



January 2024

## Message from the *Alumni Council*

Dear Alumni,

We hope that you have been enjoying the monthly newsletter. We want it to help you feel more connected to your alma mater by sharing news about current student life while also bringing back fond memories of your time here and the friendships forged on this campus. We created this newsletter to support and further the mission of St. Martin's and to strengthen the relationship the school continues to have with its alumni near and far.

Our newsletter is just one way that the Alumni Council works to keep you connected to StM. This spring, we are also working with the school to coordinate traditional alumni events like the Easter Egg Hunt and the Alumni Spirits Party. We are here to help you strengthen your bond with St. Martin's. We encourage you to connect with your class agents, visit campus, schedule a meeting with our head of school Whitney Drennan '94, or attend your class reunion if you are celebrating a milestone year.

We are also looking for alumni who are willing to connect with current students through St. Martin's career exploration program. The school has several events for Upper School students this semester, including Freshman Shadow Day, Career Day, and the Senior Internship Program. These experiences allow students to learn more about particular fields that interest them, and see firsthand how the skills they are learning relate to the world of work. If you are interested in hosting a current St. Martin's freshman to shadow you at your workplace for the day, mentoring a senior during our two-week internship program, or speaking to our juniors and seniors on Career Day, **please contact the Alumni office** to learn more.

Lastly, we have included a survey at the bottom of this email, asking for your feedback about the content of this newsletter. Please let us know how we can continue to improve and further strengthen the bond you share with your dear St. Martin's.

Your Alumni Board Executive Committee,

Mitchell White '05, President

## *Saints Making Headlines*



### **StM Junior Harlem Berry - the Nation's Top Running Back - Announces Commitment to LSU**

StM junior Harlem Berry (No. 16 overall in 2025 ESPN 300), the top running back in the 2025 cycle, committed to the Tigers while at the Under Armour All-America Game in Orlando. Back home on campus in the foyer of the Adkerson Gymnasium, surrounded by school trophies in the Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame, Berry discussed his commitment to LSU with local media.

[Watch the Video](#)

### **Class of 2029 Raises Money to Support the New Orleans Mission**

Each year, the seventh grade hosts a fundraiser to support the St. Martin's Day charitable organization. During the holidays, students created and sold StM-themed ornaments to raise more than \$500 to benefit the New Orleans Mission, with whom the school also partnered for our Coat Drive last fall. The seventh grade presented a check to New Orleans Mission staff members Deonne Beard and Brandi Galatas earlier this month.



### **Two Saints Earn All-Metro Honors**

Congratulations to senior Manny Bejaran and junior Harlem Berry on their All-Metro honors! Harlem was named All-Metro offensive player of the year, and Manny earned an All-Metro defense nod.

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*All-Metro Honorees*

MANNY BEJARAN AND HARLEM BERRY

**StM Bowling is back!**

The co-ed, Upper School team is led by head coach Jessica Cwik. Ms. Cwik previously served as the assistant coach for the Tulane University women's bowling team for eight years. Go Saints!



*Alumni Spotlight - Allison Johnston DeViney '92*





- *Attended 6th - 12th grade*
- *Daughter of Dr. William Johnston, Jr. '63*
- *Niece of Bruce Johnston '67*
- *Sister of William "Guy" Johnston '96*
- *Parent of Garrett '23 and Mac '27*
- *Saints Community Organization (SCO) President*
- *Krewe of Argus, Executive Director*

***What aspect of your time as a student do you carry with you the most today?*** Overall, I think I most benefited from the values that I learned on this campus. I became an independent thinker and was taught to be practical. I gained a real understanding of the importance of giving back to your community, and the importance of remembering your faith, and doing what's right.

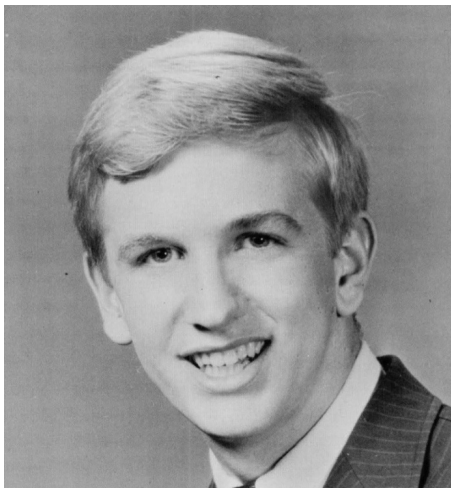
***Talk a little about the bond you share with your children, as you watch them experience some of the same traditions you enjoyed here.***

As alumni, my son and I are in a group together, which is bizarre and wonderful! We speak a common language. Last spring, I had the joy of sitting in his Senior Chapel. I couldn't believe it! I could so vividly remember my own, it was such a full circle moment.

Read More

## **NEW! Alumni Achievements**

Each month, we will highlight a few alumni stories of growth, service, and success. We invite you to share your career triumphs and milestones with us so that we can share them with the community here and on our social media channels. Tag us on **Instagram** and **Facebook**, or email [alumni@stmsaints.com](mailto:alumni@stmsaints.com) to submit your news. **#AlwaysASaint**



Martin de Tours recipient **Don Marshall '68** was honored with the 2023 Best of the Beat Lifetime Achievement Award in Music Business by Offbeat Magazine for his leadership role with the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation.



**Peterson Harter '03's** San Francisco restaurant Sandy's Muffulettas was named to the *San Francisco Chronicle's* list of Top 15 New Restaurants of 2023 in the Bay Area.



**Gary Solomon, Jr. '04** was sworn in as the Chair of the Board of Regents, which is the state's leading force for talent development through quality, affordable post-secondary education.

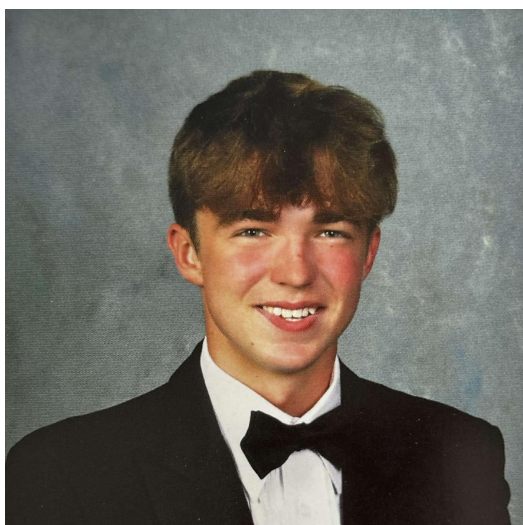


**Danyael Hughes Graham '05** was honored by The Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area Association as Public Educator of the Year.





**Alexandra Kern '14** directed a short film, *Wild Magnolias*, about Mardi Gras Indians. The film is currently on its festival circuit, and has been screened at Oscar-qualifying festivals.



**Bryce Bohannon '22** was awarded The National Association of Secretaries of State John Lewis Youth Leadership Award by Louisiana Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin.

## Call for *Nominations*

Each year, the school honors special community members with awards that acknowledge their vast achievements. The **Dorothy Porter Service Award**, named for the late Mrs. Porter to recognize her commitment to St. Martin's, is presented to an exemplary St. Martin's citizen who has consistently served the school with time, talent, and treasure.

The **Martin de Tours Award** is named for the patron saint of our school and is given each year to one outstanding alumnus who represents the motto, philosophy, and mission of St. Martin's – faith, scholarship, and service.

If you are aware of someone who deserves either of these honors, please submit nominations by March 1 for consideration. You can find all award information, past

recipients, and nomination forms [here](#).

[Submit Nominations](#)

## Upcoming Events



Grab your linen dresses and fedoras, because we're heading to Havana for our annual St. Martin's Gala! As you know, StM is blessed to have two very active school libraries, and this year's "Havana Nights" Gala will support renovations and improvements in both libraries. Join us on the Alumni Lawn of the Van Slate House for a memorable evening, including a silent and live auction, benefitting your alma mater.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Even if you can't make the event, you can still make an impact! We are collecting items for our silent and live auctions. This can be a great way to promote your business to the greater StM community while also supporting the school. Please consider the following categories when donating items:

Business Services  
Arts & Antiques  
Trips & Experiences

Health & Beauty Services  
Restaurant & Retail  
Fine Jewelry

[Donate Items](#)

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ST. MARTIN'S

# *Alumni* Easter Egg *Hunt*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Egg Hunt begins promptly at 10:30 AM

Alumni Lawn at the Van Slate House



**Hop on Over to StM for the Alumni Easter Egg Hunt!**

We'll have pictures with the Easter Bunny, courtesy of Wally Porter '76, plus crafts, face painting, and of course the egg hunt, which will begin promptly at 10:30. Don't forget to bring your own basket!

RSVP

## **Save the Date for Alumni Spirits Weekend**

**Friday, May 10 - Saturday, May 11, 2024**

Alumni Chapel • Class Reunion events • Alumni Parent Playdate • Alumni Crawfish Boil • Dorothy Porter Service Award presentation. ***More information to come!***

## ***Summer at St. Martin's***

St. Martin's offers a summer day camp (ages 4 – 11), George Cottage Camp (ages 1 – 4), Theater Camp (rising 3rd – 9th grades), AND several enrichment and athletic camps (rising 3rd – 8th grades).

**Registration opens Thursday, February 1, 2024.**

What to expect when you experience summer at StM:

- Engaging and age-appropriate activities for all interests.
- Experienced and passionate





- instructors and coaches.
- A safe and inclusive environment that fosters personal growth.
  - Opportunities to make new friends and lasting memories.

[Learn More](#)

Session I: June 3 - June 14  
Session II: June 17 - June 28  
(Holiday: June 19)  
Session III: July 8 - 19  
Session IV: July 22 - August 2  
Hours: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

## Treasured Traditions

*What are some of your favorite memories from your time at St. Martin's?  
Email our Alumni Office to share your memories and photos!*

### The PK & K Mardi Gras Parade





1990



1990

1992



2002





1992



Walker Saik throws to an anxious group of Lower School boys.

1990



2006



2006

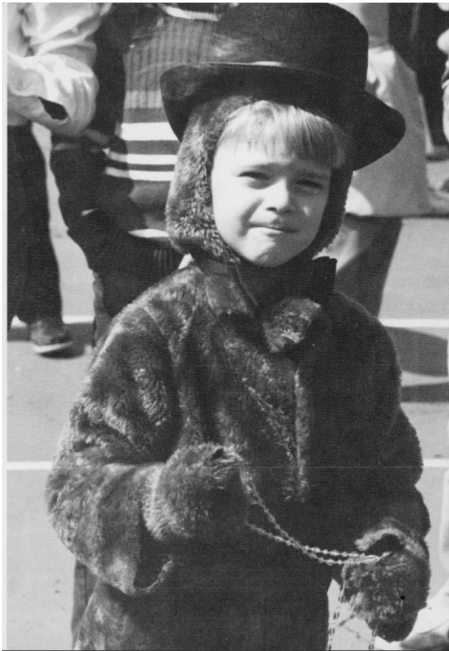




2011



2008



1984



2010



## Alumni News Three-Minute Survey

We want your feedback! Let us know what you think about our monthly alumni newsletter by **taking a quick, five-question survey**. It should take three minutes or less to complete and your feedback can help us improve the way we keep in touch with our Scattered Saints. Thank you!

[Provide Feedback](#)

*Alumni Resources*

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*update your*  
**CONTACT INFO**  
*with us*

- Contribute to our Scattered Saints section in [The Bell](#).
- Please submit your nominations for our [Alumni and Community Awards](#).
- Can't get to campus? [View photos from StM events on our Flickr site](#)

*“Long live our dear  
St. Martin’s that we  
cherish and we love.”*

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