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

Summer is upon us and as the school takes a break, I want to take the opportunity to congratulate all our students for their hard work and success this year. As I reflect over the year we acknowledge the rigor of the curriculum and how our teachers have encouraged our students to rise to the challenge. We are very proud of their accomplishments.

This year, our Graduating Class of 2018 successfully completed the requirements of the Alberta High School Diploma. All students participated in their Exit Interviews with the Administration. These interviews give the students a chance to share their readiness to move into their future. We are excited to report that every student presented themselves in a professional manner with insightful and reflective answers to the questions presented. They are well prepared for their future and we wish each graduate success as they journey toward their chosen careers.

The Administrative structure of the school is also moving toward its future. In September 2017, the Board of Governors appointed a Succession Planning Committee with the responsibility of selecting the next administrators for the school. Mrs. Margaret DiGiacomo has announced she will retire in June 2019 and Mrs. Sue Moench in June 2020. The Board of Governors have moved forward with selecting Assistant Principal Designates to work alongside Mrs. Moench and Mrs. DiGiacomo to learn the responsibilities of administering MSA.

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Anna Faria-Machado and Mrs. Kim Raymond for being selected as Assistant Principal Designates. Mrs. Machado, who has been the Grade 5 teacher and Mrs. Raymond, one of the Physical Education and Health teachers will begin learning the role of the Administration starting in September 2018. The Succession Planning team and the current administration will work with the new team members to provide them with school leadership development that will support the goals of the MSA Board of Governors in facilitating a smooth leadership transition. Both Mrs. Machado and Mrs. Raymond are honored to have been selected to be part of a leadership team to guide the school in the coming years.

Class of 2018



Please join us in congratulating the class of 2018 on their outstanding accomplishments and praying for their continued success in their future endeavors.

Miranda Araujo (*Valedictorian*)

Hannah Blee

Noah Brady-Soares

Kennedy Cordeiro

Erik Correia

Sabrina Dasilva

Selena Dasilva (*Salutatorian*)

Alexa DeSilva

Samuel Dubois

Jared Dunstan

Rodrigo Jara-Lira

Cassidy Johnson

Indya Lewis

Kristofer Lewis

Kayla Mahoney

Kamryn Martins

Colin McCue

Nola Mingledorff

Justin Moniz

Billy Montgomery

Monet Nisbett

Riley Rego

Mackenzie Ricketts

Tristan Rocha

Marissa Settatee

Emily Sinclair

Stephanie Trott

Angelica Wales

Graduation Awards:

- The Nicholl Shield for the highest average for the three years of high school and the General Excellence Award for the highest average for this school year - Miranda Araujo
- The Most Reverend Bishop Murphy Shield for the second highest average for the three years of high school - Selena Dasilva
- The Robert Gullon Memorial Shield for Heart - Angelica Wales
- The Jeffrey Castro Shield - Nola Mingledorff
- The Reverend Deacon Edward Outerbridge Shield - Miranda Araujo
- The Home & School Association Award for Outstanding School Spirit - Kamryn Martins
- The Mount Saint Agnes Incentive Award - Riley Rego
- The Bentley-Doyle Award for Excellence and Commitment to Sports - Hannah Blee
- The Paul Leslie Smith Basketball Shield - Emily Sinclair
- A medal for Outstanding Leadership - Kamryn Martins
- The Gail McCallum Kneisler Angel on Earth Award - Cassidy Johnson
- The Rollo Sullivan Award - Hannah Blee
- Awards for outstanding service to their parish churches were awarded to Hannah Blee (St. Patrick's) and Miranda Araujo, Alexa DeSilva, and Emily Sinclair (St. Theresa's).
- The Unsung Hero Award - Cassidy Johnson
- The Principal's Achievement Award for Perseverance - Marissa Settatee and Stephanie Trott.
- The Math Achievement Award - Selena Dasilva
- The Price Waterhouse Coopers Bermuda Headstart Award of Excellence - Selena Dasilva
- The CPAB Outstanding Student Award - Miranda Araujo
- The Ernst & Young Values Award - Emily Sinclair
- The Deloitte High School Student Award - Rodrigo Jara Lira
- The HSBC Recruit Extraordinary People Program Award - Selena Dasilva

Our graduates have been accepted at the following post-secondary institutions: Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Bermuda College, Brandon University in Manitoba, Brescia University College in Ontario, Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, Fordham University in New York, Niagara College in Ontario, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Nova Scotia, Sheridan College in Ontario, St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia, St. Leo University in Florida, University of Western Ontario, and Warwickshire College in the UK.

Year End Awards

General Excellence Awards are presented to the students who have received the highest average for the year in each grade. Congratulations to Mia Baccaglio in grade 6, Nicole Stovell in grade 7, Adriano Rymon-Lipinski in grade 8, Joshua Blee in grade 9, Maya Leighton in grade 10, and Conor Sinclair in grade 11.

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 fellow students. Congratulations to the 2018 recipient, Caroline Amaral.

The **Eileen Dunstan Open-Heart Award**, presented by the Dunstan Family, is designed to provide a financial incentive to qualified students who exemplify selfless giving, community involvement and a dedication to academic achievement. Congratulations to the 2018 recipient Ayanna Peniston and to Morgan Madeiros and Sierra Rodrigues who were selected to receive a single bursary award.

Incentive Awards for the highest increase in their final average from the previous year – Elia Rocha in grade 7, Kyle George in grade 8, Ayanna Peniston in grade 9, Micah Cook in grade 10, Kaleb Medeiros in grade 11.

The **Joan McPhee / Susan McPhee-Rhind Award** for Dedication is awarded to the student in grade 10 who is a vibrant and enthusiastic member of the student body and involved in all facets of school life – Rachel DeCosta

The **John DaCosta Award** is given by the MSA Bazaar Committee in memory of the late John DaCosta to the students in grade 7 and grade 10 who have achieved the highest exam average for the year – Nicole Stovell in grade 7 & Maya Leighton in grade 10.

The **Sandy Johnson Memorial Shield for Excellence in a Foreign Language** – Kayla Caldwell

The **Rose E. Soares / Joseph S. Marirea Scholarship** is awarded to a grade 11 student who has exemplified the Christian values of honesty, kindness, and cooperation – Julia Pimentel

The **William C. DeSilva Sr. Award** is presented to the student who is an active parishioner, has been an MSA student since Kindergarten, has high conduct and is committed to helping fellow students – Kristiana Smith

Citizenship Awards – For Outstanding Service, Leadership, Responsibility, Character, and Discipline – Davis Barnes and Reece Percy in grade 6; Sophie-Charlotte Connell and Melanie Haller in grade 7; Megan Hands and Sebastian Stirling in grade 8; Joshua Blee and Kristiana Smith in grade 9; Maya Leighton and Zoe DeSilva in grade 10; Julia Pimentel and Caroline Amaral in grade 11.

Christian Witness Awards recognize students who live their faith through words and deeds – Ashley Swainson and Ryan Parkin in grade 6; Ian DaSilva and Kyra King in grade 7; Brianna Smith and Noah Ferreira in grade 8; Aidan Cassidy and Natalie Young in grade 9; Maya Leighton and Aliyah Every in grade 10; Jehkio Bean-Lightbourne and Julia Pimentel in grade 11.

School Spirit Awards – Colin Cardoza and Chrishante Dill in grade 6; Analia Machado and Lucien Penacho in grade 7; Liana Medeiros, Kyle George and Chris Raymond in grade 8; Logan Jones and Shae-lae Richardson in grade 9; Nahzai Lee and Gabe Burgess in grade 10; Caroline Amaral and Conor Sinclair in grade 11.

The **Dare to Care Award** is voted on by their peers and presented to the students who exhibit a caring attitude towards teachers and other students – Davis Barnes and Aidan Medeiros in grade 6; Ian DaSilva, Sophie-Charlotte Connell and Lucien Penacho in grade 7; Ashlee Furtado and Sebastian Stirling in grade 8.

Leadership Awards – Joshua Blee and Kayla Caldwell in grade 9; Maya Leighton and Rachel DeCosta in grade 10; Julia Pimentel and Caroline Amaral in grade 11.

The **Toby Colombe Scholarship** is awarded to a promising sports student who currently participates in a junior, national or international level of their chosen sport – Monique Cordeiro

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In this issue of the Blue and White, you will see the great things our students have accomplished this year. Our school activities are inclusive in nature ensuring that each student has an opportunity to participate in something that interests them. We are also proud of our students who not only receive academic recognition but are acknowledged for spirituality, integrity and leadership awards. The variety of ways we recognize our students, whether it be at the elementary monthly assemblies or end of year award ceremony, demonstrates how MSA provides an all-encompassing program designed to meet the needs of our students.

In conclusion, congratulations are extended to Mrs. Anna Faria-Machado on receiving the Garry Madeiros Faculty Leadership Award for 2018. Mrs. Machado was nominated by her colleagues to receive the award. The award is presented, annually, to a faculty member who has inspired not only her students but also colleagues and parents. Mr. Madeiros presented the award to Mrs. Machado at the End of Year Teacher Luncheon on the last day of school.

All the best for a wonderful and relaxing summer. We look forward to another great year of learning, discovering, inspiring, and problem-solving starting on September 4, 2018!

CAPTURED MOMENTS



Congratulations to our Grade 9 Confirmation students

Pembroke Rotary helped the Middle School Student Council with their fundraising for St. John's Academy in Dominica.



Middle School students on the Spirit of Bermuda.



Grade 7 Outdoor Ed camping trip



Celebrating at Mother's Mass.

Duke of Edinburgh students on their Bronze & Silver Expeditions



National Honor Society



Congratulations to our students who received their First Holy Communion this year.



Elementary Sports Day

MSA Sports 2017-2018 Year in Review

NETBALL

The MSA netball season started off strong with several victories. Most notable, on Wednesday, December 6th,



2017, the elementary girls' netball team participated in a BSSF Primary

School Knockout Netball Tournament and won silver. This was the first podium finish for the team.

came back to tie it up at 16-16. After changing scores a few times MSA hit another gear and scored the last five points to win 25-20. The High School Boys Team won silver in the finals against Warwick Academy after a score of 15-17. The middle school boys' team also took home silver medals after a close game with Saltus Grammar, 25-20.



RUGBY

Our budding middle school rugby players participated in the Colonial

Group Classic Lions Youth Rugby Day in

November 2017. Students got a chance to practice their catching, passing, and tackling skills while being coached by players of the Classic Rugby Team. Later in the season, the MS Boys took 1st place in the BSSF Tag Rugby Tournament held on February 22nd, 2018. They defeated Saltus Grammar 6-4 to capture the title.



VOLLEYBALL

MSA One finished with a perfect 6-0 record to win the BSSF Middle School



Volleyball Tournament at MSA on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. The closest any team came to the Champions

was runner-up Saltus Grammar School One who fell 25-15 to MSA One.

MSA held off a spirited comeback to defeat Saltus Grammar School 25-20 in the BSSF Senior



School Girls Volleyball Tournament on Friday, December 1, 2017. MSA jumped to a 16-8 lead before Saltus

BADMINTON

Cailey Longworth and Kayla Henderson represented MSA in the O16 girls' badminton tournament on May 24th. They came away with a silver medal in the doubles event. Cailey also won a silver medal in the singles event, narrowly losing the final match 2-1.



In the boys' tournament, Blake Henderson and Ryan Lopes came away with a silver medal in the doubles event that was held on June 15th.



BASKETBALL

The middle school boys' basketball team had a very successful season. They were coached by Jason Lowe and showed great



determination and teamwork throughout the year. The team only lost two games all year and ended up with a silver medal in a close final game against Somersfield. With several young players returning next year, they are ready to continue their success and growth as a team.

TRACK & FIELD

Our Track & Field athletes represented MSA well in several events. Grade 10

student, Kayla Raymond came away with a silver medal in the Under 16 Girls



400 m dash and Khyllie Smith (Grade 5) jumped her way to a silver medal in the Over 10 Girls Long Jump event. The highlight of the day was 3-time gold medalist Grade 4

student, Daylen Scott, not only captured gold in the Under 10 Boys' 100m, 200m, and Long Jump events, but also won the Toby Colombe Award for the outstanding athlete at the BSSF Track and Field Finals in March 2018.

CROSS COUNTRY

The BSSF Primary, Middle, and Senior Cross-Country Meets took place during the week of February 5th, 2018. The elementary team consisted of 31 athletes in the four age groups. Our top runners were Grade 3 student, Julia Morales who placed 7th out of 160 runners in the Under 9 Girls race, Kydan Browne (Grade 4) placed 11th and Isheanopa Hunidzarira (Grade 5), who placed 12th out of 158 runners in the Boys Over 10 race. Middle schooler, Liana Medeiros placed 8th in the Over 13 Girls race. Our single high school cross country runner was Kayla Raymond, who ran to gold (1st place), winning the Under 16 Girls race.



DENTON HURDLE AWARD NOMINEES

The Denton Hurdle Memorial Awards, honoring the late Denton Hurdle, are used to highlight, recognize and reward Bermuda's finest primary, middle and senior school student-athletes. This year's MSA nominees were Grade 5 student, netballer, Khyllie Smith and avid footballer, Olek Rymon-Lipinski. Our middle school nominees were Grade 8 triathlete, Megan Hands and footballer/swimmer, Adriano Rymon-Lipinski. The high school nominee was Grade 12 student and national rugby player, Emily Sinclair, who is on her way to study at St. Francis Xavier University. Congrats to all our nominees. We are very proud of your scholastic-athletic accomplishments.

GIFT OF GIVING



\$40,404.04 Donated This Year

September 2017 -June 2018

Bermuda Cancer & Health	\$1009.00
Bermuda Diabetes Association	\$657.00
Bermuda Heart Association	\$704.00
Family Center	\$675.00
LCCA	\$500.00
PALS	\$745.00
Bermuda Sloop Foundation	\$3800.50
SPCA	\$730.00
St. Baldrick's	\$23,562.00
St. John Ambulance	\$338.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$619.00
Toad-riffic fundraiser, Gr. 3	\$1,333.00
Humbolt Broncos, SK – Team Accident Fund	\$633.00
Dominica Hurricane Relief	\$6,298.54

SUPPORT ANNUAL GIVING

As a member of our MSA family, you know the benefit of an MSA education. Please consider contributing to the Annual Giving Program (AGP) to assist with our bursary program or designate your funds to assist with other project areas.

The AGP aims to support the renewal and improvement of our school for our students through sustained upgrades to our facilities, technology, and student enrichment activities as well as financial aid.

Every gift is a meaningful contribution, we ask that you give what you can to support the ongoing success of our school.

To find out more, please contact Laura Lyons llyons@msa.bm or via our website <http://www.msa.bm/support-our-school/donate>



Alumni Celebrations

Congratulations to all of our alumni who celebrated reunions this year.

Classes of 1960 & 1961 on a Bermuda Visit



Class of 1972 at their 45th Reunion



Class of 1978 at their 40th Reunion



Class of 1998 at their 20th Reunion



Share your announcements and highlights by sending them to development@msa.bm

Have you joined the MSA network yet? Reconnect with classmates and teachers, plan your upcoming events and consider helping a current student or recent graduate by becoming a mentor. We value each and every member of our MSA family - all alumni, parents, faculty, and staff are welcome to join. Sign up at www.msacconnected.com





Calendar of Events

- First day of school - Tuesday, September 4, 2018
- Bazaar - Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13, 2018
- October Break - Monday, October 22 – Friday, October 26, 2018
- Remembrance Day Holiday - Monday, November 12, 2018
- Christmas Break - Friday, December 21, 2018 (half day) – Friday, January 4, 2019



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