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A Note From the President

JAMES P. KUBACKI

Dear St. Edward Community,

I am happy to share this summer edition of St. Edward Magazine, a chance to show you some of the incredibly exciting work going on across our campus. It is also timely, as this August, we will commence our 70th school year. As with each previous year throughout our history, we will ground our students in our Holy Cross tradition, challenge them to become their best selves, and prepare them to lead in an ever-changing world. This incredible legacy began when the Congregation of Holy Cross saw the need and accepted the responsibility to educate young men across Northeast Ohio. Today, we are true to our Catholic Holy Cross Mission as first modeled by the Brothers; we strive for excellence; we honor the importance of relationships in our lives; and, we develop servant leaders – "Men with Hope to Bring" to a world in need of their principled leadership.

To illustrate how we are pioneering the school of the future, we share with you three articles in this edition of the St. Edward Magazine that showcase our Holy Cross and Gospel Values, College Prep Philosophy, and approaches to Teaching to the Future. It is at the intersection of these three principles that we differentiate ourselves. We believe this is the best path to developing young men with the courage to transform the world.

Our successes over the past seven decades are capped by the pending conclusion of our most successful fundraising campaign in school history. The Courage to Act Campaign goal was to raise \$22 million dollars to continue our positive momentum and invest in the future of the school. At our Groundbreaking Celebration on June 8, we were proud to announce that we are in the final stages of the campaign and about to cross the finish line to surpass the \$22 million mark. Our community can be exceedingly proud of this philanthropic spirit and support. Thank you! For those of you who are interested, there still are opportunities to get involved in supporting this historic effort.

We appreciate your commitment to working with us to develop the next generation of Christ-like servant leaders. It is a great time to be at St. Ed's! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

James P. Kubacki

President

# THE COURAGE TO CHANGE THE WORLD

# ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE

At St. Edward High School, we aspire to change the world, and we foster the courage to do so by holistically transforming our young men through three principles: our Holy Cross Values, Excellence in College Prep and by Teaching to the Future. Through these three principles, we create our overall vision for the future as a Catholic college preparatory school, providing a strong foundation for our Edsmen, and empowering

themselves to a higher standard of accountability.

ethic, St. Edward focuses on excellence in all as-

pects of an Edsman's life. From rigorous academ-

ic programs to award-winning arts programs and

championship athletics, students have limitless

Our leadership is adamant about providing

integrity and respect to best serve their commu-

nity while being led by a committed and talent-

ed faculty who go above and beyond to make

St. Edward. Reflecting on what our students

certain students embrace their opportunities at

need to succeed in this world, St. Edward faculty and staff provide support and encouragement to

each individual Edsman so that he can strive to

an environment where students develop grit,

opportunities to achieve their goals.

To ensure our students develop a resilient work

them to transform the world in which they will live, work and serve.

Our Holy Cross Values assist Edsmen in developing a strong moral compass that will guide them to go out into the world as Men with Hope to Bring. The St. Edward Mission connects the Seven Standards of an Edsman with Holy Cross charisms to challenge students to act with courage, to develop into servant leaders and to hold

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achieve excellence during his four-year career at St. Edward and beyond.

Looking to the future, St. Edward is committed to creating a culture of future-focused thinking that will permeate our campus. In order to teach our students in the present while preparing them to create the future of our world, St. Edward takes an interdisciplinary approach to innovation focused on experiential, problem and

project-based learning that challenges students to creatively implement new ideas, approaches and solutions.

Edsmen are taught to employ boundless curiosity, to acquire new skills and expertise, to be open-minded to best solve problems, and to work collaboratively with others in order to articulate complex ideas through multi-channeled communication. St. Edward also incorporates empathy and

active listening throughout our curriculum so that students can affect positive change and understanding

The intersections of the three principles also address what it means to be an Edsman; embody the highly regarded International Baccalaureate standard of education that emphasizes critical thinking and college-level research; and reflect the mindset of Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, C.S.C. who provided an innovative perspective on education and was passionate about educating the whole person.

St. Edward High School will continue to lead in each of these three principles, which encompasses our vision for the future, so that our students become the confident servant leaders that our world needs.

# COMMITMENT TO OUR HOLY CROSS MISSION

The annual St. Edward Recognition Dinner honors those who have shown their dedication to living out our Holy Cross Mission.

Since 1984, St. Edward High School has honored and celebrated important members of the St. Edward Community who, each in his or her own way, helped shape the lives of our young men and lived out our Holy Cross Mission.

At St. Edward High School, our community serves God by providing our Edsmen with the values and tools to fully develop their God-given talents and to understand their responsibility to servant leadership. The Recognition Dinner honorees epitomize the ideals of servant leadership and have an immeasurable impact on our St. Edward Community.

This year's school theme at St. Edward High School, "Come Follow Me," encourages us to live, work and serve as faithful followers of Christ and our honorees model lives defined by service for current and future generations.

This year marks the 35th occasion of the Recognition Dinner and on Tuesday, May 14, six incredible individuals were honored at the Silver Grille in the historic Higbee Building. A record-breaking 350 guests attended to congratulate these deserving individuals and continue the St. Edward tradition of thanking devout members of our community for their dedication and service to St. Edward High School.

This year's honorees, Sean Hennessy '75, Michael Joyce '70, Geoff Morton, Mai Schneider, Greg Urbas and James F. Wallenhorst '74, join a list of over 230 honorees who have received St. Edward High School's most notable awards and exemplify the Holy Cross pillar: servant leadership.

For photos, videos and a complete list of past Recognition Dinner honorees, visit www.sehs.net/recognition.





# **MICHAEL JOYCE '70**

# The Bronze Eagle Award

The Bronze Eagle Award recognizes a St. Edward graduate for his ongoing support and commitment to the ideals of a Holy Cross education over a significant number of years.

Michael Joyce is a graduate of the 1970 class at St. Edward High School. Mike was born on Cleveland's East Side and the family moved to Bay Village in 1967.

After high school, he attended Bowling Green State University and earned a B.A. in Business Administration in 1974. Following graduation, Mike joined Joyce Buick Co. in Lorain which was established by his father, Francis, in 1966.

Mike, and his brother, Kevin, purchased the dealership from their family in 1988. Pontiac was added the following year when they acquired the former Llewellyn Pontiac Dealership. In 2004, GMC was added to the lineup. They opened a new location for Joyce Buick GMC in Avon in 2012.

Mike has served on numerous boards and committees including the Nichols Foundation, the Lorain

County Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Cleveland Automobile Association. He also served as the president of Jobbers Automotive and has been active in various committee appointments with General Motors.

Mike and Kathleen (Kate) Joyce married in 1980 and were blessed with three wonderful, now adult, children. Alison graduated from the University of Dayton, Dan from Northeastern University and Sean from Marquette University. Kate and Mike are active in the St. Christopher Church community in Rocky River where all three of their children attended grade school.

In addition to supporting annual and capital initiatives at St. Ed's, Mike is a generous supporter of the St. Edward Triple A Raffle, sponsoring the Raffle's grand prize of a car or cash for the lucky winner.

# **MAI SCHNEIDER**

St. André Bessette, C.S.C. Award

The St. André Bessette, C.S.C. Award is presented annually to a volunteer who has shown an overwhelming commitment to St. Edward High School.

Mai is the mother of Harold Schneider III, St. Edward graduate of 2010, and wife of 35 years to Harold Schneider, Jr. She was born in Vietnam and lived there for 13 years. She came to the United States in 1975 during the climax of the Vietnam War. Mai has a sister that lives in California. Mai has another sister and two brothers who currently reside in Vietnam. She attended Berea High School and graduated in 1979.

Mai has established a very reputable career in sewing, becoming a professional seamstress and serving over 500 clients for 35 years. Her business was completely self-generated, and her clientele was established through word of mouth. As her business grew, she expanded into working with drapery.

Mai has a very strong faith that has been cultivated at Bay Presbyterian Church (Bay Pres) for 28 years. Led to Bay Pres by her longtime friend, Mary Walker, Mai has become an active member in the church's community. She volunteers regularly for Respite Events which Bay Pres holds for special needs children to play and develop their own faith, while their parents can take time for themselves. She is also very involved in Bay Pres' nursing home ministry where she visits local nursing homes and spends time with the residents.

Mai connected with St. Ed's after her son, Harry, started attending in 2006. She became very involved in the monthly Community Meals hosted at St. Ed's. Since beginning in 2007, she has rarely missed a month of helping out the community. She has since, under the guidance of Paul and Sally Bosley, taken over leading the St. Ed's Community Meal with her colleague Brian Horning '81. In addition, Mai volunteers each year for the Wings Auction and helps at the monthly produce distributions for the community.

St. Edward High School has provided Mai with the opportunity to experience service and faith with the St. Ed's Community. She feels truly blessed to be able to share her talents and help out whenever she is needed. She enjoys staying involved as an active member of the St. Ed's Community Meal. Mai vows to continue to serve St. Ed's and uphold the values of the Brothers of Holy Cross in all of her roles.





# **GEOFF MORTON**

Br. Thomas Henning, C.S.C. Award

The Br. Thomas Henning, C.S.C. Award recognizes a non-graduate who has demonstrated unselfish loyalty to St. Edward High School over a significant number of years and commitment to the ideals of a Holy Cross education.

A lifelong Eastsider, Geoff grew up in Cleveland Heights, one of six children of Tom and Mary Morton. He attended Saint Ann School K-8 and won an academic scholarship to Gilmour Academy. A proud graduate of Gilmour, he was awarded the Kubacki, he joined the St. Edward team in 1996 Gilmour Trophy as the "outstanding scholar, athlete and sportsman of the Academy" and the Mooney Trophy as the "outstanding athlete of the Academy."

Geoff went on to graduate from Williams College where he majored in American History and Literature and participated in Varsity basketball, tennis and track. He set career scoring and rebounding records in basketball. He was Vice President of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. In 1960, he served as Co-Chairman of Cuyahoga County's Young Citizens for Kennedy-Johnson.

At Gilmour, he was the founder and organizer of the Tutor Corps whose members tutored inner city elementary students weekly. He has been twice (as a player and as a coach) inducted into the Gilmour Athletic Hall of Fame.

While at Gilmour, he earned a Master's degree in American History from Case Western Reserve University and a second Master's degree from John Carroll University in Education. After seven rewarding years at Gilmour, he joined the faculty at University School (U.S.) as Chairman of the History Department, Instructor in History and Government and Varsity basketball coach. He also started Tutor Corps at U.S.

In 28 years at U.S., he taught History and English and held many administrative positions: Dean of Students, Director of College Counseling, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Director of the Upper School (Principal for 14 years), and Assistant Headmaster and Director of Summer Programs. He was named Varsity tennis coach in 1975 and served until 1995.

In 1992, he helped start the REACH summer enrichment program for talented minority 5-8

grade boys from the greater Cleveland area. This outstanding program, now in its 27th year, was recently featured on WKYC.

At the request of St. Edward Principal Jim as Director of College Counseling. He and Mike Homza each guided half of the senior and junior classes toward their college adventures. He was nominated by Mike Homza, and subsequently awarded, the Human Relations Award by the Ohio Association of College Admission Counselors for "contributions that have led to the enhancement of relations among people of diverse cultures, ethnic groups or with special needs." He added the duties of Principal and Student Council Moderator for the 1998-1999 school year.

Over his 20+ years at St. Edward, he has taught SAT and ACT test prep, helped deliver food for the Community Meal, assisted Eric Flannery '90 in Varsity basketball, driven the bus and vans for various athletic teams, regularly donated prizes for the Wings Auction, and contributed to The Courage to Act Campaign and Annual Fund.

He has served as a Gilmour Academy Trustee, a National Trustee of A Better Chance Scholarship Program, a Trustee of Sacred Heart School in Manhattan, a member of The Academic Affairs Committee at Ursuline College, a member of the advisory board for Boys Hope Girls Hope, and a member of the Williams College Alumni Council. He was honored by the National Boys Hope Girls Hope organization "for his service to the children of Northeast Ohio" with the 2006 Opportunity Maker Award.

He is currently the Vice President of his Williams Class. He lives with his wife Emily, a Hawken School administrator, in Bratenahl. Together, they have raised six children who are scattered from Hawaii to Princeton. They have eight grandchildren and one great grandson.



# **GREG URBAS**

# Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award is the most prestigious award given to a member of the St. Edward High School Community. The award recognizes an individual who has made a significant commitment to excellence and service over multiple decades at St. Edward.

Coach Greg Urbas has been honored with the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award. This award celebrates a forty-year commitment to excellence and service at St. Edward High School. This special recognition was created specifically to honor Coach Urbas' outstanding leadership and dedication to students while modeling Holy Cross Values.

His impact on students spans from his work in the classroom as a math teacher to the sports of wrestling and football. He is a role model for students, faculty, and staff, and a witness to the St. Edward Community of Christ-like servant leadership.

Born and raised in Collinwood, Greg Urbas went to St. Mary grade school and then to St. Joseph High School where he played football and wrestled. After playing football for four years at Grove City College, he served four years as a Marine Corps officer, years that positively shaped his character and work ethic. As a role model for thousands of students, Coach Urbas has his priorities in order and he makes sure that students know where he stands; God first, family second, academics third, and then your athletics and extracurriculars.

Coach Urbas sees sports as a metaphor for life, teaching students responsibility, time management, preparing for challenges, attitude, and above all, "no excuses." In the spirit of Holy Cross Values, Urbas lets the students shine when he is complimented for his character, legacy, and accomplishments. "It's about the kids first, not the adults." He shows great humility as he fulfills his life's mission to teach, motivate, and lead.

Coach Urbas was the wrestling program's head coach for 29 years. In that time, the team won 24 state titles and four national titles, produced 76 individual state champions, and is able to claim at least one NCAA All-American wrestler in each of the past 35 years. He coached wrestling and football every year since he started at St. Ed's in 1978, an unprecedented accomplishment, and an amazing commitment of time and energy.

He was named National Wrestling Coach of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association in 1998, and was inducted into the St. Edward Hall of Fame in 2015 and into the Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame in 2018. Coach Urbas also received the Br. Thomas Henning, C.S.C. Award in 1992.

Though he recently retired, he is still present at school as a math tutor, and in the wrestling room, where he continues to inspire student athletes every day as an assistant wrestling coach and freshman football coach.



# SEAN HENNESSY '75

# Br. James A. Everett, C.S.C. Benefactor Award

Br. James A. Everett, C.S.C. Benefactor Award is presented annually to an individual, couple, family, corporation, or foundation that has provided substantial support to St. Edward High School. The award is attributed to Br. James A. Everett, C.S.C. who selflessly dedicated his life to the St. Edward Community.

Sean Hennessy, a 1975 graduate of St. Edward High School, is the former Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of The Sherwin Williams Company, a \$16 billion global leader in the paint and coatings industry, a position in which he served from August 2001 until his retirement in March 2017.

Sean, a 1980 graduate of the University of Akron and a CPA, began his employment with The Sherwin Williams Company in 1984 as Director of Merchandise Control.

He was promoted to Controller/Western Division in 1986 and to Controller/Stores Group in 1990, where he was instrumental in long-term strategic acquisition targets and integration plans.

In 1996, he was promoted to Controller Coatings/International Division, the manufacturing and distribution arm for domestic sales and fully-integrated businesses in foreign countries.

In 1997, Sean was promoted again to Vice President/Chemical Coatings Business Unit Manager, the Company's integrated product research and development arm, where he led the business unit to grow sales more than 20% in two years. In 2000, Sean was promoted to Vice President/Controller-Consumer Group with annual sales of \$2.3 billion before ultimately being appointed CFO in 2001

Sean is the Chair of The Courage to Act Campaign at St. Ed's, the largest campaign in school history. He serves on the Board of Trustees as Treasurer.

Sean is a member of the Holy Cross Society of the Annual Fund and is generous and supportive of St. Ed's endowment and scholarship initiatives. Sean's family includes three children: Kelly, Meaghan and Danny.

# JAMES F. WALLENHORST '74

# Alumnus of the Year Award

The highest honor bestowed on a St. Edward Alumnus, this award is presented to a graduate who has achieved significant success in his primary field of endeavor, prominence in the community, and has made a lifelong commitment to the ideals of a Holy Cross education.

James F. Wallenhorst '74 has been a part of St. Edward since his father Tom Wallenhorst was the foreman on the original additions to the school building in the 1960s. He attended St. Edward and, after graduating from John Carroll University in 1978, Jim spent the first two years of his career as a social studies teacher at Magnificat High School. He came "home" to St. Ed's in the fall of 1980 where he has remained since. Teaching generations of Eagles over the past 38 years, Jim has served the school in the Religion and Social Studies departments as well as on countless retreats, as moderator of numerous clubs and activities and, most notably, as the technical director and then properties master for over 60 Edwardian Players productions.

Jim grew up in Fairview Park as one of eight and attended St. Angela Merici for grade school. He and his four other brothers all attended St. Edward. When first hired by Br. Tom Henning, C.S.C., Jim taught Morality to sophomores and served as a class moderator. He was also a fixture on the rally committee and in the stands at most St. Edward sports events. While a student, Jim learned from several outstanding teachers but none who influenced him more than Br. Bennett Nettleton, C.S.C. After having him for World History as a freshman, Afro-Indian studies as a sophomore and then signing up to take an Asian culture class his senior year, Br. Bennett sowed the seeds of the teacher and the "outside the classroom" figure Jim would become.

Freshmen football, basketball, and baseball games are always on Jim's social calendar as he attends to support his students and watch them succeed. Jim also makes an effort to attend less crowded sports like cross country and swimming to make sure they feel the support. In 1999, after Br. Bennett's retirement, Jim took over "the museum" or room 204. Adding his own brand of artifacts and visual displays mostly focusing on more modern elements of World History, Jim has become known to his classes for his ability to blend traditional teaching with hands-on learning for a subject with which many struggle.

His lasting influence has also been on the stage where he was a member of the crew and cast of several productions as a student before eventually becom-



ing the technical director and then properties master of the Edwardian Players. Known for creatively making set pieces and props, Jim has been an integral part of the many high-quality productions showcased on the St. Edward stage. A poll conducted by Mr. Paul Bosely to his seniors turned up an interesting fact about Jim; many students regard him as their hardest teacher while also thinking of him as their favorite teacher at St. Ed's.

In 1985, Jim met his wife Eileen at St. Ed's staff member Rosie Torrence's birthday party and they were married in 1986. They have four children: Matt '05, James '07, Mary Colleen and Ellie. He and his family grew up in Fairview Park where he still makes his home today.

# THE SEVEN STANDARDS OF AN EDSMAN

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL ENCOURAGES OUR EDSMEN TO UPHOLD SEVEN COMMUNITY STANDARDS ROOTED IN OUR HOLY CROSS PILLARS OF FAITH, EXCELLENCE, RELATIONSHIPS, AND SERVANT LEADERSHIP.

The Seven Standards of an Edsman reflect St. Edward High School's Holy Cross Mission, "to educate the minds and hearts of young men," by providing seven characteristics that each of our students strive to adopt as they become well-rounded individuals academically, socially and spiritually.

Rooted in the four pillars of our Holy Cross Tradition, the Seven Standards hold Edsmen to a higher caliber in order to foster the competence to see and the courage to act as men of faith. The Seven Standards of an Edsman include:

**Grit** - the relentless determination to keep pursuing a desired goal and never give up. We are men who work through challenges and obstacles set before us.

**Character** - the integrity to consistently do the right thing. We act in humility, knowing that our successes are gifts given and deeply intertwined with the help of others.

**Trust** - the belief through faith that God is good and has a plan. Thus, we can also trust others in our St. Edward Family who are supporting us.

**Respect** - the act of holding a person in high regard and giving honor to all. Respect is granted to all in our community and to ourselves in the form of

self-respect.

**Self-Sacrifice** - the capacity to be generous to others and see all as neighbors. This generosity stems from our ability to empathize with those with whom we interact.

**Family** - the understanding that together we are part of something greater than ourselves. We develop bonds that make us brothers in unity.

**Accountability** - holding ourselves and our brothers to our standards. It involves frank and respectful communication as we hold each other to the truth of our actions.

As is St. Edward tradition, five seniors from the Class of 2019 were nominated to receive this year's Man of the Year Award, the highest honor the school can bestow on a student. The Man of the Year Award recognizes an extraordinary young man who demonstrates dedication to improving himself and the community.

This year, seniors Dan Conway, Alex Hauptman, Jack Loesch, Rami Moussa and Teon Smith were nominated for the Man of the Year Award for their consistency in living out the Holy Cross Mission and upholding the Seven Standards of an Edsman both inside and outside of the classroom.

Dan Conway, son of Penny and Thomas Conway, will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering at The Ohio State University in the fall. During his four years at St. Edward High School, Dan has participated as a student athlete in Cross Country, Indoor/Outdoor Track, Wrestling, Intramural Football and Spikeball, as well as a leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Cross and Anchors Society

One of Dan's greatest accolades at St. Ed's has been his leadership as the Senior Class and Student Body President, a role which instills Accountability. "It has been important to me to hold no one else but myself accountable for the responsibilities I have accepted in my academic, athletic and extracurricular activities," says Dan. "Inevitably, Accountability has become an instinctual part of who I am and has taught me how to truly be a man. Together, Accountability and the other seven standards have taught me how to approach life in a responsible, Christian-like manner and I am confident that they will remain with me and my fellow Edsmen as we pursue our future endeavors with fortitude."

Reflecting on his own personal experiences, Dan acknowledges the important role that the Seven Standards of an Edsman play in fulfilling the Holy Cross Mission of St. Edward High School. "In order to truly achieve the four Holy Cross pillars of faith, excellence, relationships and servant leadership, one must fully understand and uphold the Seven Standards of an Edsman which lay the foundation for our mission. Essentially, the Holy Cross Mission is a product of the Seven Standards of an Edsman," says Dan. "These Seven Standards are all innate qualities of human nature. For me, it wasn't until I fully comprehended their importance that I realized they are essential in becoming a better man."

Two individuals who have continually modeled the Seven Standards for Dan are Wrestling Coach Greg Urbas and Theology Faculty Owen Williams '13. "Through their humility, unwavering willingness to help others, and their simple care for everyone, both Coach Urbas and Mr. Williams have served not just as role models to me, but as living goals of what I hope to achieve in my own life," says Dan.

"I've had the privilege of coaching and knowing Dan these past four years. Dan is a great example of what true hard work and dedication look like. No matter what, you know Dan is going to give it everything he has," says Coach Urbas. "One of Dan's greatest traits of leadership is his Accountability. Not only does Dan seek responsibility, but he takes responsibility for all of his actions. Dan is a leader who can be counted on by his family, the student body, teachers and coaches and is an outstanding example of what every student at St. Edward should be. I'm very proud not only of the athlete Dan has become, but also the young man he's grown into."

"At its core, Accountability is rooted in sacrificial love. Dan is, without a doubt, one of the most im-



# DAN CONWAY'19 ACCOUNTABILITY

pressive people I have encountered, both in my time as a student and as a member of the faculty," says Mr. Williams. "He always holds himself and those around him to an unrivaled standard of excellence, which of course, has made him an outstanding Student Body and Senior Class President, but most importantly, it has made him a shining beacon for the St. Edward brotherhood. Dan's entire St. Edward life has been anchored by a deep, abiding desire to make God known, loved, and served through his endeavors. He has certainly brought much hope to others, especially me."



# ALEX HAUPTMAN'19 FAMILY

Alex Hauptman, son of Karen and Peter Hauptman, will be attending Miami University of Ohio in the fall and plans to double major in Mechanical Engineering and Finance. In addition to being a Soccer, Cross Country and Indoor/Outdoor Track student athlete at St. Edward, Alex has also served as a Student Ambassador, Student Minister, Kairos Retreat Leader, Eucharistic Minister and as a member of National Honor Society, Cross and Anchors Society, Student Council, Model United Nations, *Flight* Magazine and Muslim Student Association.

As an AP Scholar and National Merit Commended Scholar, Alex received a perfect score on his ACT and received the Miami University Presidential Fellows Scholarship. "In four incredibly formative years at St. Edward, I have found that the Seven Standards of an Edsman serve as the very fundamental values and qualities that will unfailingly guide anyone who upholds them on the right path in life," says Alex. "It isn't the classroom lectures, equations or grammar lessons that will stick with us when we graduate, but it is the priceless memories and core values that helped us develop our character that will follow us into the real world."

Prior to starting his career at St. Edward High School, Alex was confident that he would attend Kirtland High School, the next step following his eighth grade year at Kirtland Middle School. "As an overconfident eighth grader, I thought I had a perfect vision for my next four years, but my parents had a slightly different future in mind for me and directed me on the path to St. Edward High School," says Alex. "Although I stubbornly resisted their decision at first, I quickly realized how invaluable the St. Edward experience is. I truly will never be able to thank my parents or the St. Edward Community enough for the Family they've provided me these last four years."

Rounding out his time at St. Edward, Alex reflects on his journey as an Edsman and the relationships he's made through the lens of the sixth standard, Family. "At St. Ed's, I have found comfort in knowing that the gift of friendship and the love of Family will resonate through time and bring more love into the world," says Alex. "The nurturing Family I have made at St. Ed's has provided me with the perfect foundation to embark on my life journey and has set me on a path that I am confident will lead me into my adulthood, using the Holy Cross Values as my compass to guide me. While Family is the standard that I think truly represents the most important thing in life, the other six standards also represent the qualities one needs to ensure strong, genuine relationships."

"At the core of Alex's being is this beautiful desire to help others. He is a man of sincere loving presence," says Theology Faculty Owen Williams'13. "Alex truly has a unique gift in seeing into the hearts of others.' When someone is struggling, Alex enters in and helps carry that cross. When someone is celebrating, Alex, once again, enters into that celebration with all his heart." Alex notes that the relationships he's made have been inspirational throughout his St. Edward experience. "Throughout my four years at St. Ed's, I've pushed myself to deliberately go out of my way to be a light in someone else's life, like so many others have done for me," says Alex. "This desire to brighten the days of the people around me and to live out each day intentionally has been my way of embracing the Seven Standards of an Edsman to ensure that our St. Ed's Family will only grow stronger."

Jack Loesch, son of Mo and Bob Loesch, will be attending the University of Notre Dame this fall to major in Business and Economics. While at St. Ed's, Jack has held numerous leadership roles, ranging from Head Basketball and Football Manager, Student Ambassador and Edsman Newspaper Editor, to leader of the Holy Cross Identity Committee. He has also served as an active servant leader, participating in the Young Neighbors in Action program and Labre Ministry and serving as a sacristan and Student Minister during his junior and senior years.

Jack's determination and devotion to excellence make him a prime example of an Edsman who upholds **Grit**, the first of the Seven Standards of an Edsman.

"Excellence has been my goal ever since I entered the halls of St. Edward. I put forth maximum effort in the classroom and have challenged myself with rigorous courses. This has provided me with a work ethic to strive for excellence not only in academics, but outside of the classroom as well," says Jack. "I've put in countless hours towards studying, managing the football and basketball teams, and contributing to other extracurriculars. I've truly learned the importance of having Grit to keep pushing until I achieve success."

Jack's Grit is shown through the honors and distinctions that he has received over the past four years. As a Forward Scholar, Jack has also achieved High Honors since his freshman year and has been awarded twelve other awards, including the Liturgy and Prayer Life Award and the Williams College Book Award.

One particular role model for Jack has been Coach Eric Flannery '90, who has exemplified all Seven Standards as a mentor and St. Ed's alumnus. "Coach Flannery upholds and embodies the Seven Standards on a daily basis. Through his coaching, he's taught me how to incorporate the Seven Standards, especially Grit, into my life," says Jack. "I know that these standards, mixed with the knowledge and experiences I've gained as an Eagle, have set me up for a successful future."

"Jack is the first manager in St. Ed's Basketball history to win our annual Coaches Award," says Head Basketball Coach Eric Flannery '90. "The Coaches Award goes to the student whom I believe demonstrates all the qualities I feel every young man should have. The Coaches Award has always been given to a St. Edward student athlete, but the fact that Jack received this award as a manager shows that he embodies not just Grit, but also determination, a strong work ethic, hospitality and the ability to build positive relationships."

Jack has proven his Grit and perseverance academically, socially, and spiritually throughout his four years at St. Edward. In addition to the four Holy Cross pillars, Jack notes that he has referred to the Seven Standards of an Edsman regularly to excel in his academics, to form long-lasting relationships, to



# JACK LOESCH'19 GRIT

participate in service opportunities and give back to others, and to grow in his faith and relationship with God

"I would frequently run through the list of Seven Standards in my head to make sure I was living them out to the best of my ability. When I was struggling on a certain standard, I would focus my attention on that one standard so that it would become a part of who I am," says Jack. "The Seven Standards of an Edsman provide a guide for how to live out our lives. They are standards that we all must live by."



# RAMI MOUSSA'19 CHARACTER

Rami Moussa, son of Haiat Mahli and Basel Moussa, plans to study Biochemistry and follow the Pre-Med track through the Baccalaureate 2 MD Pathway Program at The Univeristy of Toledo's College of Medicine. Rami has participated in numerous clubs, organizations, sports and fine arts programs while at St. Ed's, but his humility as the founder of both the St. Edward Pre-Med Society and Muslim Student Association is what makes him a humble leader and representative of the second standard, Character.

"The St. Edward Pre-Med Society and Muslim

Student Association were formed through sustained passion and sacrifices, both on and off campus, by the creative, bright-minded members and fellow leaders who helped me create opportunities and initiate conversations of respect and unity for these two organizations," says Rami. "The Seven Standards of an Edsman focus on the character traits that students develop while at St. Ed's and emphasize individual excellence that contrbutes to the growth of our student body as a whole. Through my leadership roles, I've used the Seven Standards to prioritize the heart of our community and work toward unity through compassion and understanding. In trials and in celebrations, the Seven Standards promote the awareness of our roles as servant leaders in the world and reflect the humble attitude and respectful Character that we all should have as human beings."

As he reflects on how the Seven Standards have developed his identity and personality, Rami acknowledges the impact his Theology teacher, Mr. Chris Merriman has had as one of his role models at St. Edward. "Mr. Merriman's consistent passion and zealous attitude for education, theology and philosophy has inspired me to reasses how I approach knowledge and different ways of thought," says Rami. "His excitement for these topics and the level of respect and understanding he exemplifies inspires me and my fellow students to explore the ideas of God and happiness through humility and respect to find harmony among the world's chaos. His teachings, along with the Seven Standards, are the essential elements to creating strong relationships and connections for the future."

Rami's integrity and passion for helping others are evident through his service leadership, compassion and commitment to living out the Seven Standards through faith and brotherhood. "In my view, Character is the combination of our virtue and vices, our good and bad habits, and it is to be distinguished from personality. Character is the result of the choices we make and our personality is in part given to us to work with," says Mr. Merriman. "Rami's Character is most clearly present in the ways that he has taken on leadership roles over the past four years. This is visible in his roles in the founding of the Pre-Med Society and the Muslim Student Association, but also in groups like Student Ministry and National Honor Society. Rami's leadership is always connected to his kind and gentle personality. I think that these combined are what people think of when they consider Rami's Character."

"It is critical that Edsmen uphold the Seven Standards to develop a more compassionate community. As children of God, we are all called to serve and love one another, but this is only possible when we have the right mindset so we can develop reverence," says Rami. "By living out the Seven Standards of an Edsman, we live up to our name as Edsmen, embracing our Holy Cross Identity, our faith and our duty to accomplish amazing things in this world.

Teon Smith, son of Tracy Green and Teon Smith, will be attending Boston College this fall and plans to major in Finance and Economics. While at St. Ed's, Teon has exhibited leadership as Football Team Captain, Retreat Leader, Get the Edge Camp Counselor and as a leader of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Teon's versatility in extracurricular activities ranges from Diversity Club and the Student Minister Advisory Board to Liturgical Choir and Stage Crew for this past spring's production of "Jekyll & Hyde."

Not only is Teon a well-rounded student athlete after playing for St. Ed's Football, Rugby, Wrestling and Track and Field programs, but he has shown his heart, compassion and servant leadership through his participation in Young Neighbors in Action, St. Ed's Produce Distribution through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Eagles on Foot, and through his community service at St. Malachi, St. Vitus, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Look Up to Cleveland, the Salvation Army and the West Side Catholic Center. As a St. Joseph Scholar, Forward Scholar, and this year's Man of the Year for the Class of 2019, Teon has embraced his four years at St. Edward High School with gratefulness and has exemplified Self-Sacrifice.

"I wouldn't have been able to uphold the standard of Self-Sacrifice if it weren't for my parents and mentors who have pushed me to work hard and who have formed me into the man I am today," says Teon. "They have taught me what it means to sacrifice and give my all in everything I do. In order to achieve my goals and to positively impact the world, I have to make sacrifices, and I can't be self-centered. Through my servant leadership at St. Ed's, I've become humbled by the blessings I've been given and the sacrifices made to get me to where I am today."

Teon further explains how Self-Sacrifice works hand-in-hand with excellence, one of the four Holy Cross pillars. "I've learned that excellence is achieved through discipline and effort. A common saying is that everyone loves the product of excellence, but doesn't necessarily love the process it takes to achieve it. Football has taught me to fully embrace the process of excellence," says Teon. "As a student athlete, I embraced long nights of studying, long hours of practice, the exclusion of social media and other distractions in order to become successful. Ultimately, striving to uphold the Seven Standards and the four Holy Cross pillars allowed me to change myself physically, mentally and spiritually. I feel completely different from the man I was during my freshman year and I have the Seven Standards of an Edsman to thank for that."

"Teon realized early on that an education was the essential key to his success and that hard work and determination were the necessary ingredients to actualize his goal," says Social Studies Faculty Mrs. Suzanne Fairfield. "From the first day he walked in our doors and his presence filled the halls, Teon had a genuine enthusiasm to be an Edsman. He never



# TEON SMITH '19 2019 Man of the Year SELF-SACRIFICE

needed a cue card to recite the Holy Cross charisms; his actions made them come to life."

"All Edsmen should cherish these Seven Standards because they represent the core of who we are and what is expected of us as young men in this world," says Teon. "The Seven Standards guide us to work hard with an unrelentless effort to achieve excellence, to show compassion and respect toward others, to be morally honest and righteous in our actions, to offer an open hand for anyone who needs it, and to welcome all by treating everyone as one."



# CHALLENGE AMERICA: MAKERS FOR VETERANS



# ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERED WITH CHALLENGE AMERICA TO HOST THE CAMVETS MAKE-A-THON, CREATING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND DEVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INJURED VETERANS.

St. Edward High School teamed up with Challenge America, Cleveland Clinic Innovations and the VA Northeast Ohio Health Care System to help launch Challenge America: Makers for Veterans (CAMVETS) on April 25-27 in the Joseph & Helen Lowe Institute for Innovation.

Challenge America, a nonprofit based in Colorado, created CAMVETS to seek innovative solutions for injured veterans with the help of engineering and design professionals. This program matched participating veterans with a designated technical team to create devices that will address their individual challenges and improve their daily lives. By launching the make-a-thon component of the CAMVETS program at St. Ed's, veterans and their teams utilized the work spaces and makerspaces of the Innovation Center to collaboratively ideate and use robust machines, labs and materials to help with any engineering needs.

Co-organized by Computer Science teacher and CAMVETS team member Anthony Mortimer, the CAMVETS Make-a-thon was a collaborative effort with help from St. Edward faculty and staff members including Pre-Engineering Department Chair Matt Falk '98, Pre-Engineering & Mathematics teacher JC Froelich '08, Social Studies teacher Steven Marcus, Vice President of Admission & Strategic Initiatives KC McKenna '00, Vice President of Institutional Advancement Paul Mocho '85 and Film Department Chair and Director of Innovation Nick Kuhar. St. Ed's students and faculty members showed their hospitality by welcoming veterans, professionals and engineers to Cleveland while also participating in the hands-on work that went into designing aid devices that aren't currently available for these veterans.

"My role was to work with the engineers to facilitate use of the school equipment and help with the design and manufacturing of parts for many of the projects. Notably, I helped machine fittings for the hand-relaxing glove and the magnetic phone lanyard," says Mr. Falk.

As a member of an Israeli counter-terrorism unit, Uzi Patziniach's team worked to create a hand-relaxing glove that he could wear to help relieve pain in his hand. Todd Feemster, an Army veteran and bilateral hand amputee, was in need of a device that could assist him with using his phone or computer with ease in the hopes of returning to school to further pursue his education. "I most enjoyed the networking aspect of the whole event.

Getting to talk to the veterans, engineers and designers and learn about their experiences interacting with technology was really interesting," says Mr. Falk.

Another device made at the CAMVETS Makea-thon included a cane prototype that would provide additional support and assistance for Army veteran Chris Carter, who suffers from spinal wounds caused by an improvised explosive device when he was in Afghanistan. As a soon-to-be father, Chris was looking for a device to easily help him get up and down from the floor to play with his newborn baby. Chris' philosophy of simplicity helped inspire his team to design a simplified tripod support that will attach to his cane to help his stability.

The CAMVETS Make-a-thon also created a harness to help Marine veteran James Spurgin, who only has use of his left hand, safely work out in the gym as well as an app to help Army veteran Ginger MacCutcheon cope with her anxiety caused by post-traumatic stress disorder. The app for Ginger can monitor her heart rate using her Apple watch and will send her alerts through a program that will provide soothing quotes or images chosen by her that will help her calm down and stimulate relief when feeling anxious or fearful.

"By contributing to the CAMVETS Make-athon, my fellow Edsmen and I were able to collaborate creatively with a team to find solutions for these veterans in need and connect with professionals to achieve that common goal," says Justin Planovsky '19. "The most enjoyable part of participating in the make-a-thon for me was watching Lee smile as he used his tablet all on his own, showing his wife Robin his new ability."

Lee Tomlin is a quadriplegic veteran who sustained a spinal cord injury and lost all control in his legs, arms, back and neck. Coleman Isner '19, Zach Molseed '19 and Justin worked together on Team Lee to program a tablet so that Lee could access it through verbal command.

"I really enjoyed working with the veterans and engineers on such a valuable project. There is no greater experience than building a relationship with American heroes and seeing the impact you have had on their lives," says Coleman. "Through this experience, I learned that our world is not really designed for those with disabilities. Before this event, we tried to control our own electronic devices with just our voices. The process was infu-

### **TEACHING TO THE FUTURE**

riating - you have nowhere near the versatility required to properly use apps, watch videos or do the many actions we take for granted. Many companies such as Amazon design apps that have control features far more complex than pushing a button. Anything that requires a swipe or other complex actions is a limiting factor and many products are not designed with the disabled in mind. The current trend of development leaves function behind design and strips some of their own autonomy. Projects like the CAMVETS Make-a-thon

make us critically aware of these shortcomings and motivated myself and others to solve these issues. This reminds me of a quote from the 'Labyrinth' Town Hall that was held this week, 'Empathy is a 21st century skill.' This concept was extremely prevalent at the make-a-thon and is something that I will carry with me for the rest of my life."

Challenge America plans to return to St. Ed's Innovation Center this fall to hold another makea-thon and increase the number of veteran participants.



















# COMING FALL 2020

# Marilyn and David Palisin '64 Commons

On June 8, 2019, St. Edward High School broke ground on the \$7 million Marilyn and David '64 Palisin Commons. Pictured left to right: Br. Robert Lavelle, C.S.C. '58, Board Chair Nick Gonnella, Richie Pokrywka '21, John Dedinsky '75, President Jim Kubacki, Campaign Chair Sean Hennessy '75, David Palisin '64, Marilyn Palisin, Carol Rini, Tim McCormick '58 and Mayor Michael Summers.

# ACTING NOW WITH COURAGE

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES A \$1.5 MILLION CHALLENGE GIFT FROM MARILYN AND DAVID PALISIN '64 TO COMPLETE THE COURAGE TO ACT CAMPAIGN AND BUILD THE COMMONS.

On June 8, 2019, St. Edward High School held a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the \$7 million Marilyn and David Palisin '64 Commons. With gold shovels in hand, the Palisins joined President Jim Kubacki and other benefactors to officially break ground on the 15,000-square-foot Palisin Commons, home to a new dining hall and welcoming reception area. "Space matters," said Jim Kubacki, St. Edward President. "This building will serve as a symbol of Holy Cross Hospitality, welcoming all who enter it with warmth, comfort and the company of friends and colleagues."

The campus' newest addition is being named after the Palisins who made the lead gift as part of their Act Now with Courage Challenge. Every new gift to the project since January 2019 is being matched dollar for dollar by the Palisins up to a total of \$1.5 million. Marilyn and David

Palisin were early supporters of The Courage to Act Campaign making a leadership-level gift in 2016. Their love and appreciation for St. Ed's and a desire to help the campaign be successful led to the challenge to build the Palisin Commons.

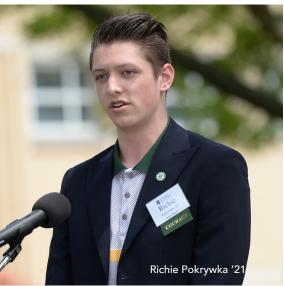
Mr. Palisin told guests at the groundbreaking that St. Ed's helped him to understand how to embrace change: "I grew up in Brooklyn. I had never really left my neighborhood until I came to St. Ed's. The experience opened my eyes to a whole new world. Marilyn and I want to give the same gift to the next generations of students."

The Palisin Commons is part of a larger fundraising initiative that kicked off in September 2016 when St. Edward High School launched The Courage to Act Campaign, a \$22 million initiative, the most ambitious fundraising cam-









paign in school history. Paul Mocho '85, Vice President of Institutional Advancement explains, "The Campaign is focused on three core pillars: Affordability, Innovation, and Hospitality. Affordability represents the need for St. Edward to grow our endowment and increase our ability to make St. Ed's affordable for those young men who desire a Catholic, Holy Cross education. Innovation is exemplified by the new Joseph & Helen Lowe Institute for Innovation.

Opened for the 2018-2019 school year, this 28,000-square-foot space is dedicated to creativity, collaboration, experimentation, design, engineering, prototyping, and launching new ideas. Hospitality is personified in the Palisin Commons, an outward expression of the importance of Holy Cross Hospitality. The new entrance, dining hall, and courtyard are all designed to facilitate the development of genuine

relationships - a charism central to our Holy Cross identity."

The Palisin Commons will be the first new building added to St. Ed's campus in over 10 years. The new main entrance leads to the Diane and John Dedinsky '75 Lobby, a mezzanine level, and access to the Timothy McCormick '58 Plaza where students, faculty, staff and the community can enjoy the outdoors. The Rini Servery will provide new culinary delights for our Edsmen, faculty and staff, highlighted by Piazza, Met Grill, Fusion, Agave and NutriBar stations. In addition to everyday use by our Eagles, the collegiate design to the Palisin Commons will allow for school functions, student banquets and community events.

Construction of the Palisin Commons began mid-June and will welcome Edsmen for the 2020-2021 school year.

# ST. EDWARD NAMES ALUM AS NEW PRINCIPAL

Q&A WITH KC MCKENNA '00, ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL'S NEXT PRINCIPAL

In March, St. Edward High School announced Mr. KC McKenna '00 as its newest principal. Mr. McKenna has served in a variety of leadership roles in admissions, curriculum development, and marketing since 2007, most recently as Vice President of Admission and Strategic Initiatives. Mr. remains my perspective, and I'm excited for the McKenna is leading a community-wide strategic planning process that will further St. Edward High School's success.

In his 12 years working at St. Edward, he has developed student recruitment experiences authentic to our Holy Cross Mission, worked alongside academic leadership to refine academic approaches and co-curricular experiences, and developed programs and platforms that help drive our culture of innovation. Mr. McKenna will begin his role as St. Edward High School's 15th principal this summer on July 1.

### How does it feel to be the next principal of St. Edward High School? What does being St. Ed's principal mean to you as an alumnus?

I'm really honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve St. Ed's as principal. St. Ed's is truly my home. In so many ways, I am who I am because of our community. It was the most important part of my formative years as a student and has been my vocation as an adult. Because our school means so much to me, I'm driven everyday to do the work worthy of such an incredible and impactful institution.

# St. Edward, how does your knowledge of the school's community and culture benefit you in your new position?

I'm confident that the diversity of my professional experience at St. Ed's will give me a strong

head start in having the perspectives needed to help lead an organization as complex as St. Ed's. I've always been genuine in my commitment to wanting to serve the community in whichever role I could contribute to most at the time. That ways in which I can contribute to St. Ed's continued success in my new role.

# How would you describe your leadership style? How will your leadership skills benefit and improve the St. Edward Community?

I am highly collaborative. I count myself so fortunate to work alongside such committed and talented people every day. People are St. Ed's greatest resource, and I am looking forward to the ways in which I can serve our faculty, staff, students, parents and alumni through meaningful collaboration. My most important role as principal is clearing the path to others' successes.

# What are some of your strengths, and how do you think they'll assist you as principal?

I'm always working toward continuous improvement, but I strive to be a strategic thinker and a creative problem solver. I work everyday on being a better listener, asking good questions, and seeking to understand others' perspectives. I truly enjoy my work, and I try to bring a sense of joy and hope to every challenge in front of me.

# What do you think are the key components As a longtime employee with various roles at to ensuring that St. Ed's continues to grow and

I don't think there's ever been a better time to be at St. Ed's. We're fortunate to have such visionary leadership from Jim Kubacki and the Board of Trustees. The commitment of our fac-



ulty, staff, coaches, moderators and volunteers is unparalleled. And most importantly, we get to work on behalf of young men who are motivated to succeed and to serve. Our people are the key to our success.

# What are some of the goals that you hope to accomplish in your new position?

We've just completed a yearlong strategic planning process that yielded an ambitious plan that will continue to drive St. Ed's forward. I'm driven to achieve the goals we've set in that plan, but more importantly than that, my goal is to support our students and parents, and help the educators I'm working alongside grow and succeed.

### Why are you passionate about leading St. Ed's toward its vision for the future?

All great organizations have a clear vision and a confidence they can achieve that vision. Our vision is clear - we are developing young men to have the courage to transform the world. The pathway to that vision is through our foundation in Holy Cross and the values we impart, exceptional college preparation, and a commitment to innovation and teaching to the future. The drive to be the best school in the world at the intersection of those three areas excites and energizes me. I know we will get there!

# What are you most looking forward to in your first year serving St. Edward High School as its principal?

St. Éd's will celebrate its 70th anniversary in September. I'm most looking forward to the ways in which I can contribute to the vision of the original Brothers of Holy Cross who founded our school, while at the same time helping to prepare the young men of the 21st century to seek to have that same type of impact. I want St. Ed's to be the best possible place to learn, work and serve.

# WINGS BY THE NUMBERS

Holy Cross Mission brings the St. Edward Community together to celebrate the event of the year!

4

St. Ed's pillars that help shape our Edsmen each day: Faith, Excellence, Relationships and Servant Leadership.

6

Members of The Wings 2019 Krewe (our Event Chairs) who led St. Ed's to another successful year: Dede & Dan Geib '76, Amy & Kurt McMaken, and Molly & Mike Schroeder

# 6 (AGAIN)

Humble Heroes and Edsmen who were featured in a video presented at Wings 2019: Cam Carandang '19, Rami Moussa '19, Emerson Gray '21, Rosario Riggs '19, Michael Kane '21 and Andre Holland '19.

8

Faculty and Staff Members learned a valuable lesson from President Jim Kubacki in the hilarious "Earn Your Beads" movie.

# 170

Parents and Alumni who volunteered thousands of hours in various ways to help make Wings 2019 a success.

200

Amazing Edsmen who volunteered as Valets, Greeters, Bid Helpers, Servers, and of course, tossed beads at our guests.

**625** 

Party on Bourbon Street guests who bid generously and let the good times roll at Wings 2019!

938

Edsmen who will benefit from the generosity demonstrated during Wings 2019.

\$15,600

Dollars raised through our (3) 52 Card Raffles.

\$144,000

Dollars raised through the Fund-A-Need effort during the Live Auction.

\$302,500

Generous support from our Event and Table Sponsors! This is a record amount raised from this amazing group of St. Edward Supporters!

\$625,000+

More than \$625,000 raised in total NET dollars for our Edsmen!



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