



### Principal's Message *by Sue Moench, Class of '72*

Thursday evening, 25th June, marked a very auspicious occasion, the graduation, of our Grade 12 class. The last day of school for the thirty seniors began with a special Graduation Mass, during which they processed into St. Theresa's Cathedral to Pomp and Circumstance.

The Most Rev. Bishop Kurtz presided over the Mass, which was also celebrated with our parish priests. Following Mass, seniors distributed roses to family, friends, teachers, and staff to thank them for their love and support.

That evening, at 7:00 pm, the official graduation took place in St. Theresa's Cathedral, where many were thankful for the spacious air-conditioned setting. Alyssa Cardoso, Salutatorian for the Class of 2015, addressed all in attendance, while Choy Aming, Class of '93, addressed the graduates with sage advice about embarking on the next chapter of life. Sage Outerbridge bid her classmates an endearing farewell.

We wish our newest alumni all the success in the world, and encourage them to always remember the words so aptly chosen for their class banner, Nil Sine Deo; Nothing Without God.



## Chairman's Report *by William C. DeSilva, Jr. FCPA, FCMA, Class of '79*

On Thursday, 25 June, I attended our 2015 Commencement Exercises. The atmosphere in St Theresa's Cathedral was truly celebratory; in addition to our graduates wearing traditional caps and gowns, some wore smiles, while others wore tears of joy. High-school graduation typically marks the end of foundational learning. As the newest "Alumni Saints" transition into the next chapter of their lives, they carry values, knowledge, and faith which have been instilled in them by our educators and their parents, grand-parents, guardians and family. They also carry friendships which they have nurtured during their "school days," and continue to cherish. The key-note speaker was none other than our 1993 Salutatorian, Choy Aming. Choy shared his own life's journey post-MSA (which has been extremely unique) with our graduates. His remarks were inspirational, insightful, and encouraging. I want to also commend Sage Outerbridge, our 2015 Valedictorian, and Alyssa Cardoso, our 2015 Salutatorian, for their respective addresses at Commencement.

I am pleased to share with you that earlier this year, the Minister of Education for Alberta and I signed the Annual Accreditation Agreement renewing MSA's accredited status for another year, based on Alberta Education's evaluation which was carried out in 2014. It is important to note that MSA continues to be a standard-setter for Alberta International accredited schools, based on the feedback we receive directly from Alberta Education. The most recent evaluation which took place during the last week of April 2015, revealed preliminarily that our school continues to build upon its solid accreditation standing. The full report is expected in late August, and I anticipate the Board will share the important themes and comments with all stakeholders later this autumn.

Our Board had the good fortune of welcoming Dr. Matthew Arnold into our ranks in February. Matthew has worked for the Bermuda Hospitals Board since 2010, and at KEMH since 1987. Along with his wife Liz, they are the proud parents of two MSA alumnae – Katie 2002, and Nicola 2004. Matthew is committed to enhancing Catholic education in Bermuda, and has served in many capacities in both his Parish and the Diocese, ranging from Pastoral Council to Stewardship and Liturgy Committees. We look forward to his contributions during the coming years.

Whilst on the topic of contributions to the Board, there isn't sufficient space in my brief remarks to adequately capture the many contributions Bishop Kurtz has made, and thank him for his tireless support and steadfast leadership of Catholic education in Bermuda. We have been blessed to have had such a dynamic, committed, spiritual leader for our school and Diocese over the last twenty years. I look forward to working with the Board to develop a commemorative dinner in his honor once school resumes in September; it is my hope that our gratitude will be on full display that evening so that he knows how much he has touched and inspired our lives.

Finally, I want to congratulate our Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students for collaboratively achieving many successes during the 2014-15 school year. Our students excelled in academic, sporting, community, and faith-based events and activities. I wish all of you a safe, peaceful, and rejuvenating summer, and will continue to keep the entire MSA family in my prayers, as I hope you will.

"Nil Sine Deo"

William C. DeSilva, Jr. FCPA, FCMA – Class of 1979

### EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM EXCITEMENT

MSA's Early Learning Program (ELP) for four year olds had its first ever parent-orientation on Wednesday, May 20th. The program is open to 20 students and there are a few spots still available.

The ELP will operate from September to June in tandem with the normal school year

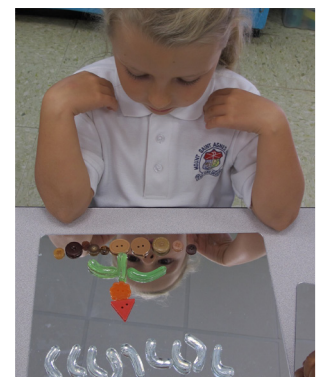


and tuition is \$12,500. A one-time \$500 incentive bursary is being awarded to practicing Catholic students upon written request being provided to Bishop Robert Kurtz.

If interested for next year, please email Margaret DiGiacomo at [mdigiacomo@msa.bm](mailto:mdigiacomo@msa.bm) for more details.

### KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Twenty-seven new students were introduced into the MSA Family on Wednesday, May 8th, at Kindergarten Orientation. We were excited to meet the new families and look forward to welcoming them fully into our school this September!





HIGHLIGHTS

# 125 YEARS



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT & TABLEAU

The 2014 Christmas Concert & Tableau was a memorable event, for both those who attended and participated. The concert, written by our very own, Mrs. Mary Moulder, was hilarious, which was well-balanced only by the reverence of the Tableau. A special alumni "Glee Club" was assembled to assist, which was comprised of alumni from the 60s up until 2009!

## SISTERS OF CHARITY CELEBRATE 125 YEARS IN BERMUDA

A Mass in celebration of the 125 Years of the continued presence of the Sisters of Charity here in Bermuda was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church at the 11am Mass Sunday on February 15. Following Mass there was a reception in the Church Hall, where the Sisters celebrated with those whom they have taught or influenced in some way.

## 125TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

The 125th Anniversary Gala lived up to the occasion as faculty, staff, parents, alumni and friends descended onto the Lido Café for an evening of fulfilling conversation and dancing. Over 160 guests attended the event, which made for an exciting silent auction as people frequently excused themselves from their table to check on their bids. A huge thank-you to the organizing committee of Juanita Blee, Elaine Kelly, Corinne Frith, Joanne Chisnall, Michelle Cardoso, Rebecca Madeiros, Jackie Rodill, Angela Smyth, and Lisa Stevens for making the event a night to remember!



## MASS AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION REKINDLES SENSE OF BELONGING by Matthew Sinclair, '08

Tuesday, March 3rd was a special day for Mount Saint Agnes Academy. Not simply for the impressive fact that it marked the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the school by the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. No, there was a warm feeling, rarely discernible, hardly describable, that permeated the school grounds and touched everyone's interactions that day.

As an alumnus whose family has attended the school for 75 continuous years, I know the feeling well, and I've experienced it on other occasions at high-energy Spirit days, the beloved Ring Ceremony Mass, and MSA's Pomp and Circumstance Graduation Ceremonies.

The feeling from that day has resonated with me for some time now, and one of the best descriptions I can provide is that there was an intense sense of community and belonging.

It was the Mass at 10:30 am, however, that nearly brought me to tears as I was overcome with emotion. Perhaps it was the awe-inspiring sight of Sisters Judith and Dolores carrying down the aisle a statue of St. Joseph, which was brought over on the Sisters of Charity's maiden voyage to Bermuda in the winter of 1890, or the incredible attendance of Alumni.

An explanation escapes me at this time, but what I can state with certainty is that I felt gratitude for a broader community of parents, alumni, priests, and Christians, who make it possible for each student who passes through MSA's halls to feel a sense of belonging to something greater than his or herself.

Tuesday was a powerful reminder of this Mount Saint Agnes Academy community that can appropriately be called a family, or as Father Paul so eloquently explained, "Alma Mater, nourishing mother."

Indeed, MSA has been a nourishing mother for thousands of alumni since 1890 and will continue this mission for thousands more.



# MSA HAPPENINGS

## KINDERGARTEN 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

On February 25th, Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of school by spending time with our graduating seniors. The seniors spent some of their afternoon playing with the Kindergarten students out on the field and playground, which was followed by story time. Moments like this highlight the benefit of an integrated community of learners who benefit from interacting with students from various grades.

## PASTOR'S DAY

February 5th was Pastor's Day at MSA. It was a unique, almost rare, occasion to have five priests from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton present on school grounds. For Fr. Joseph Morley, it was a surreal return to his alma mater over 35 years since graduating.

After a full day of classroom visitations, a tour of the facilities, and lunch with the faculty and staff, the priests' visit concluded in a spirit-filled, school-wide, praise and worship celebration led by parent, Chris Oliveira.

## SCIENCE OLYMPICS

MSA hosted the third Annual Science Olympics on Saturday, February 28th. Public and private elementary and middle schools from across the Island participated. Congratulations to our Middle School team who placed 1st!

## HEALTHY LUNCHBOX COMPETITION



Pumpkin seeds, chickpeas, salmon, and strawberries were a few items from a smorgasbord of foods on display, as twenty-three fourth grade students competed in the Well Bermuda Nutrition School Lunch Challenge.

Five judges, including MSA staff and volunteers, interviewed each student and scored the participants in five categories: nutrition explanation, visual appeal, number of food groups represented, original use of vegetables, and environmental sustainability.

Tyler Furtado won the competition, while Cadence Grayston and Drake Kucharik earned second and third respectively with their healthy lunch creations.

Lucien Penacho, Jake Roberts, and Megan Soares received honorable mentions for their outstanding displays and explanations.

## MINI-AG SHOW

MSA hosted its own Mini Ag Show (MAG) in lieu of the official Bermuda Exhibition. It was a fantastic event with a display of live animals, plants, baked goods, recycled critters, hats, kites and art work! The Bermuda Police Service with K-9 unit were even in attendance for some fun activities on the field.

## ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE



## JUMP 2B FIT

On March 5th and 6th 2015, our elementary and middle school students took part in the 4th Annual Jump 2B Fit Workshop sponsored by Bermuda Heart Foundation. Students spent a day being taught jump rope skills and tricks by the US visiting team, the Comet Skippers.



## WILL2WIN MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Set your feet. Aim high. Follow-through. Every single day. (Also known as the SAFE method). That was the message of Will Njoku, former NBA professional and Canadian national team basketball player turned motivational speaker.

Will, a former teammate of our Physical Education teacher, Mr. Dustin Ferris, spent three energy-charged days at MSA, delivering motivational speeches to the entire school.

Discussing how he suffered with depression, but was able to persevere using the SAFE method, Will stunned the students with his uncanny sense of humor and perception into the human condition. "It was less about telling kids how to achieve success by following a strict map and more about giving them the tools to chart their own path to success," said Mr. Ferris.

## MARGARET CARTER CENTER

The MSA Junior Choir was invited to attend and perform at the naming of the

Margaret Carter Centre. She was a student at MSA. Margaret Carter lived her life in a wheel chair and MSA was the only school that would accept her in 1944. She was

an activist, writer, and advocate for the disabled. Our students did a great job entertaining the audience!

## MSA MESSENGER DELIVERS

The MSA Messenger was published on Wednesday, May 8th, as the first supplement of the National School Salute. Each of the eight secondary schools were given the opportunity to give the public a unique insight into its school and history. To celebrate the event, some of our students joined Johnny Barnes on East Broadway roundabout!

If you missed the supplement, but would like an electronic version, please email the





Development Office at [development@msa.bm](mailto:development@msa.bm).

### GOING FOR THE GOLD

Good luck to Luke Pimental, Shannon Mahoney and Riley Ricketts who will be completing their Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition in Germany this summer!

The following students are on their way to chase the Gold Award after having completed their Silver Award expedition:

Michelle Araujo, Tahnaesha Astwood, Kristen Bean, Leticia Ferreira, Krystal Hodsoll, and Kenyari Ingham.

The following students are just beginning their journey after having completed their

Bronze Expedition this year: Miranda Araujo, Hannah Blee, Noah Brady-Soares, Kennedy Cordeiro, Sabrina DaSilva, Selena DaSilva, Alexa DeSilva, Rodrigo Jara Lira, Cassidy Johnson, Indya Lewis, Kristofer Lewis, Kayla Mahoney, Kamryn Martins, Colin McCue, Nola Mingledorff, Chiara Pesci, Riley Rego, Tristan Rocha,

MacKenzie Ricketts, Emily Sinclair, and Colin Zuill.

Special thanks to Mrs. Charlene White who has played an integral role in allowing our students to participate in the Awards Scheme and excel!



# CONGRATULATIONS

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS TRIPLE CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP

The MSA Middle School boys have taken a treble victory, winning championships in volleyball, tag rugby, and basketball. Many of the same students play for all three teams and have reaped the rewards of hard work, discipline, team commitment and sportsmanship. We are very proud of our student athletes' accomplishments and the dedication of our coaching staff.

## OUTSTANDING TEEN AWARDS

Congratulations to three of our students who were nominated for the Outstanding Teen Awards, which took place on Saturday, March 14th. Seniors Keira Whited, Ain Shawki, and Evin Mosley were nominated in the categories of Academics, Perseverance and Community Service and Sports, respectively. A very special congratulations to Evin, who was the Outstanding Teen in his category of Community Service. It was a fantastic evening and our students represented MSA very well.

## VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT EXCELS

MSA students have represented themselves very well in the arts community recently. This year, we had three students place in the Bermuda National Gallery "Water is Me" competition. Michelle Araujo placed first, while Jennifer Rego Souza and Hunter Squire placed second and third respectively. Furthermore, five of our students have been selected out of thirteen Island-wide to participate in Master Art Classes through the Masterworks Foundation, while Victoria Medeiros, Jasmine Simons, and Justice MacDonald Marsh placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for the People's Choice Awards at the BSoA Bermuda Schools Art Show.

## POETS AND THEY KNOW IT

Congratulations to Corey Simas and Shannon Wade who represented MSA at the celebration of the 120th Anniversary of Dr. E.F. Gordon's birth at City Hall. They recited a poem they had written about Dr. E.F. Gordon and received a standing ovation from the crowd!

## 2015 BELCO BIRD KITE SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

Taryn Cundliffe - Best Safety Message for Kindergarten  
Ben Wells - Best Safety Message for Grade 1  
Taya Rodrigues - Most Beautiful for Grade 1

## GOLDEN SEASON FOR MSA VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Middle School Boys, Middle School Girls, and High School Girls who each won the Gold Medal in their season championship tournaments! After an impressive, unbeaten season, the High School Boys were, unfortunately, unable to capture the championship title. Many thanks to all of our supporters, both fans and coaches!

Special congratulations to High School players Evin Mosley, Corey Simas, and Matthew Amaral who represented the Blue Team All-Stars. Their team won the championship and Corey Simas received MVP for the tournament!

## ELEMENTARY GIRLS IMPRESS

Three MSA teams competed in the BSSF Tag Rugby Tournament this year, with our girls' team winning second in the tournament. The Grade 5 girls were Mya Almeida, Ashley Horseman, Sadie Leighton, Tasia Smith, Kolby Martins, Megan Hands, Taylor Rego and Kyra Kucharik.

# GRADUATION AWARDS

**The Nicholl Shield** - Valedictorian: Sage Outerbridge  
**The Most Reverend Bishop Murphy Shield** - Salutatorian: Alyssa Cardoso  
**General Excellence for 2014-2015:** Sandrine Hébert Pelletier  
**The Robert Gullon Memorial Shield for Heart:** Evin Mosley  
**The Reverend Deacon Edward Outerbridge Shield:** Sean Peniston  
**The Jeffrey Castro Shield:** Makai Joell  
**The Home and School Association Award for Outstanding School Spirit:** Evin Mosley  
**Mount Saint Agnes Academy Incentive Award:** Claudia Camara  
**The Bentley-Doyle Award for Excellence & Commitment to Sports:** Evin Mosley & Matthew Amaral  
**The Paul Leslie Smith Basketball Shield:** Sage Outerbridge  
**For Outstanding Leadership:** Evin Mosley  
**The Gail McCallum Kneisler Angel on Earth Award:** Sean Peniston  
**The Rollo Sullivan Award:** Evin Mosley  
**Outstanding service to their parish church:** Sage Outerbridge - Heritage Worship Centre.  
**The Unsung Hero Shield:** Brandon Lopes  
**The Principals' Achievement Award for Perseverance:** Dylan Maceta  
**The BELCO Math Achievement Award:** Alyssa Cardoso  
**The PriceWaterhouseCoopers Bermuda Headstart Award of Excellence:** Keira Whited  
**The Chartered Professional Accountants of Bermuda Award:** Sage Outerbridge  
**The Ernst & Young Values Award:** James Amaral  
**The Deloitte High School Student Award:** Evin Mosley  
**The HSBC Recruit Extraordinary People Program Award:** Sage Outerbridge

In September our students will be furthering their studies at the following academic institutions:

Aston University, The University of Redding and Oxford-Brookes University in the UK, University of New Hampshire, King's University College at Western University, Niagara College, St. Francis Xavier University, Dalhousie University, Queen's University, Barry University, Cape Breton University, Concordia University, Class Afloat, Bermuda College and Spanish immersion school in Seville, Spain.

## YEAR-END AWARDS

### General Excellence for the Year

Grade 6: Joshua Blee  
Grade 7: Maya Leighton  
Grade 8 General Excellence/The Principal's Award: Caroline Amaral and Conor Sinclair  
Grade 9: Miranda Araujo  
Grade 10: Matthew Brady  
Grade 11: Meagan Stecko

### Incentive Award

Grade 7: Liam McCue  
Grade 8: Mya Rodrigues  
Grade 10: Zachary Johnson  
Grade 11: Timothy Lunsford

**Joan McPhee/Susan McPhee-Rhind Award for Dedication:** Leticia Ferreira

**John DaCosta Award Grade 7:** Andrew Vrieze

**John DaCosta Award Grade 10:** Matthew Brady

**Sandy Johnson Memorial Plaque for Improvement in Literacy:** Patrick Johnson

**Sandy Johnson Memorial Shield for Excellence in a Foreign Language:**

– Excellence in Spanish: Miranda Araujo and Hannah Blee

– Excellence in French: Emily Sinclair and Sabrina DaSilva

**William DeSilva Sr. Award:** Alexa DeSilva

**Rose E. Soares/Joseph S. Marirea Scholarship:** Luke Pimentel

**Toby Colombe Sporting Excellence Scholarship:** Kristen Bean

**The Mark Lightbourn Award:** Grades 3 & 5 for fundraising for the St. Vincent de Paul Loaves and Fishes Program.

The Garry A. Madeiros Student Leadership Award is given to a student in Grades 9-11 who is a role model and leader to his or her classmates and fellow students: Luke Pimentel.

The Garry A. Madeiros Faculty Leadership Award is presented to the teacher who inspires not only their students, but also their colleagues and parents: Mrs. Jackie Tailford, Class of 1980.





## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Read & Feed Initiative Overwhelming Success

Read and feed. That's been the goal of Mount Saint Agnes Academy's second annual, month-long initiative to encourage reading, while contributing to the worthwhile cause of feeding the hungry. And Read and Feed MSA students did! On March 11th over 10 barrels and 15 bags and boxes of non-perishable items were collected by the Eliza DoLittle Society.

### Faith in Word and Deeds

This year's senior class completed just shy of 1400 hours of community service for Religion 35 with Mrs. Karen Wicks. They truly heeded John's call, "...let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." (1 John 3:18).

### Faculty and Staff Serve the Community

On Saturday, April 25th, the Faculty and Staff of MSA, along with several high school students, opened its doors to feed the hungry. "The Free Nutritious Lunch" was the center piece of a professional development day, which focused on Catholicity and spirituality. The day started with a prayer service in the chapel and concluded with a special workshop by Father Paul Voisin, CR, on Matthew Kelly's "Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic." Approximately, 40-50 people attended the lunch. The lunch was a great opportunity for faculty, staff and students to sit in fellowship with the patrons. Although it was the faculty and staff who served lunch, the entire school had been involved in preparing for the event in some way. The Elementary created paper table cloths with inspiring and welcoming messages, while Middle and High School students made "Socks of Love" filled with essential toiletries. The event was also made possible with generous donations from both Lindo's and Marketplace and we are grateful for their support in helping us to feed the hungry.

### Charity Donations (September 2014 - June 2015)

Gr 3/5 Random Acts of Kindness/Easter Baskets for Loaves & Fishes guests	\$140.10
Gr 3/5 Random Acts of Kindness/Christmas Crackers for Loaves & Fishes guests	\$141.65
Holy childhood	\$298.00
Church Jessie Tree Project **	\$458.00
MS Society	\$557.00
Bermuda SPCA	\$570.00
Open Airways	\$610.00
Bermuda Heart Foundation	\$630.00
Cat Feeding Station	\$665.00
Bermuda Diabetes	\$678.00
Bermuda Cancer & Health	\$685.00
Gr 3/5 Random Acts of Kindness funds	\$773.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$1,215.00
St. Johns Ambulance	\$1,315.00
Napal fundraiser	\$1,590.00
Relay for Life	\$7,732.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,057.75</b>

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Congratulations to....

**Christopher Fletcher**, '02, for his graduation from Nova Scotia Community College in Tourism Management.

**Charis Haynes**, '05, for her impressive solo art show at Masterworks.

**Geoffrey Chisnall**, '08, who earned his CPA designation.



**Ashlee Brady-Soares**, '10, who was selected as her college's commencement speaker.

**Chelsea Harvey**, '12, who has signed a scholarship with the Brewton-Parjer College soccer team.

### Reunions 60 YEARS



### 50 YEARS

The Class of 1965 had an exciting reunion weekend, filled with boating, touring, Mini-Golfing, church-going (serving as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Gift Bearers), eating laughing, and celebrating 50 years of friendship outside the walls of MSA.

### 35 YEARS

The Class of 1980 had a potluck cocktail party at the home of Robert & Theresa Mason on the 13th June 2015 to mark 35 years since Graduation!



They shared some awesome memories and loads of giggles. They spent much time catching up on where all of them are now and it was great to be able to have a Skype call with classmates from Brazil, Alberta, Canada, and Toronto, Canada & Louisiana. It was an extremely fun evening and all are looking forward to the next one with more people attending!

