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Celebrating Graduate Scholars

The 2017 **Townsend Scholarship** was awarded to Holy Rosary graduates Cheyann Boyd and Daniela Suarez, who will both attend Episcopal next year; and Ashley Thompkins from St. Pius who is headed to Bolles. The award is presented each year to high-achieving eighth graders and provides them with increased opportunities for mentoring and a four-year scholarship. Cheyann and Daniela also received the **Sisters of Notre Dame Distinguished Graduate Award**, which recognizes graduates as being outstanding witnesses to Notre Dame education.

Holy Rosary's Patrick Hernandez and St. Pius V's Audrianna Tobey were this year's recipients of the **Bishop John J. Snyder Peace in Christ Award**. The accolade is given to graduating students who demonstrate the love of God by consistently exhibiting those virtues modeled by Bishop Snyder, such as humility, community service, and church involvement. Audrianna was also awarded the **Patricia Tierney Scholarship**, an award established by the University of Notre Dame in recognition of Pat Tierney's exceptional leadership of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of St. Augustine and for her many contributions to the Alliance for Catholic Education program.

Audrianna Tobey and St. Pius graduate Ayver Graham received book scholarships from **The Josephine K. Moman Memorial Educational Fund**, which awards aspiring Bishop Kenny and Bishop Snyder students every year. The fund was established in memory of Mrs. Moman, a long-time member of St. Pius V Church and passionate teacher interested in the education of young people.

St. Pius graduate Miles Cameron was privileged to receive the **Carla Harris Award** from Ms. Harris herself, who created an endowment for scholarships to Bishop Kenny High School for African American students.



Sue Goebertus presents awards to 2017 Townsend Scholars Cheyann Boyd and Daniela Suarez



Carla Harris presents the Carla Harris Award to Miles Cameron

Congratulations to Our 2017 Graduates

Holy Rosary Class of 2017

Enya Badger	J'Niyah K. McGhee
CheyAnn Nicole Boyd	Mikih McGhee
Iyana Patrice Brown	Jonathan Pantaleon
Raesean D. Cummings	I'jon Richardson
Kayla Deas	Crystinee' LaKoya Sims
Patrick Willie Hernandez	Daniela Suarez
Khadija Jewel Jones	

St. Pius V Class of 2017

Kevin Bradley	Lawrence Whitfield
Miles Cameron	Jonathan Simmons
Davin Coleman	Lance Singleton
Asia Daniels	Matthew Speights-Daniel
Cha'Miyah Ervin	Dimetrya Stanfield
Ayver Graham	Ashley Thompkins
Carley Harden	Audrianna Tobey
Trayvon Montfort	

The mission of the Guardian Catholic Schools is to participate in God's work by providing advocacy, resources and governance to St. Pius V and Holy Rosary Catholic Schools. These resources enable the schools to provide educational and spiritual opportunities to children and families regardless of financial situation or religious preference.

A Message From the Executive Director of Advancement

The summer is always a great time to look back on the successes of the past year as well as look forward to the exciting new opportunities in the year ahead. This past year, total enrollment at Holy Rosary and St. Pius increased by 20 percent, and the Guardian was able to provide scholarship assistance to all 420 students. I am thrilled to report that of the 24 students who graduated from our eighth grades in 2013, 96% have graduated high school this year and are enrolled in higher education.

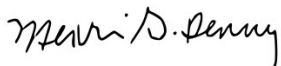


Workers paint the façade of the new Guardian Catholic School entrance

This summer we are continuing the United Way of Northeast Florida's *Success by 6* program, which provides year-round early learning scholarships for qualifying 3- to 4-year-olds. Enrollment in this program has increased from 11 students last year to 30 this year!

Meanwhile, we are busy preparing for the opening of the new Guardian Catholic School for the 2017-18 academic year. This new facility will increase our enrollment capacity to 500 students, enabling us to provide a quality education and safe environment for more children. I hope that you will join us and Bishop Felipe Estévez on October 30th at 10am as we celebrate a very special mass, blessing, and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new school. I would also like to invite you to join me for a school tour this fall so that you can witness firsthand the amazing blessings made possible by our many loyal donors. Email Danesha Burrows at danesha@guardiancatholicschools.org or call the Guardian office at (904) 765-1920 to schedule a tour.

As we continue to serve our students and their families in Jacksonville's Northside, we recognize that without your support, our students would not be able to achieve their many accomplishments. Thank you for continuing to join us in protecting our students' potential!



Mervin G. Denny



Left to right: Mervin Denny, Capital Campaign Chairman Ron Townsend, Capital Campaign Honorary Chair Bob Shircliff

13th Annual Golf Classic



The Guardian Catholic Schools' 13th Annual Golf Classic, held on March 6th at Deerwood Country Club, was a huge success thanks to our sponsors, participants and volunteers. The Guardian extends deep felt gratitude to this year's Title Sponsor, Merrill Lynch; Honorary Chair, Josh Scobee; and Tournament Chair, Steve Foody. Together, we were able to raise \$150,000 for scholarships for students at Holy Rosary and St. Pius. Thank You!

This year's tournament had a great turnout, with 100 golfers and 8 local celebrities playing. Prizes were awarded to the winning foursomes during an evening reception

open to participants and the public. The reception featured a silent auction and was emceed by "First Coast Living" co-host Curtis Dvorak. Light hors d'oeuvres and cocktails were served as attendees listened to St. Pius alumna Skye Barber, a JSO police officer and soon-to-be lieutenant, about the critical role the Guardian has played in her career and life.



Student ambassadors from Holy Rosary and St. Pius greeted golfers during registration



Top: Skye Barber, St. Pius V alumna and current JSO officer. Above: Jacksonville Jaguars defensive tackle Sen'Derrick Marks (center) was one of the celebrity participants at this year's tournament

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14th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

MARCH 12, 2018

DEERWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Continuing a Legacy of Faithful Service



The final graduations of our schools last month were a testimony to their rich legacies. Fr. Glenn Parker, CSSR, former Holy Rosary pastor, healing minister and international speaker was the guest speaker at Holy Rosary's graduation. Carla Harris, St. Pius alumna, investment banker, writer and Gospel singer, spoke at St. Pius' graduation. Both dynamic speakers were inspirational and offered the same wise counsel to the Classes of 2017 to carry with them into the future: "It's not about who you are, but *Whose* you are."

Momentum continues to grow this summer as building crews are hard at work on our new school facilities. Construction is on schedule to be completed in time for the 2017-18 school year. When the new Guardian Catholic School opens its doors this August, it will continue the heritage of St. Pius V and Holy Rosary Catholic Schools. Guardian Catholic, while manifesting a significant moment in the history of these schools, will preserve and extend their 95-year legacy of service to the Northside community.

I am excited to be collaborating with Sister Cynthia Shaffer, SND and Therese Jackson, Guardian Catholic's two principals for the 2017-18 school year. From integration of Christian values, to professional development, to motivating students, to daily guidance on every aspect of school life, these leaders make a difference. We are committed to the same educational excellence that has always been our hallmark. We also look forward to building on that foundation through the added opportunities our new school will provide: introduction of a STEM focus in Pre-K and kindergarten; expansion of our middle school LEGO-Robotics teams; music, art and Spanish classes; and a new partnership with Champions for our After School Care program.

I am personally grateful to the Guardian community of donors, administrators, faculty, staff and parents whose combined efforts continue to make a difference in the lives of our children. Join me in praising God for our many blessings!

Sister Dianne Rumschlag, SND

Sr. Dianne Rumschlag, SND, PhD
Head of School

Safety Around Water



With funding provided by the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville, the Winston Family YMCA provided the "Safety Around Water" program to children in the after school program at St. Pius and Holy Rosary last fall. The program consisted of eight 30-minute sessions designed to

train children who are within 6-10 feet of the wall to get themselves to safety and out of the water.

The new "Safety Around Water" initiative launched in 2015 with a focus on teaching water safety skills as an initial step in the process of reducing the risk of drowning. The curriculum focuses on behaviors proven to successfully manage oneself in the water, such as kick off the bottom, flip and float on back, and use of arms and legs to reach the wall. One hundred percent of children made progress in five of the six skills taught, with 96% making progress in all six skills.



STARBASE

During April, the 5th grade classes at Holy Rosary and St. Pius had the opportunity to attend the U.S. Department of Defense's nationally-acclaimed STARBASE program at the Florida Air National Guard base. STARBASE is a week-long educational program led by military volunteers that immerses youth in an engaging Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) curriculum. The program is designed to motivate students to explore STEM through its "hands-on, mind-on" experiential activities.



In addition to classroom lectures and tours of the air base, the students engaged in computer-engineered projects and experiments focused on the application of scientific principles to real world situations. Using an Auto Computer Design (CAD) application, they were able to design rockets, robots and aircraft, as well as experiment with a flight simulator that allowed them to "fly" different aircraft over various types of terrain.





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