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ST. TERESA'S ACADEMY

lessons in COLLABORATION

Dr. Marion Spence Pierson, '87,
works with students on a
mini surgical practicum: "the
cleanse, cut, and close."

DECEMBER 2014

collaboration the key to success

A S THE ACADEMY CONTINUES to embrace teaching 21st century learning skills, focus this year has been on collaboration.

Even before teachers returned to school this fall, plans were underway to explore new ways to collaborate to enhance learning for both teachers and students. Faculty members began meeting with their peers to share ideas and resources, including cross curricular opportunities. Students began engaging in collaborative learning as teachers found innovative ways for them to work together, share ideas, and problem solve as a group.

SO WHY IS COLLABORATION SO IMPORTANT? More attention is being

the four c's

21st century learning skills

Collaboration

Working together towards a common goal

Communication

Sharing of thoughts, ideas, questions, and solutions

Critical Thinking

Looking at challenges in new ways

Creativity

Trying new approaches

garnered as greater focus is placed on global education. As the world becomes more interconnected and diverse, students must be able to work with individuals from varied backgrounds and cultures; they must be open to diverse ideas and perspectives. It has become imperative that students learn the essential skills of collaboration to become effective leaders for tomorrow and contributing members of society. By working together, students learn through hands-on experience to reach common goals in order to find success in college and future careers.

Take a look at the following ways STA teachers and students are collaborating to enhance the learning experience.



ON THE COVER

virtual surgeons

DR. MARION SPENCE PIERSON, Class of 1987 and an STA parent, is sharing her love of medicine with instructor Mary Montag's biology classes through a mini surgical practicum. The Virtual Surgeon Series highlights "the cleanse, cut, and close" of surgery. Students first learned the basic surgical techniques of hand washing after donning scrubs and before putting on gloves. The following week, classes practiced incisions and closing wounds on pigs' feet. This type of lab work is traditionally introduced at the medical school level. Dr. Pierson secured the necessary supplies through a donation from St. Luke's East Hospital.



The St. Teresa's Academy Theater Department performed *Into the Woods*, a Tony Award-winning musical by Stephen Sondheim.

fall musical exceeds expectations

There may be no greater example of cross curricular collaboration than the school's fall musical production. Three departments, four teachers, and over 100 students combine their talent, expertise, and enthusiasm to create one incredible show.

Talk with STA's Shana Prentiss, Andrea Skowronek, Greg Monsma, and Steven Karlin. As director, choreographer, music director, and accompanist, they will tell you with both pride and humility the

enormous forces that were channeled into this year's fall musical, *Into the Woods*.

This production was one of the most challenging and comprehensive ever to be performed, especially at the high school level. And to have done it so well was an incredible achievement. Like cogs in the greater machine, "We are respectful of each others' roles and understand the production as a whole," says Prentiss.

Collaboration began this past March as the team of four gathered to begin the show's selection process. "Our goal is to choose a show that contains a great

plot, deep characters, and challenging music," says Monsma. Combine a well chosen script with the phenomenal talents of Karlin on the piano and Skowronek's choreography, and the show begins to take life.

From casting to rehearsing to set design, collaboration weaves throughout the life of the production. Every element of the show requires students of diverse interests to work together toward one common goal. The production is really about helping students grow in their roles and enhance their strengths. The best possible scenario is when students

are inspired to achieve success at the highest levels possible. Says the team of four, "We try to give them the freedom and artistic license to do their jobs and make their experience rewarding."

"We also enjoy each other's company," Prentiss adds, "and have a lot of fun along the way!"

pumpkin chuckin trebuchet

The STEM Club and Science Quiz Bowl Teams, led by science teachers Terry Conner and Mary Montag, collaborated with STA dad Dan Witt with Kiewit Power Engineers Co., and Sarah Carr and Sara Geobel from Burns & McDonnell, to build a pumpkin chuckin trebuchet. Dan, a mechanical engineer, along with Sarah and Sara, assisted

students with designing and building the trebuchet. Dan also donated much of the necessary construction materials. On a warm Monday this past October on the southwest corner of campus, observers could see pumpkins being tossed through the air with great success!

The partnership with Burns & McDonnell has also led to shadowing opportunities for STA students interested

in learning more about engineering and related careers. Two students have recently shadowed with the hope for more students to take advantage of this incredible opportunity.

wellness through exercise

P.E. instructor Stacie O'Rear, a member of the Wellness Committee, a subcommittee of the board of directors, is working to bring awareness

of better physical health through dance, yoga, and the martial arts. Stacie is collaborating with student clubs to host outside instructors to teach fitness classes during the lunch hour. Students within each club help organize, promote, and encourage attendance. Instruction includes tai chi sponsored by the Asian Culture Club, Hip Hop through the Dance Club and salsa sponsored by the Cultural Diversity Club.

career eMentoring

Connecting STA juniors and seniors with career professionals throughout the country and world is the product of STA's eMentoring Program. Initially implemented to help juniors explore career fields, the program has now grown to include seniors as well. When students collaborate with women who are willing to share their work-related insight and experiences, they gain first-hand knowledge of career possibilities and the skills necessary to succeed.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR eMENTORS (BELOW), many of which are STA alums. Your dedication to the young women of this Academy is noticed and appreciated!

Mickie Altenbernd
Anne Bauers
Allison Besse
Maria Braeckel
Jennifer Cashen
Keisha Clay
Erin Conwell
Lucy McShane
Davis
Katie Erwin
Adrienne Fisher
Jessie Fox
Teresa Gabhart
Katy Gadwood
Tessa Gratton
Susie Haake
Elizabeth Haden
Carol Hagan

Lynette Hayes
Abby Heft
Rita Hessel
Anne Hoferer
Sarah Hoffmeier
Laura Hong
Kara Hoolehan
Natalie Hoskowitz
Jean Kelchen
Jennifer Kelly
Kristin Kilgore
Kelli Kimbrell
Christina Lampa
Jill Lapping
Katie Levi
Jordan Miller
Sarah Mullins
Lauren Ptomey

Amy Quinley
Hayden Rhudy
Sequita Richardson
Melanie Riley
Jane Rues
Denise Sandusky
Anna Saviano
Michaela Soyland
Kathleen Spiking
Amanda Textor
Anne Van Garsee
Jennifer (Vogel)
Schroeder
Retta Webb
Debbie West
Shanon (Chettle)
Wille

If you are interested in being a career mentor, contact Kathy Brodie at kbrodie@stteresasacademy.org.



the science of raku firing

When it comes to firing pottery, who knew so much science was involved? STA students in chemistry teacher Mary Rietbrock's class now know. As an example of cross-curricular education, Mary collaborated with ceramics instructor Lisa Dibble to show students, first-hand, how oxygen reduction affects the color of ceramic glazes. Dibble and Rietbrock first talked with chemistry students in the classroom about the process. Later, students met in her art room to make ceramic pinch pots. Students then fired the pots and placed them in air-tight containers to create unique and subtle glaze colors on their pottery.

collaboration across the ocean

Bringing cultural awareness and global cooperation to the forefront of education is one of the many advantages of hosting foreign exchange students. Sister Grace Saito, principal of Saint Joseph Joshi Gakuen Junior and Senior High School in Tsu, Japan, has been working with Principal for Academic Affairs Barb McCormick and College Counselor Liz Majors to integrate two Japanese students into the STA way of life. Staying in the homes of STA parents, Christian and Jim Brown, and Sharon and Chip Cornell, Ayumi Oda and Nozomi Takemura are transitioning into



asian cooking

Collaborating with Bistro Fresh, Chinese instructor Valda Hsu is venturing out of the classroom and into the STA kitchen. Valda's students periodically collaborate with the Bistro chef to plan and cook Asian-inspired lunches for students of STA. From rolling sushi to cooking ramen noodles, Chinese language students learn more than just reading, writing and speaking Chinese; they also experience the wonderful tastes and traditions inherent in Asian culture.

an American way of life. Board member Jeanne Janssen, CSJ, assisted by communicating with the girls in Japanese. Sr. Jeanne taught at Saint Joseph Joshi Gakuen for many years. When it comes to educating girls in Kansas City and Tsu, Japan, the similarities of sisterhood and carrying out the mission of the CSJs are not so different. St. Teresa's hopes to expand partnerships with other CSJ schools in the future.





nan's note

THERE IS NEVER A DULL moment at STA...which I love! It means the school is constantly evolving and changing to meet the needs of our many and diverse students.

High on our agenda is the revamping of our website next spring. As technology changes, so must we—and our website will soon reflect it. Better accessibility from tablets and mobile devices will be one important component, as well as a refreshed, clean, and organized new look. I can't wait to see it live.

Plans are also well underway for our 150th anniversary celebrations. The year 2016 marks our sesquicentennial, a milestone year as we honor the school's celebrated legacy and important history.

One important endeavor that is close to my heart will be **Academy 150: Women Around the World**. As our most loyal supporters, we will be reaching out to you, our alumnae, over the next year to represent STA from the state (or country) in which you live. And on the evening of our formal 150th gala

in November of 2016, we hope you'll be with us to share in the excitement of the special occasion. You'll be recognized as supporters of St. Teresa's Academy from every state in the union (and throughout the world).

We would also love to hear your stories and have you share with us any pictures or videos from your STA years. You'll find a special place on the new website to upload your information. Stay tuned for more details regarding how these stories and images will be used for the anniversary celebration.

passing of the legacy

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL marks the **Passing of the Legacy Ceremony**, a new tradition at STA. During this all-school assembly, seniors welcome incoming freshmen into the "sisterhood of STA" by defining expectations and setting a tone for the school's culture. Freshmen leave the ceremony with a St. Teresa of Avila medal and prayer card—and the knowledge that they are important and cared for.



serving the dear neighbor



"I was incredibly fortunate to have a great educational experience from kindergarten through college, and it feels like a natural next step to now help my students achieve that for themselves."

- Caroline Campbell, '09



CAROLINE CAMPBELL graduated from St. Teresa's in 2009 and attended Marquette University where she studied journalism and history. The seed of commitment to social justice that was planted in her at STA grew in Marquette's Jesuit tradition. Through her study and practice of journalism, Caroline discovered a passion for education. When she graduated from Marquette in 2013, she moved to Brooklyn, New York, as a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps to work as a teacher at a middle school for low-income families in Crown Heights, a neighborhood of Brooklyn. Jesuit Volunteers reside in intentional community and together live the values of spirituality, simple living, and social justice. A phrase often used to describe the JVC experience is "ruined for life," meaning that former volunteers forever remember and live out the values and lessons learned during their service.

Caroline believes she was sufficiently "ruined" by JVC. After her year of service, she chose to stay in Brooklyn and continue to work with her students in Crown Heights. She is constantly inspired by their enthusiasm to learn and their ability to find joy all around them. She loves living in Brooklyn and hopes to continue to empower young people through the gift of education.

BJP: <http://brooklynjesuit.org/>

spotlight on alumnae

1942

OLGA TOPLIKAR RAMEY was a classically trained ballerina and made a living on stage and screen. She moved to California when she was 18 years old and has been there ever since. She treasures all the *Starbeams* she receives from the Academy.



1952

JOAN HAYNES WATTS has eight granddaughters and is very excited that one is now attending St. Teresa's Academy. Maddie Watts is a junior and plays on the varsity softball team. "The field is beautiful and has come a long way since I graduated in 1952."



1959

MARY BETH LYNCH PETERSON and her husband, John, just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

1966

JANE KEALHOFER MEYER BRAHM is the author of a new book, *Mercer Island: From Haunted Wilderness to Coveted Community*. The award winning book was published by the Mercer

Island Historical Society and chronicles the history of the Seattle suburb where Brahm has lived since 1976. Jane, a longtime newspaper editor and writer, retired in 2004 to travel, play, and spend time with her family.

JANET MOORE'S handwoven tapestries had a big exhibition year. In July of 2014, her tapestry, *River, Take Me Along*, was featured at the Oakland Municipal Utility District headquarter's mezzanine exhibition and was awarded first place by Tapestry Weavers West. In October, *Gift in Hand* was on tour from the New Hampshire Art Institute. In December, *River, Take Me Along* will be shown at the Hunterdon Museum of Art in Clinton, New Jersey, and will be on display until May 2015. Jan continues to play her guitar and even takes lessons! She teaches jewelry making at The Cedars of Marin Victory Center, a day program for adults with disabilities. She lives in Oakland, Calif.



1983

MARY JANE RHOADES KUHNERT, ANN MADDEN WHITE, MARY BETH RICE ANDERSSON, and RENEE CRAMER HUNTER, all from the great Class of 1983, get together once a month at a local bar or restaurant. They have been friends since grade school. Their years at STA cemented their relationship.



1988

GINA GICINTO STAVES, Ph.D., Children's Trust Fund (CTF) board member, Kansas City, is the 2013 recipient of the CTF Chair Award in recognition of her outstanding service on the board and in the field of prevention. Staves was originally appointed to the board by Governor Bob Holden in 2004 and was later reappointed by Governor Jay Nixon. She is currently Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at Avila University.



1990

HEATHER JACKSON SALINARDI has launched Sugar Nailz, a line of fun, colorful, and easy to use polish strips. Nine national sororities and five fashion designs are available starting in September 2014. Visit www.sugarnailz.com to see all styles.



1991

ERIKA DUBILL HILE recently moved to a farm on 32 acres in Paola, Kansas. She continues to work part-time as an NICU nurse at Saint Luke's South, homeschools her kids (Delaney and Max) full time, and has also started raising cattle with her husband, Michael, as a "fun" side business. Life is good.

1993

RACHEL KENNEDY CUEVAS has recently launched Plantain District, a gourmet Cuban mobile cuisine truck located in the Kansas City area. The menu is made from scratch and utilizes ingredients sourced from local farmers, including all of the hormone-free meat. Plantain District serves



lunch during the week and is available for events.
www.plantaindistrict.com

1999

BROOKE KUECHLER

HARRIS and her husband, Doug, welcomed their third child, Samuel James, into their family. He joins Jackson (4 ½) and Amelia (2 ½).



2002

ASHLEY BROWN LANDE is an artist/illustrator with two children, Izzy Rae (4) and Arrow (2). They are planning to move to Colorado soon where her husband, Steven, will be working on a wind farm.

BETSY HEALY was selected chief resident for the current year at the University of Chicago Medicine, Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care. She is also a proud alum of Mizzou and completed medical school at Creighton University. Betsy will be pursuing a fellowship in critical care at UC after completing her residency.



2004

RACHEL HEMKENS became engaged in February of 2014. The wedding will be held in 2015.



KATIE GILLIS BERRIOS and her husband, Tony, were blessed with a baby girl, Claire Marie, on July 23, 2014. Everyone is happy and healthy, and enjoying their bundle of joy.



2006

FRANNY MCSHANE

received the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award in the Rising Star category on November 7 at the Intercontinental Hotel. The competitive field included the state of Kansas and the greater metropolitan area.

2009

ELIZABETH MCNAMARA

graduated magna cum laude from Creighton University in 2013. She studied abroad in Italy and Spain. Elizabeth is an associate systems engineer at RSA, the security division of EMC, a leader in the computer and network security industry.

AMANDA BACKER married Daniel Lappin on July 26, 2014. Bridesmaids included fellow STA alumnae Christi Backer ('14), Erin Andres ('09), Caroline Campbell ('09), and Mackenzie Beisser ('09).



IN MEMORIUM

Aileen Harline, 1940
Margaret Zahner Johnson, 1943
Margaret Hodes Donohue, 1949
Mary Jo Jensen Truog, 1956
Marcia Quigley Tuttle, 1956
Judy Emert Burns, 1957
Judy Chartier Kitchen, 1959
Carol Murphy Zamaitis, 1973
Joanie K. Raab, 1976
Melinda Campbell Hancock, 1981
Dianna Messina McMahon, 1989



class of 2014 graduate reunion luncheon

Wednesday, January 7, 2015
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. — Verheyen Room

Reconnect with your classmates and share stories of college-life over an old-time favorite, Waldo Pizza.

We can't wait to see you!
RSVP to the Alumnae Director Kathleen Barry at
kbarry@stteresasacademy.org.

Linger Over
BREAKFAST^{KC}

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the next Linger Over Breakfast to be held in the Windmoor Center on the St. Teresa's Academy campus on March 18, 2015. The presentation will be led by Sister Rose McLarney, CSJ. Her topic is *From Retribution to Restoration*.

reunion celebration



THE 2014 ST. TERESA'S ACADEMY ALUMNAE REUNION CELEBRATION was held on Saturday, October 4, on the beautiful STA campus. The evening began with Mass in the M&A Auditorium celebrated by Fr. Gerald Waris and accompanied by the STA Praise Band. STA medals were presented to the Golden Girls from the Class of 1964 in honor of their 50-year class reunion.

More than 320 alums and guests enjoyed a buffet and cocktail reception in the Goppert Center. The classes in attendance spanned nearly 70 years, from the Class of 1939 to the Class of 2009. Everyone enjoyed visiting and reminiscing, while many took advantage of campus tours led by current and proud STA students. The strong legacy of St. Teresa's Academy was certainly evident that night.

IF YOU ARE IN THE CLASSES OF 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005 or 2010, mark your calendars for our 2015 Reunion Celebration on Saturday, October 3, 2015. There will be a reunion **planning meeting on Wednesday, February 25**, at STA for all alums interested in organizing an event for their class.





CLASS OF 1984



CLASS OF 1979



CLASS OF 1974



CLASS OF 1999



CLASS OF 2004



CLASS OF 2009



CLASS OF 1994



CLASS OF 1954



CLASS OF 1989

reunion celebration

Class of 1939 — 75 Year Reunion

Mary Catherine, Maureen, and Betty have been friends for 75 years, having met as classmates in the late 1930s. Throughout their lives, they have continued to stay in touch and each looked forward to the reunion as a reason to get together. Mary Catherine traveled alone from California to be a part of the celebration. They enjoyed seeing the campus again and all of the wonderful changes that have occurred since their days as STA students.

"These three women have been friends for over 75 years and they wouldn't let anything stand in the way of getting to the Reunion Celebration."

~ Teresa Carter,
great niece of Mary Catharine McMahon



(l to r): Mary Catharine McMahon, Maureen Lenaghan Bassing and Betty Baldwin Mascal

nominate an alumna

EACH YEAR at the Alumnae Reunion Celebration, St. Teresa's Academy formally recognizes an STA alumna who has positively and substantially influenced her profession, her community, or issues affecting society at large.

Now is the time to begin consideration of candidates for the 2015 award. There are so many talented STA alumnae from all graduating years. Please consider nominating a classmate, family member, alum, or even yourself. **Submit your nomination online at stteresasacademy.org** (alumnae tab/Distinguished Alumnae Award page) **or email kbarry@stteresasacademy.org**

Past recipients include:

- 2009 – Martha Meagher Downey Class of 1961
- 2010 – Patrice Coolick CSJ Class of 1958
- 2011 – Rosie O'Leary Class of 1973
- 2012 – Martha Leahy Staker Class of 1962
- 2013 – Kelly Crawford Friendly Class of 1988



Marylyn Geraghty DeFeo, Class of 1954, was recently honored at the Reunion Celebration.

save the date

THE ACADEMY AWARDS

Fifth Annual Trivia Night
Saturday, February 21, 2015

The Academy Awards will be the theme for the next trivia night at St. Teresa's Academy. Gather your friends, bring your favorite food and drink, and get ready for one of the most enjoyable evenings you'll have at STA! Let your creative juices flow in your table decorations and/or costumes (all optional, of course). A prize will be given for the most creative table.

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and trivia promptly begins at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person, \$160 per table (maximum of eight persons/table). Only table reservations with payment in full will be accepted.

All proceeds benefit the STA Alumnae Scholarship.

Register online at: stteresasacademy.org
Alumnae/Events/Trivia Night



save the date
grandparents' day

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the second annual event geared specifically for grandmothers, grandfathers, and special friends of STA students. Share an afternoon with your granddaughter on Sunday, May 3, 2015, from 1 - 3:00 p.m. as you leisurely explore the STA campus or join in organized tours of the buildings. Also visit with President Nan Bone as she shares her insights about the school. Refreshments will be served and a photographer will be on hand. Feel free to come and go as you please.

Stars Walk of Fame and Color Throw

benefiting STA's endowment and emergency funds

save the date
friday, april 24, 2015

save the date
STA GOLF CLASSIC

JOIN US ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015, for the 15th annual Golf Classic. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Country Club of Leawood for registration and breakfast. A shotgun start on the 18-hole course begins at 8:30 a.m. Enjoy great prizes and goodie bags, complimentary lunch, a golf cart, and refreshments throughout the day.



raffle winner

STA parent Susan Campbell was the lucky winner of this year's auction raffle. Susan is the mother of seniors Ann and Leigh, and 2013 and 2008 STA graduates, Jill and Molly. Jill is currently a student at Villanova University and Molly is working in the Athletic Department at the University of Notre Dame.

Susan chose to take the cash option and graciously return it back to STA to assist other families in financial need. Many, many thanks to Susan for her generosity. Her gift will be directed to the school's emergency fund.



(l to r): 2014 co-chairs Steve and Nancy Kitts, Julie and Chris Thompson, and Cecile and Bob Schloegel; President Nan Bone, Emcee Larry Moore, 2015 co-chairs Anne and Kevin Connor, Melissa and David Skeens, Ann and Joe Hodes; Emcee Mark Fitzpatrick

Sisterhood Stars

IT'S IN THE Stars

THE STARS WERE SHINING BRIGHTLY on Saturday, November 22, for the school's annual auction, the largest fundraising event of the year. Over 400 patrons attended the sell-out evening which included a silent auction consisting of over 700 items and exceptional Italian fare.

The endowment fund was a primary focus of the 50 live auction items, raising a record-breaking \$146,000 alone to support academic achievement, encourage diversity, and provide relief to families in financial crisis. Students of STA supported the auction by selling raffle tickets. Over \$63,000 was raised, the largest amount to-date!

THANK YOU to our students, all of our generous donors, and to those who attended this very special evening. Your support of St. Teresa's Academy is so greatly appreciated.



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TO THE
WORLD
THE LORD
HAS COME

Wishing you
a blessed
Christmas
and peaceful
New Year.

Please consider a year-end gift

to St. Teresa's Academy in the enclosed envelope. Your tax deductible donation will enable us to carry on our mission of excellence in Catholic education. Help empower the young women of STA to make a difference in their community and their world.

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meet our new
director of development



S T. TERESA'S ACADEMY
WELCOMES Barbara Muehlebach
Cusick, STA Class of 1992, as the
director of development. Barbara replaces
Mary Beth Compton who transitioned
into the role of principal of student affairs
over the summer. Barbara grew up in
Kansas City and has loved every minute of
being a part of her large Catholic family.
She obtained her undergraduate degree
from Creighton University and her Juris
Doctor from the University of Missouri -
Kansas City School of Law. Prior to taking
on this position, Barbara practiced law
in the Kansas City area. She and her
husband, John, have three wonderful boys
who attend St. Peter's School. Barbara will
be overseeing all aspects of the school's
fundraising, grant writing, strategic
planning, and special event efforts.
Welcome to the STA family, Barbara!

St. Teresa's Girls and American Royal Parade

-SHERITA LEONARDO AND PAM YAX, CLASS OF 1968

STA WAS LITERALLY BURSTING WITH SPIRIT AND PRIDE

during its centennial celebration; spirit within the girls; enthusiasm for the festive events; pride in their school. STAers had been looking forward to seeing their float in the American Royal Parade for nearly a year. At last, October 15, 1966—their dream was about to come true. The morning dawned cold, windy, and overcast...By 7:15 a.m., all were on the four busses on their way to the parade, keyed up, and excited—the spirit of STA was really running high.

Downtown, masses of STAers lined both sides of the street, shouting cheers and class songs while waiting for the parade to begin.

Then disaster struck. Shocked and stunned, the girls learned that the float they had worked so hard on and had been so proud of had been demolished in a collision with a truck. Tears of disappointment began

to trickle but eager hearts kept hoping—somehow, there had to be a way to get St. Teresa's back into the parade.

Miss Pauline Reardon gave the word: the girls were to march in the float's place. Foundering spirits perked up as the huge crowd of girls began running towards the parade's starting point and formed marching lines, six abreast. Signs rescued from the ruined float went to the front.

With chins up and smiles brighter than ever, they marched the one and a half mile route, proudly proclaiming their love and loyalty, waving to the crowds and enjoying the amazed expressions on the faces of onlookers.

Yes, their dream had come true. Their spirit had transformed a near-tragedy into one of the most glorious days in STA's 100 year history. Nearly 600 girls marched and made the headlines of the *Kansas City Star*.

sharing our story



St. Teresa's Academy Celebrates 100 Years: 1866-1966

"A Centennial is much more than just a celebration of 100 years. It is also the milestone where by achievements, large and small, minute or important have been chronicled and a celebration is in order, before starting the next hundred year's work."

~ Joan Schild Pinkerton '52





NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Congratulations to the Class of 2015 **National Merit Scholars**: Semifinalists Madeline Meloy, Madalyn Schulte, and Anna Bauman, along with Commended Leigh Campbell. The Semifinalists scored in the 99th percentile on the PSAT taken their junior year and will go on to compete for finalist status and scholarships through the National Merit Corporation.



SENIOR SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT

Senior Mireya Ramirez signed a **National Letter of Intent** on Nov. 12 to play volleyball at St. Francis College in New York. Mireya was All-District her senior year, playing in the libero and defensive specialist positions. This is the 21st year in a row for the Academy to produce a student-athlete to compete in college.

RECORD FAST 5K

Ann Campbell (front center) competed in the **Cross Country State Meet** for the fourth time on November 8. She finished in 8th place with a time of 18:30 and became the first athlete in the history of St. Teresa's Academy to earn All-State honors in the same sport four consecutive years. Ann holds the top nine 5K times in school history, with the State time being second fastest.



JOURNALISM STUDENTS MAKE AN IMPRESSION

STA journalism students recently attended the National Scholastic Press Association Conference in Washington, D.C. To honor **keynote speaker Bob Woodward**, the students designed a t-shirt with an image of Richard Nixon and the words *Journalism Changes History*. Woodward was so impressed, he asked the girls for a shirt and then posed for a picture with them.





SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

The Science Quiz Bowl Team is an extracurricular team consisting of students from all grade levels who compete academically in areas of science and mathematics. STA science teachers and moderators, Mary Montag and Terry Conner, led the team at the annual Avila **Mathematics and Science Challenge for Young Women**. The Quiz Bowl students placed 3rd in the Biology division, 2nd in both Earth Science and Computer Science/Technology, and 4th overall.



PHOTO BY: ISAAC BRINKMAN,
BLUE VALLEY NORTH

STARS SAIL STRONG

Freshmen Sal Scott and Zoe Butler represented STA in the **2014 High School Sailing Championship** hosted by The University of Kansas Sailing Team. The seven race series was held in identical Collegiate 420 class sailboats on Clinton Lake in Lawrence, Kansas. Sal and Zoe finished third overall, just missing second by one point. Conditions for the event were tough, with high and gusty winds that often made staying upright a challenge, especially for the lighter crews. Sal and Zoe executed a very gutsy start from a disadvantaged position to win the last race with authority, which was later named by the competitors and spectators as “pulling a St. Teresa.”



(Kate far left)

KARATE WORLD CHAMPION

Congratulations to freshman Kate Dunlea for earning two silver medals at the **World Karate Championships** held in Tuscany, Italy, in late October/early November. Kate was hand selected to be on the U.S. World Team by her coach at AmeriKick Martial Arts. Kate has been competing for nearly seven years in traditional Kata and Point Fighting. “Who knew I would come to fall in love with the sport and have this amazing chance to represent my country?” Kate is working towards earning her Black Belt and aspires to make the World Competition Team. We have no doubt she can do anything she puts her mind to!

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PHOTO BY: KEITH GARD

STA SINGERS RECOGNIZED

STA's **All-District Choir students** recently competed against 80 of their fellow All-District Choir members for 12 spots on the highly competitive Missouri All-State Choir. Following an intense day of competition, STA students finished with great success: Hillary Talken (Alto) was named to the All-State Choir with Micah Welch (Soprano) and Maggie Hutchison (Alto) finishing as alternates.



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