet leadership in basketball, soccer and tennis, Sanchez also earned her first varsity letter in community service this year and is a lector at her church.



Seniors Sign Letters of Intent

St. Pius X High School held a signing day April 30 to witness 16 senior athletes sign National Letters of Intent and make verbal commitments to play their sports for colleges across the country. The athletes, pictured left to right, were Darion Faulkner (soccer, New Mexico State University); Kelli Reagan (cross country/track & field; Yale University, Conn.); Caitlyn Martinez (volleyball; Regis University, Colo.); Julie Giannini (cross country/track & field; University of San Diego, Calif.); Kent Keeling (baseball; Southern Nazarene University, Okla.); Alex Arvizo (soccer; U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School, Colo.); Peter Walden (rugby; St. Mary's College of California); David Gros (soccer; University of New Mexico); Conor Brown, (football; Benedictine College, Kan.); Kyle Piersol (baseball; UNM); Devon Padilla (rugby, Grand Canyon University, Ariz.); Lauren Atkins (swimming; University of the Pacific, Calif.); Cal Ballou (track & field; Kansas State University); Kaitlyn Archibeque (softball; Benedictine College, Kan.); Andrew Muhlberger (baseball; Regis University, Colo.); and Monee Barela (softball; Alfred University, N.Y.).



Softball Goes Undefeated in District

SPX softball went undefeated in District 5-4A for the second year in a row, finishing the season with a district championship, a 9-0 district record and 21-9 overall. The team beat Gallup in the first round of the 2014 state tournament, and then lost to eventual champs Piedra Vista, beat Artesia and were knocked out by Centennial in the double elimination quarterfinals. Gaby Mora was named district MVP and to the All-Metro second team. Named first team All-District were Kaitlyn Archibeque, Monee Barela, Katie Johnson, and Krysta Lucero. Named second-team All-District were Samantha Bernal, Alejandra Delacruz, Julia Eckert, and Jojo McEntee.

Boys Golf Finishes State Runner-Up

The St. Pius boys golf team is 2014 4A state runner-up, losing to Albuquerque Academy by a single stroke in the state championship at UNM South Golf Course. Sophomore Patrick McCarthy and junior Tyrone Thomas finished third and fourth respectively in individual scoring and earned All-State honors. The team beat Academy to capture the District 5-4A championship. Earning All-District honors were McCarthy, Thomas, and sophomore Elijah Wyckoff.

Baseball Advances to Quarterfinals

The 2014 District 5-4A baseball champs, the Sartans produced an overall record of 18-9 and a district record of 8-1. The third-seeded team beat Belen in the first round of the 2014 state tournament, but fell to Farmington by a score of 5-1 in the quarterfinals. Four seniors from the team are moving on to play college baseball.

Track Earns Record-Setting Season

The SPX track and field team had a record-setting year. The girls extended their district championship title run to eight straight years, then went on to earn a third-place state trophy. The boys were second at district and sixth at the state meet. The record board was updated with some historical efforts. Kelli Reagan '14, in route to her state championship win in the 3200m, set the school record for the third time this season. Areyan Gonzales-Stocks '14 benefitted from the recent addition of the team's jumping area and set the school record in the pole vault. Both boys and girls medley relay teams brought home the gold at state and broke the school records. The boys team was made up of freshman Josh Chacon, sophomore Ben Parmoon, Cal Ballou '14 and sophomore Steven Duran. The girls team included Jordan Casaus '14, freshman Zahrah Gonzales, junior Kelsey Owens and freshman Jordan DiLorenzo. Sophomore Steven Duran also won his second straight state title in the 800m, his time ranking him #9 in the U.S. for sophomores. Four seniors are off to compete at the collegiate level: Kelli Reagan (Yale), Julie Giannini (University of San Diego), Cal Ballou (Kansas State) and Marcos Serna (UNM).

Girls Water Polo Awarded Player of the Year

Sartan Angel Sanchez was awarded the state water polo female player of the year honors in 2014. The SPX girls water polo team is 2014 state runner-up, falling to Cibola 8-5 in the state championship game. The boys water polo team lost in the state championships to Albuquerque High and to La Cueva to finish fourth in the state.

Girls Tennis Reaches Quarterfinals

SPX girls tennis posted an overall record of 9-4 and a district record of 3-1 and advanced to the state quarterfinals as a team. Gracie Cummings placed second in individual singles. Deanna Lucero and Skyler Valdez placed third in district doubles.

3 GENERATIONS

For **Madison DiLorenzo '14** graduating from St. Pius X High School in May advanced a three generation tradition for her family.



MADISON 2014

Grandparents **Kathy Posanski DiLorenzo '61** and **Charles DiLorenzo '61** were members of the first class to spend four years at the newly established school. Kathy arrived from Milwaukee, Wis., in 1958 for her sophomore year and started her St. Pius education in the basement of St. Charles Elementary School. Charles moved to Albuquerque from Santa Fe in 1957, attending Jefferson Junior High and Highland High School before transferring to St. Pius for his junior and senior years, the school's first in its newly constructed Louisiana Boulevard location.

In those days, boys and girls were placed in separate classes. Kathy and Charles met the fall of their senior year at Frank's Drive-In, not even knowing they were classmates at St. Pius. After graduation Charles attended mechanic school in Trinidad, Colo., and by December 1961 started his career at the Quality Pontiac dealership where his father was general manager. By 1965 the DiLorenzo family acquired the dealership and today operates Quality Mazda and Quality GMC Buick.

Charles and Kathy married in 1964. Their daughter Annette, now **Annette DiLorenzo Thayer '84**, announced at age 7 that she was going to St. Pius, although she admits being influenced as much by her neighbors who went there as her parents. Son **David DiLorenzo '85** spent his freshman year at Sandia High School before deciding that Pius was the place for him.

"What I find most interesting is that Pius is such a community," says Annette, who is married to fellow alum **Murray Thayer '83**. "The friends made at Pius are long lasting."

David agrees that the community feel of a smaller, tight-knit school created strong friendships on the Louisiana campus and still does now on Coors Road. Thinking about what's changed and stayed the same, David laughs and says: "My school's gone; it's now a

shopping mall. But the colors are the same."

David adds that the extensive theology curriculum provided is a difference he's noted as his daughter Madison has made her way through St. Pius. "They know a lot more about Church history and why we believe what we believe today than I did," he says.

Thinking back, Charles says St. Pius taught him to work and gave him the morals he needed to succeed in business. Kathy learned to be strong and to be a good parent to guide and encourage her family. David felt more prepared for college because working hard at school became a habit. "St. Pius demanded a lot of you," he says.

Madison says she's had fun as captain of the SPX Spirit Dance Team and a member of various clubs. "It's like a small community; you get to know everyone," she says. "And the teachers know me. They care about my grades and about me as a person." She's ready now to start at the University of New Mexico in the fall where she plans to study to become a pharmacist.

The DiLorenzo family will celebrate a year of milestones including Charles and Kathy's 50th wedding anniversary, David and his wife Kim's 20th wedding anniversary, multiple June birthdays and Madison's graduation with a family cruise during the summer.

With Madison's graduation, the DiLorenzo line at St. Pius does not end. Her brother Thomas just finished his freshman year and cousins Mitchel DiLorenzo, now an SPX senior, and sophomores Jordyn and Dylan DiLorenzo remain. Madison's young siblings Jackson, 6, and Lily, 4, are on their way.

Active supporters of St. Pius, the Quality by DiLorenzo dealerships have provided the car raffled to provide funds for student activities for several years and often sponsor additional events. Through the DiLorenzos' strong family and school ties, students of St. Pius X High School have the opportunity to develop those strong ties too.



DAVID 1985

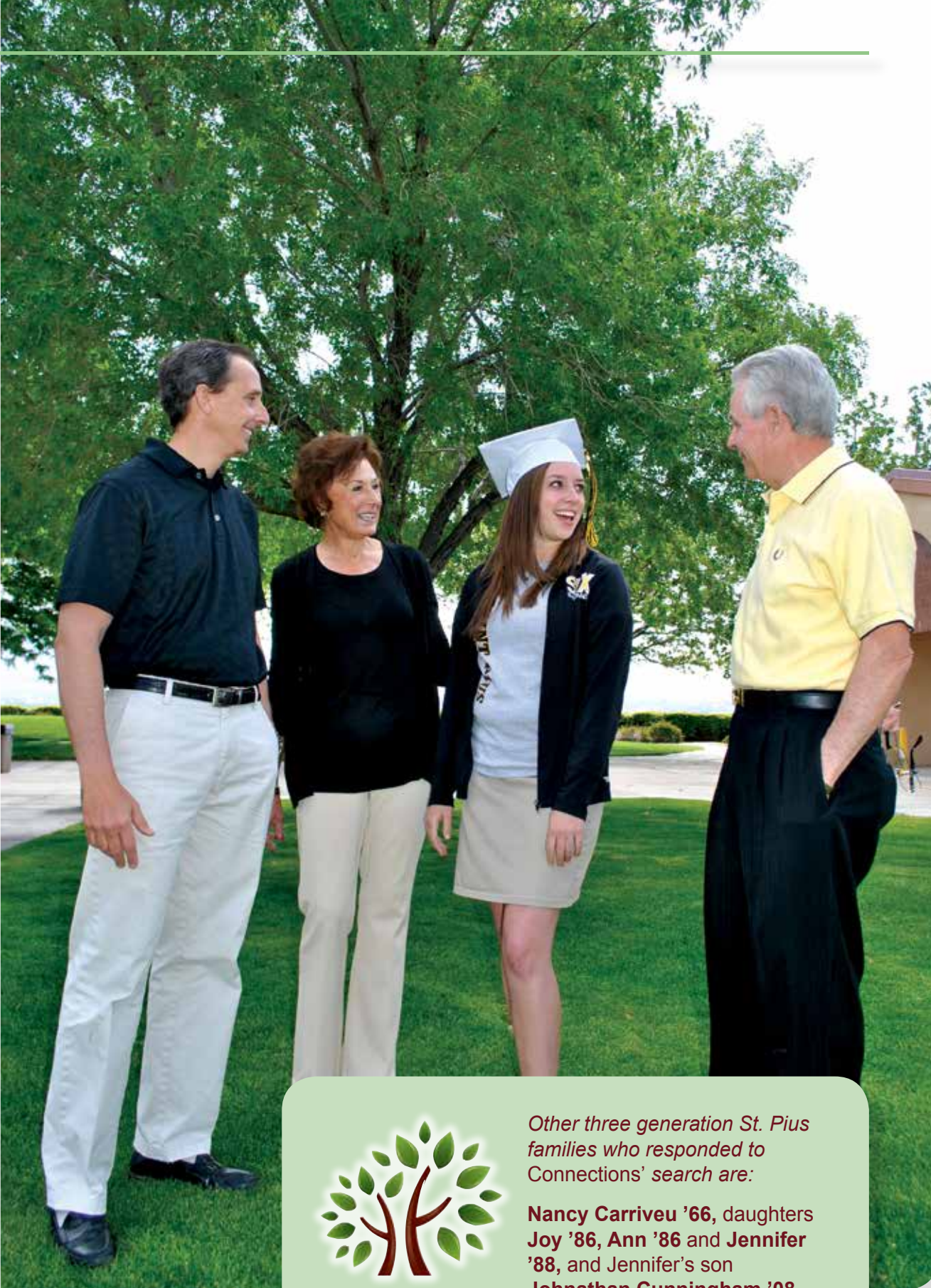


CHARLES 1961

CELEBRATE!

WHERE IS THE CLASS OF 2014 HEADED?

Alfred University
Arizona State University
Bellarmine University
Benedictine College
Claremont McKenna College
Colorado State University
Fashion Institute of Design
and Merchandising
Fordham University
Grand Canyon University
Hendrix College
Kansas State University
Loyola University
Marquette University
New Mexico State University
New Mexico Tech
Northern Arizona University
Northwest College
Ohio Wesleyan University
Regis University
San Diego State University
Santa Fe University of
Art and Design
Sonoma State University
Southern Nazarene University
St. Mary's College of California
Texas A&M University
Texas Tech University
The University of the Arts
United States Air Force Academy
United States Merchant
Marine Academy
University of Arizona
University of Denver
University of New Mexico
University of Notre Dame
University of San Diego
University of the Pacific
Yale University



*David '85, Kathy '61,
Madison '14 and Charles
DiLorenzo '61 share their
memories of St. Pius.*



*Other three generation St. Pius
families who responded to
Connections' search are:*

Nancy Carriveu '66, daughters
Joy '86, Ann '86 and **Jennifer
'88**, and Jennifer's son
Johnathan Cunningham '08.

Sisters Donnanne (Fontecchio) Epstein '65 and
Jayne Fontecchio-Spradling '66; Jaynee's children
Dawn Allysa Hooker '86, Bryan Hooker '90 and **Dyann
(Hooker) Weingardt '92**; and Dyann's children **Allyson
Weingardt '11** and **Elyse Weingardt '17**

How to Fund Your Endowment

“Only rich people can create endowments.” Has this thought kept you from considering the creation of your own St. Pius X endowment fund? If so, the next few paragraphs may change your mind. You’ll discover that nearly anyone, with a little planning, can establish an endowment.

Right up-front, you need to know that St. Pius requires a minimum of \$30,000 to create an endowment. This may seem like a lot of money, but consider these options.

Do It Now

Some folks prefer to establish their endowments now so they can enjoy watching them grow and benefit St. Pius.

1. Use Cash. Finding enough cash to launch an endowment is rarely possible. But sometimes we receive an unexpected windfall through an inheritance or the larger-than-expected proceeds from the sale of a valuable asset.

It may also be helpful to know that St. Pius permits a donor to fund an endowment over a five-year period. Spreading cash gifts over several years may also have tax benefits for you.

2. Use Securities. Do you have publicly traded stock that is highly appreciated in value but low in dividend return? Why not use this to start your endowment? Since St. Pius can sell your stock without incurring a capital gains tax, it may be the perfect funding method for you.

3. Use Tangible Property. Almost anything of value - cars, boats, gems, etc. - can be given to St. Pius. We sell the items and place the proceeds in your endowment. Take a good look in your attic; you may find the makings of an endowment.

Do It Later

While it may not be feasible to start an endowment now, your

estate will likely have enough resources at your death. Consider these possibilities:

1. Use the Remainder of a Trust. Donors sometimes establish a trust during life to provide themselves with ongoing income. When they are gone, whatever remains in the trust is disbursed according to instructions in the trust document. This, of course, can include the funding of an endowment with St. Pius.

Trusts are very popular as gift and estate planning tools and may provide you with an excellent way to establish your endowment.

2. Use Insurance Proceeds. Do you have a life insurance policy you no longer need for protection? You could sign part or all of the policy over to St. Pius for the purpose of creating an endowment when you are gone.

3. Use a Bequest From Your Will. The most popular way to fund a future endowment is to earmark a portion of one’s estate for this purpose. If you do decide to create an endowment through a bequest, be sure to talk with Steve Ross, director of advancement, to make sure your attorney uses our proper legal name and address.

Do It Now AND Later

You may want to start your endowment now, modestly, and then add to it later through your estate plan. This way you could see the fund in operation and enjoy knowing the good it does.

Do you want to learn more about the St. Pius X endowment program and discover additional ways to fund an endowment? Contact Steve Ross at 831-8423 or sross@spx.k12.nm.us

Dear Friends at St. Pius X High School:

- Please send me free information about St. Pius X endowment program.
- Please contact me about a personal visit.
- I have provided for St. Pius X in my will or other estate-planning document.
- Please send me information about the St. Pius X Sartan Legacy Society.

Please complete and return this reply form.

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Mail this form to | St. Pius X High School, Advancement Office | 5301 St. Joseph’s Dr NW | Albuquerque, NM 87120



Tierneys Pay Blessings Forward

Inspired to give and spurred by a challenge match, **Stefanie Fila Tierney '97** and **William Tierney '97** have launched an endowment to provide tuition assistance to students at St. Pius X High School.

"St. Pius blessed us so much and helped us become who we are today," says Stefanie, a registered dietician operating her own consulting firm in Albuquerque and coach of the SPX junior varsity girls soccer team. "Through coaching I've seen the need that families have. We want to help students get a full four years of Pius."

Through the Chavez Endowment Challenge, **Manuel Chavez '65** pledged to help start new SPX endowments during the 2013-2014 school year with matching grants of \$5,000. The Tierneys took up the challenge and launched the Eddie Vasquez Jr. Endowment, in memory of their close friend, classmate and active SPX supporter.

"Lots of kids need help," says William, a building manager in the facilities group at Sandia National Laboratories. "We are fortunate to be in a situation to give and to help a child get a good education, a strong foundation in their Catholic faith, and a springboard into life."

Support from their endowment gives preference to students willing to be actively involved in extracurricular activity at St. Pius. William credits campus ministry with giving him a better understanding of his faith and propelling him to continue to be active in the Church as an adult. Stefanie says playing soccer for four years at St. Pius helped her to develop leadership skills, to lose and win with grace, and to work hard

for seemingly impossible goals.

"Through the organizations we became involved with, we made friends we wouldn't have known without that involvement," William says. "We want to support students' mental and spiritual well-being, and we hope they'll have a focus on academics while being well-rounded in all aspects of life."

Endowed funds that support student tuition are crucial in helping to provide St. Pius students with the best educational experience possible. To establish any

endowment requires a total contribution of \$30,000. A donor may take up to five years to reach the \$30,000 level. Once the \$30,000 is reached, the funds are invested under the St. Pius X Foundation investment policy and interest earned annually from the funds is used for tuition assistance.

If you are interested in establishing an endowment, contact Steve Ross, director of advancement, at (505) 831-8423 or ross@spx.k12.nm.us.

Share the
X Factor!

SPX gave you the tools to succeed.
Now you can play a part in supporting the same experience for today's St. Pius X students with your gift to the SPX Annual Fund.

Your gift supports
Tuition Assistance to about 300 students a year
Teaching Excellence | Athletic Projects
Fine Arts Programs | Capital Improvements



Contact Associate Director Becky Montoya-Ballou at (505) 831-8406 or bmontoya-ballou@spx.k12.nm.us.



Prom 1987

Jean Marie Wegman-Skipp '87 and Christopher Skipp '86 posed for a prom picture in 1987. Their son starts his freshman year at St. Pius this fall.

Prom 2014

Marissa Loutfy and Cal Ballou pose before this year's prom.



Building

Bridges

Over the past nine years many of you have participated in math instructor Larry Sanchez's annual bridge building competition. The contest typically has more than 100 teams representing almost three quarters of SPX students.

Challenge: *Be the first to name these students having their bridge tested by Mr. Sanchez in the 2006 competition. Send your answer to spxeditor@outlook.com*



Think About This

What was the most advanced technology you used as a senior at St. Pius X High School? Send your answer to spxeditor@outlook.com

Sartan Challenge

In the Spring Issue we challenged you to identify the "B" Team Cheerleaders from 1963.

Michele S. Donah '77 identified her aunt **4-Joni Armijo Barabe '64**. Others pictured were **1-Karen Kiley**, **2-Gerry Chavez** and **3-Carol Roth**.



Dominic Paschel '00 (far left) at the New York Stock Exchange with the Pandora team.



Sartan Snapshot: Dominic Paschel



Class of 2000 | SPX INFLUENCES: Ms. Ducaj, Dr. and Mrs. Maher, Mr. Penn
 Vice President of Corporate Finance and Investor Relations for Pandora internet radio San Francisco, Calif.



Paschel (third from left) with recording artists Nelly and Florida Georgia Line.

Pandora VP Sees Impact of SPX Teachers

After years of riding in cars with older sisters who chose the music - always country - **Dominic Paschel '00** finally has control of the radio.

As vice president of corporate finance and investor relations for Pandora, Paschel led the personalized internet radio company's \$241 million initial public offering in June 2011 and its \$523 million follow-on in September 2013.

"I lead a team that articulates to the financial community what we do and how our business model works," Paschel says. "At Pandora I don't have to explain what our product is, but the challenge is that everybody has a perspective on our business. I have to articulate the nuances and frame perspectives."

When he's not required at the 45 different Wall Street banks that cover Pandora, he gets to hang out in Los Angeles at the Grammy Awards, at Austin's annual South by Southwest music festival and with artists including Florida Georgia Line, Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, and Imagine Dragons. He typically splits his time between his house in San Francisco where Pandora is based, and the cities of New York and Los Angeles.

As he explains his job, it's clear that he enjoys the work he does and the company he works for. "It's great to be part of what will be known as a once-in-a-generation kind of company," he says. "We're changing forever the way radio - which is 100 years old - is delivered. From AM to FM to HD to satellite, none of those fundamentally changed how we consume radio. We've created personalization that does provides a massive improvement upon radio."

Paschel launched his career in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in finance and business economics from the University of Notre

Dame, graduating *magna cum laude*, and working briefly in an investment banking position with Citigroup. Later that year he made the switch to investor relations, joining Salesforce.com just after the customer relationship management software company's 2004 initial public offering. Three years later he took SuccessFactors through its \$124 million IPO and two follow-on offerings, raising over \$440 million in gross proceeds. The company, which makes cloud-based software used to manage employee performance, was purchased by the German firm SAP for \$3.4 billion in 2011.

Thinking back to his years at St. Pius, Paschel recognizes teachers who were catalysts for him. "You don't realize at the time the impact they have on you, on your trajectory, and your ambitions and goals," he says. He credits Dr. Michael Maher and JoAnne Maher for his passion for awareness and understanding of the world. Math instructors Barbara Ducaj and James Penn helped him frame his technical skill set. "I also find myself being a teacher," he says. "I have to educate people on our product. So the most important thing I learned from them is to teach and to articulate a story the way my best teachers have."

His faith and Catholic education have their influence as well: "I think my view of faith and spirituality have helped me develop into a person that values the preciousness of humanity, all of the uniqueness and awesomeness. The concept of empathy and putting yourself as if you were walking a mile in another's step has given me a sense of respect that has served me well both personally and professionally."

So now that he has control of the radio, which Pandora stations is Paschel listening to? "John Newman, and when I want to think of New Mexico, country."

Legacy Art albuquerque

Celebrating Artists and Students

Legacy Art Albuquerque raised nearly \$80,000 on May 10 at Sandia Resort in fulfilling its mission to celebrate art and artists, to benefit students through scholarships and financial assistance, and to enhance programs in the visual and performing arts. The event benefits sponsoring foundations St. Pius X High School and Art Has Heart.

Art donated by renowned artists throughout the United States and Canada was auctioned with the help of celebrity spotters David Berman, Robert David Hall and John Wellner of the CSI television series, and recording artists Tish Hinojosa and Chris Wall.

Sponsors for this year's event were Sandia Resort, Frontier and Golden Pride Restaurants, OneCreative, United Freedom Associates, Kirk and Jeri Clark, Dennis Chavez Development Corp., Galles and Davis, Greyden Press, Loretto Chapel and Rio Grande Gallery.

Fine arts are a critical component of the SPX education, which is dedicated to developing the whole student by fostering communication, creativity and cognition. The school uses the proceeds from Legacy Art Albuquerque to support the fine arts department and the financial aid program for deserving students.

Next year's event, to be held May 2, 2015, at Sandia Resort, will be its 15th anniversary. Call 831-8406 for more information on your sponsorship or tickets.



SPX students Bryana Estrada and Nathaniel Schroeder listened to instruction from SPX history teacher Kevin Hillsey.



SPX students Jordyn Casaus and Grace Cummings display artwork by Pablo Milan.

2014
Swing
Fore
St. Pius



Jamie Tinnin Golf Classic

Benefitting student financial aid and athletic programs through the SPX Alumni Council and the Athletic Booster Club

September 19 | Isleta Golf Club

7 a.m. Registration and Breakfast | 8 a.m. Shotgun Start, 4-Player Scramble | Noon Awards Lunch

Register to play by Aug. 29 | Online registration at stpiousx.com/golf

Contact Associate Director Becky Montoya-Ballou at (505) 831-8406 or bmontoya-ballou@spx.k12.nm.us.

Sartan Social

St. Pius X alumni enjoyed the first Sartan Social at the Broken Bottle Brewery with proprietor **Chris Chavez '96** on March 27. The second of these quarterly gatherings sponsored by the SPX Alumni Council was held July 1 at Sadie's on 4th Street. To host a gathering at your establishment, contact Jennifer Maldonado at (505) 831-8406 or jmaldonado@spx.k12.nm.us.



2014 Reunions

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1974 • September 26-28
Spxclass74@gmail.com
Joe Maloney, jmaloney@brownre.com
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1994 • August 15-17
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2004 • August 1-3
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Albert "Al" Joseph Adamasko, age 86 of Albuquerque, died March 15, 2014. He is survived by his wife Agnes; and daughters, **Sylvia Adamasko '70**, Pamela Pettit and Linda Adamasko.

James Arite, age 81 of Seboyeta, N.M., died March 17, 2014. He is survived by his wife Angelina (Gonzales) Arite; sons Joseph Arite and Daniel Arite; daughters Anita Lujan and Concetta Baca; and seven grandchildren including **Patrick Arite '09**, **Allia Arite '11**, and **Giovanni Baca '12**.

Joe L. Arrellin, age 70 of Albuquerque, died March 17, 2014. He is survived by his wife Maria; and children Lisa, Joe, Rita, Phillip, Veronica and **Ramona '95**.

Abentino "Ben" Barreras of Albuquerque died March 31, 2014. His survivors include his wife, Irene; and children Joseph, **Ben Michael '75**, **Marcus '70** and Jessie.

Elva Bonham, age 78 of Albuquerque, died March 15, 2014. Her survivors include son Leonard (Freddie) Garcia and daughter **Claudette Horn '87**.

William James "Bill" Brion, age 96 of Albuquerque, died April 30, 2014. He is survived by children Kathryn Barbara Shepherd, Richard William Brion, and **Gordon V. Brion M.D. '81**.

Lt. Col. Jesse Casaus, age 89 of Albuquerque, died April 9, 2014. He is survived by his daughter **Barbara Carson '67**; and grandson **Brian Carson '92**.

Dr. Henry J. Casso, age 82 of Albuquerque, died Feb. 24, 2014. His survivors include a sister, Sister Carmelta Casso, IWBS; and two daughters, **Marialuisa Casso '90** and **Carin (Casso) Reinhardt '94**.

Mary Ellen Castoria of Albuquerque died Dec. 7, 2013. She was the mother of **Mary Ann '62**, **Margaret '66**, **Patricia '69**, **Laura '77** and **Caroline '79**; and the aunt of **Eddie '64**, **Linda '65**, **Louie '72**.

Josina Baca Chimenti, age 98 of Albuquerque, died March 13, 2014. She is survived by sons **Bart Chimenti '60** and **Bob Chimenti '67**; daughter Angie Adams; and six grandchildren, including **Damian Chimenti '96**.

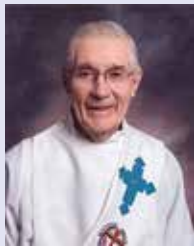
Gregory Warren Corgan '71, age 60 of Atlanta, Ga., died March 9, 2014, after a three and a half year battle with mantle cell lymphoma. Gregory graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1975, with a degree in finance. He spent 24 years at IBM, and went on to serve as President & CEO of OneChem Ltd. and held senior executive positions at CATechnologies, Infor, and OpenText software. He is survived by his wife Kathryn; three children, Kevin, Christopher and Kelley; parents, Warren and Betty Corgan; and his siblings **Brian Corgan '72** and wife **Mary Beth (Wiesen) Corgan '72**, Karen Parks, Mary Beth Morris, Terry Corgan and Nancy VanSant.

Frank William Crites, age 92 of Albuquerque, died February 26, 2014. He is survived by children, Rocky WJ Crites, Clara Dudak, Lee Crites, and Bill Hanson; and 11 grandchildren including **Kevin J. Dudak '91**, **Eric Dudak '94** and **Rebecca S. Dudak Pepper '96**.

Mary Lou Drumm, age 88 of Albuquerque, died Feb. 13, 2014. She is survived by her husband William H Drumm and five of her children: David Drumm, Michael Drumm, **Daniel Drumm '70**, **Miriam Plett '72** and Martha Chapman. She was preceded in death by her daughter, **Deborah Bove '68**.

Helen Agnes Nienaltowski Dudak, age 94 of Hemet, Calif., died April 8, 2014. She is survived by her children Meleny Piotrowski and David Dudak; and eight grandchildren including **Kevin Dudak '91**, **Eric Dudak '94** and **Rebecca Dudak Pepper '96** and husband **David Pepper '93**.

Stephen (Steve) Thomas Garcia '71, age 60 of Bozeman, Mont., died Feb. 4, 2014. Steve received a bachelor's degrees from UNM in psychology and sociology and a master's in human resources from the University of Utah. He served as a 1st Lt. in the US Marine Corps from 1975-1979. Steve started his own insurance business in Bozeman and enjoyed backpacking, fly-fishing and cross-country skiing. He was preceded in death by his father, William, brother **Martin '75**, and sister **Cecilia '69**. Survivors include his mother Viola Garcia; daughters Michaela Schanep, Alaina Garcia and Morena Garcia; and his former wife Loretta (Malm) Bendz. Also surviving are siblings **Lara Garcia '84**, **John Garcia '79**, **Catherine Scott '72**, **Michael Garcia '68**, **Maria Geer '67**, Mark Garcia, **Jim Garcia '80**, and **Imelda Francis '74**.



Deacon Harry L. Gogan, age 91 of Albuquerque, died April 26, 2013. He is survived by his wife Joan Lorraine Gogan; children **Mary Jo Davee '71** and husband **John '71**, **Eileen Martinez '73** and husband **Marty '73**, **Susan Folkner '75** and husband **Mark '75**, and **Pamela Harada '76** and husband Michael; and grandchildren including **Nathan Martinez '04**, **Sarah Martinez '07**, **Erin Folkner '01**, **Jacqueline Folkner Vigliano '04** and **Jessica Folkner '06**.

Sosimo (Mo) Herrera, age 80 of Albuquerque, died Feb. 15, 2014. His survivors include wife **Carole (Vallejos) Herrera '62**, and two daughters, Donna Montoya and Lisa King.

Marcus Joslin Hopkins, age 29 of Albuquerque, died Feb. 16, 2014. He is survived by his parents, Christopher and **Agapita (Jacques) Hopkins '72**, and his brother Sam Hopkins.

Francis "Frank" Iorio Jr., age 76 of Albuquerque, died March 21, 2014. His survivors include children, **Brian F. Iorio '96** and **Cherie M. Iorio-McAbee '98**.

Thomas E. Jones, age 81 of Albuquerque, died April 13, 2014. He is survived by his six children: Catherine Jones, Tom Jones, **Randall Jones '86**, **Andrea (Suzy) Platt '87** and son-in-law **Joel Platt '87**, **Jeffrey Jones '89**, and **Scot Jones '91**.

Jesse Leming Jr., age 83 of Albuquerque, died Feb. 12, 2014. His survivors include his wife, Dorothy; and sons William, **Michael '80** and **Patrick '79**.

Salvador Licon, age 70, died Feb. 23, 2014. His survivors include his wife, Rosa; and sons Victor and **Marco '08**.

Delores (Dee) Brokey Miller, age 80 of Albuquerque, died March 27, 2014. Her survivors include her husband Gary Miller; children **Mark Miller '70**, Dana Miller-Mackie and Mike Miller; and granddaughter, **Adrienne Hare '03**.

Mary Smalley Ortega, age 85 of Albuquerque, died March 25, 2014. Her survivors include her husband Lotario "Terry" Ortega; and seven children Mary L. Ortega; **Teresa E. Heaphy '74** and husband **Stephen '74**; **Ann C. Johnson '78**; **Peter G. Ortega '81**; **Paul B. Ortega '83**; **Philip A. Ortega '85**; and **Angelica K. Benavidez '92** and husband **Mario '92**.

Laura Kathleen Padilla '92, age 39 of Colorado Springs, died March 16, 2014, after living with breast cancer for eleven years. A literary scholar, she received her BA in English from Reed College, her MA from Penn State University and her Ph.D. in English from the University of Texas at Austin. Her students at Colorado College, where she was an assistant professor, remember her as a thoughtful and demanding teacher. Survivors include her husband, Peter Haney; her parents, Kathleen and Eligio R. Padilla; and sisters **Sara Padilla '92**, **Amy Padilla '88** and **Lisa Padilla Eaton '88**.

Margaret Quintana, age 69 of Albuquerque, died Feb. 12, 2014. She is survived by her husband Arthur; children Renee Mehring and David Quintana; and five grandchildren including **Adrianna V. Chavez '10**.

Charles Thomas Radigan, age 92 of Albuquerque, died April 9, 2014. His survivors include his wife Roberta; sons Mike and wife Celine, Steve and Tom; daughter Kerry; and 11 grandchildren including **Leslie M. Radigan '91** and **Michael C. Radigan '96**.

Leo D. Ryan, age 94 of Albuquerque, died April 14, 2014. He is survived by his wife Kathleen L. Nichols; and sons **David B. Ryan '72** and **Joseph A. Ryan '75**.

Jerry Michael Sedillo '85, age 46 of Albuquerque, died March 16, 2014. He is survived by his parents, Tony and Rosemary Sedillo; siblings **David Sedillo '83**, Diego Sedillo, Miguel Sedillo and Anna Marie Perea. Jerry graduated from the University of New Mexico with a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology and a master's degree in business administration and worked as a paralegal.

Elizar Torres, age 80 of Albuquerque, died April 14, 2014. His survivors include his wife Anna Marie Torres; and children James, **Renee '85**, **Annette '89**, **Janelle '95** and **Karyn '93**.

Sarah Varela, age 94 of Albuquerque, died March 15, 2014. Her survivors include children Vangie Jett, Pat Varela Jr. and Danny Varela; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren including **Daniel Griego '12** and **Matthew Griego '15**.

Dolores "Dodi" Villanueva, age 80 of Albuquerque, died March 15, 2014. She is survived by her husband Philip; children Michelle Torrez, Melissa Roveto, Martin Villanueva, and Matthew Villanueva; and seven grandchildren including **Lauren Roveto '13**.

Edward Joseph Waldroop, age 75 of Albuquerque, died April 7, 2014. He is survived by his wife Loa. He was preceded in death by his son **Leonard '82**.

Due to space constraints obituaries from May and June will be published in the fall issue.



1960s

Chuck Reynolds '64, Lynne Peckinpaugh '64 and Joe McGuire '64 were honored guests at the St. Pius X High School 2014 graduation ceremonies in May. In a new tradition, members of the class celebrating 50 years since graduating from St. Pius are invited to welcome the current graduates into the alumni community. Reynolds spoke to the graduates for the group, stressing the importance of maintaining their friendships and continuing to love and care for each other and for their school in the decades to come.

1980s



Thomas Bruckner '83, an art teacher in Florida, designed a t-shirt to raise funds exclusively for the New Mexico Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association in honor of his father Donald G. Bruckner, who suffers from dementia and had a massive stroke. "Don Bruckner loved athletics and staying in shape," Thomas

says of his father who is a retired Lt. Colonel and pilot in the U.S. Air Force and a former triathlete, deacon, and police and airport chaplain. "This shirt is my attempt to honor him and raise funds so that maybe one day Alzheimer's will not have the impact it has had on him and my mom." The effort raised more than \$1,000 for the association.

2000s

Christina Chavez '09 and her sister **Stephanie Chavez '10** competed in the Miss New Mexico 2014 Pageant at the end of June. Christina competed as Miss Las Vegas 2014 and Stephanie competed as Miss Ruidoso 2014.



Richard Chavez '06 and Augusta Gallegos '09 were married on June 14 at Immaculate Conception Church in Tome.

Jeanne Fairchild '05 will take over as head coach of the Sartan volleyball program after serving as an assistant coach at Bosque School for the past five seasons, winning the Class 2A state title in 2012. She played on SPX state championship teams in 2002 and 2003 and was a standout for the University of New Mexico. Fairchild told the Albuquerque Journal that she is thrilled and honored to have the opportunity to coach at her alma mater. The Journal called her "arguably the best volleyball player St. Pius has ever had and one of the best players the metro area has produced in the past 25 years."

Andy (Anderson) Hatfield '07 graduated from the University of Notre Dame Law School *magna cum laude* last spring and began work as an assistant district attorney in Roswell. He earned his bachelor's degree *summa cum laude* from the University of New Mexico in 2011.

Sarah Sheffer '07

graduated *cum laude* from the 27-month Physician Assistant program at the University of St. Francis in Albuquerque. She planned to take the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam in May to obtain her license to practice medicine. She plans an October wedding to fellow USF classmate Joshua Jones of Burleson, Texas. The couple will marry at the Marquardt Ranch in Boerne, Texas.



David Sullivan Jr '02 was named the National Soccer Coaches Association 2014 Assistant Coach of the Year for the Rocky Mountain Region. David is the assistant girls soccer coach at St. Pius X.

2010s

Tristan Howard '14 received the Boy Scouts of America Hornaday Award, the premier and rarely-awarded conservation honors in Scouting. To receive the honor, Tristan earned 17 conservation-related merit badges and worked 669 hours on three projects that were equal to or exceeded requirements of an Eagle project. Only 1,100 Hornaday Awards have been presented since 1914. Tristan earned his Eagle Rank in 2010 and went on to complete 8 Eagle Palms. He was elected into

Order of the Arrow, a Boy Scout Honorary Society based on Service, and recently was elected into one of three positions representing Scouts from all of NM and parts of Texas, Arizona, Utah and Colorado.



Larry Walden '13, a member of the St. Mary's College of California rugby team, celebrated in May his team's capturing of the D1A USA Rugby National Collegiate Championship. The victory also places the team in contention for a spot in the 2016 Olympics, when rugby sevens returns as an Olympic event.

Nolan Wainwright** worked on Capitol Hill this summer in the office of Sen. Martin Heinrich. He credits David Kovarik's classes at SPX for sparking his interest in political science.

FacultyNotes

Social studies teacher **David Kovarik** has retired after 36 years of teaching at St. Pius X High School. He influenced many students with his special way of teaching using simulations to make concepts of government real to students. Teacher Lilliana Sanchez is moving on to new endeavors.

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