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## MISSION

Inspired by the Gospel, Saint Martin de Porres High School is a Catholic college-preparatory high school that combines innovative academics with a unique work program preparing students of limited economic means to become men and women of faith, purpose and service.

## VISION

Saint Martin de Porres High School prepares students for post-secondary success in education and work through a mutually transformative learning experience sustained by 21st century skills (communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking), good work habits and a commitment to justice and peace.

# Message from the President



Richard F. Clark

Two years ago when a member of our Mission Committee was interviewing Saint Martin graduates for a study on College Success, many alums praised the school for providing a loving, caring environment and opportunities that lead to personal growth. Students also cautioned that faculty and staff don't know the full extent of our students' experiences and can't appreciate what students are actually facing. This sentiment has motivated me as well as other members of our community to double down on our efforts to learn about our students' lives and to demonstrate the extent to which we value their experiences. Our understanding that "we don't know the half of it" imbues programs like "Let's Talk About

Race," The "Game Changer Award" book circles and even our new partnership with the International Institute of Restorative Practices with greater meaning and importance. High school is certainly a time for personal discovery and individual growth for students, but high school at Saint Martin also provides a unique setting in

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which educators are deeply committed to learning from our students and from the wider community in which we operate. In order for a Saint Martin education to have the transformative impact called for in our mission statement, all of us involved have to be open to growth.

Thank you for your interest in our mission and for your support of our work. I invite you to join our community by serving at our Food Pantry on the third Saturday of the month. Please pray for our community as we embark on this year of mutual transformation. Pray for our students as they grow academically and professionally and for our alumni as they navigate college and careers. Pray for our faculty and staff as we work to provide an excellent college preparatory education and as we constantly challenge ourselves to learn about and learn from the young people we are privileged to call our students.

Peace,

Richard F. Clark

Founding President, Saint Martin de Porres High School

## ON THE COVER

Members of the men's cross country team cheered on their teammates as they crossed the finish line at the Pursuit of the Pride Invitational on September 8, 2017.

*Photo credit: Ryan Hurley*



# Message from Corporate Work Study



Ann Davis

A Saint Martin summer is short for teachers, students and staff, with all adults and our newest students returning to school in early August. Getting our new students “work ready” requires us to begin our year differently than most high schools. Our interdisciplinary Welcome Week allows us to teach our students how to “Be Saint Martin” at school and how to represent Saint Martin at work and in the community. Students spent time getting to know each other and themselves in prayer, reflection, and various engaging activities.

Welcome Week was also our students’ introduction to the Corporate Work Study Program. While many of us may have had our first jobs during high school, it’s still difficult for me to imagine going to work at a corporate office at the age of 14. Deciding which elevator bank to use in a building with 20+ floors, determining how to navigate office dynamics or choosing how to admit not understanding how to complete a task are all challenges that we address in training. Over the past 10 weeks, our freshmen students have been taking courses to prepare them for work, introducing them to the basics of office culture, while focusing on soft skills. Students heard advice from upperclassmen, practiced their business greeting and networking, and learned the importance of confidence and self assurance.

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Once it was time to go to work on September 18, our freshmen were ready to go, excited to join the upperclassmen as students who are also young professionals, going to work one day a week as a part of their educational experience. We were proud of our students going off to the workplace, and happy to see them prepared and ready to learn and contribute.

*My colleagues inspire me every day in their dedication to our students and to each other.*

This semester, our faculty and staff have committed to visit students at work. They learn more about their responsibilities in the office, meet their coworkers, and let them know how much we support them. My colleagues inspire me every day in their dedication to our students and to each other. When they tell me about their visit to a student at work, I am filled with joy. When we visit students at work, we witness them as valuable parts of their organizations. As they introduce us to their colleagues, talk us through their work assignments and show us around environments in which they have become comfortable, we become

the students and they become the experts—a shift in roles that makes us, as educators, feel a strong sense of pride and fulfillment. We know that we all benefit from feelings of belonging and productivity in our jobs, and to see our students experiencing that at a young age is invaluable.

We sincerely thank you for being a part of our school community that supports this unique education model.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Ann Davis".

Ann Davis  
Vice President, Corporate Work Study Program

# Pre-College Programs: A Summer Well Spent

Nearly 2.2 million students apply to college each year. How can anyone possibly set themselves apart from another applicant? Statistics show that nearly 80 percent of applicants to highly selective institutions are admissible. But that doesn't mean they get admitted.

So what can set you apart? Doing something productive with your “down time” and taking full advantage of a university pre-college program. These summer programs offer high school students an opportunity to live in a dorm and complete one or two rigorous classes, giving them a chance to see what college life is really like. Not only do they expose young people to new information and fields of study, but they also set students apart from other candidates.

This summer, 28 Saint Martin students took advantage of summer pre-college programs. Studies ranged from pharmacy to law and schools ranged from University of

Findlay to Malone University. Senior Desiree Moorer found her time at Northern Illinois University to be rewarding and insightful, saying, “I loved my experience and I'm even more excited to pursue a career in the health industry!”

Pre-college summer programs are generally condensed but the courses mimic a typical semester. The programs also offer students a chance to discover new fields of study or interest, thus allowing them to be exposed to other college majors they never would have considered. Test driving colleges can help students decide whether a subject they are passionate about really translates into a career.



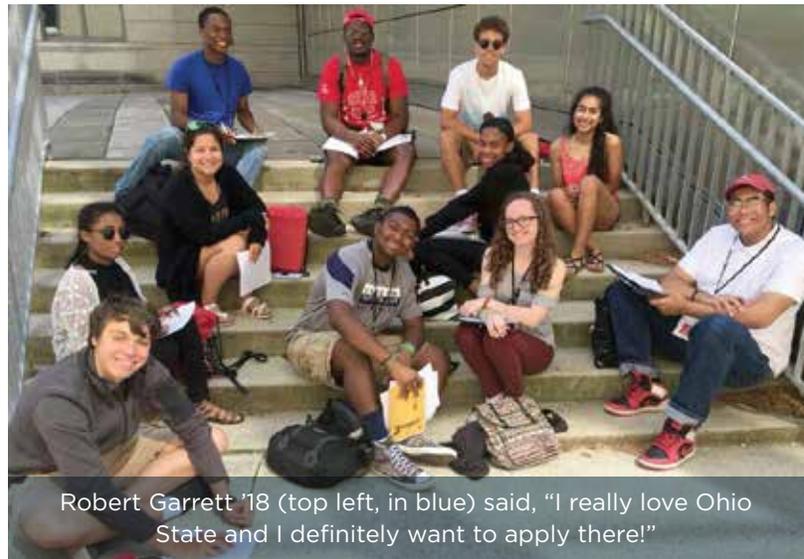
Desiree Harvey '18 (bottom left) attended Ohio Business Week at Ohio University

We commend these young women and men for choosing to spend part of their summer breaks focusing on personal and academic growth!

Nagely Coleman	University of Findlay Pharmacy Camp
Sheina Cundiff	Wright State University
Genesis Gonzalez	Ohio University Scripps School of Journalism
Courtney Hodges	Penn State Berks
Imani Simmons	Penn State Berks
Taylor Love	Malone University
Destyne Hurt	Malone University
Jessica Forte	Georgetown University
Akyra Tucker	Emory University
Shayla Hicks	Syracuse University
Ashley Beckford	Capital University
Fannie McLoyd	Baldwin Wallace
Maya Rashada	Baldwin Wallace
Dymon Webb	Baldwin Wallace
Jazmin Diaz	Baldwin Wallace
Kiara Morris	Learning About Business
Brian Ward	Learning About Business
Diamond Bragg	Wright State University
Te'Aishanay Cooke	Malone University
Deontra Hubanks	University of Findlay
Desire Moorer	Northern Illinois University
Desiree Harvey	Ohio University
Robert Garrett	Fairfield University
Diamond Rutherford	Ohio State University
Robert Garrett	Ohio State University
Tiara Redmond	Stephanie Tubbs Jones Legal Academy
Terese McElrath	Stephanie Tubbs Jones Legal Academy
Yasmin Ponce	Malone University



Seniors Courtney Hodges (top left) and Imani Simmons (bottom right) bonded with fellow students at Penn State Berks



Robert Garrett '18 (top left, in blue) said, "I really love Ohio State and I definitely want to apply there!"



Te'Aishanay Cook '18, Destyne Hurt '19, Yasmin Ponce '18, and Taylor Love '18 at Malone University

# Immersing Ourselves in the CLE

It is important for everyone to leave the comfort of their home and visit various places to see how others live and somehow walk in their shoes. Saint Martin Campus Ministry offers students the opportunity to do just that each year by planning immersion trips to places like Appalachia and Chicago.

But the city of Cleveland has a tremendous amount to experience and to offer its residents. For a Midwestern town that flies below the proverbial radar of the country, Cleveland boasts three major sports teams, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Great Lakes Science Center and the historic West Side Market as well as many other attractions. But for those of us who live here, how often do we see beyond our daily experience of the city?

In light of this, Saint Martin offers students the chance to be a part of their own city and become immersed for 3-5 days through a structured trip where they are exposed to the unique cultures and environments of the city as well as issues of poverty and injustice. The structure of the program ensures students are focused on education, service, social justice, community, and spirituality.



Top row: Malik Seaton, Daneesha Ray, Courtney Morgan, Aleya Johnson  
Bottom row: Nadia Salett, Jeremiah Robinson, Tamara McCoy

After a rigorous school year and just when most students are looking to take a little break, seven young men and women from Saint Martin chose to participate in a Cleveland immersion trip led by Froment Gonzales, a member of Saint Martin Campus Ministry and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Froment planned the entire project and led the students on the excursion of a lifetime.

Students spent time working at the Cleveland Foodbank to fulfill their

service component. In addition, they gave their time and talent to the refugee garden on the west side of Cleveland and discovered the importance of urban farming and the opportunity it provides refugees who have arrived in Cleveland.

Spirituality was evident during their prayer tour through the St. Clair Superior neighborhood and their visit to a festival at John Carroll University. Froment incorporated a day of visiting landmarks in Saint Martin's neighborhood to allow students to become educated about the struggles their community is facing on a daily basis. In the end, the group provided service to their fellow man, learned about the struggles of their neighborhood, and experienced faith in the streets, rounding out their trip with a stop at Saint Martin's new state-of-the-art building at the corner of Norwood and St. Clair, reminding them of the role Saint Martin plays in the community and how each and every one of our staff, students and administration gives our city hope for the future.



Left to Right: Nadia Salett, Jeremiah Robinson, Aleya Johnson, Jim Mulhern, Dalevonna Frazier, Froment Gonzalez, Megan McGowan, Courtney Morgan, Malik Seaton

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

## SARA ACCETTURA



Sara Accettura has a Master of Arts degree in English from Youngstown State University. She is a Teach For America alumna from the Cleveland Region and has taught reading and writing to grades 6, 7, 8 and college freshmen. This year she is teaching both 9th grade English and 12th grade photography as well as helping to get a debate team started. Sara is so thankful

to be part of the Saint Martin community and is looking forward to growing in her use of restorative justice.

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## HEATHER BOYLE



Heather Boyle graduated from John Carroll University and went on to earn a Master's degree in Child and Adolescent Literacy from Loyola Marymount University and a Master's in Educational Leadership from the University of Notre Dame. She has spent the last 12 years in Catholic education as a teacher and administrator, and in a variety of multi-cultural settings, including Los Angeles,

California; Santiago, Chile; and St. Petersburg, Florida. Heather is thrilled to return to Cleveland to be closer to family and friends and teach at Saint Martin. This year, she is teaching sophomore Biology and Health, as well as assisting with the Saint Martin Cross Country team.

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## LIZ GEORGE



Liz George is a graduate of the University of Dayton with degrees in history and education. She spent the past three years teaching history, theology, and government in Memphis, Tennessee where she completed her Master's degree in Education at Christian Brothers University. She is thrilled to be back in Cleveland and a member of the Saint Martin community. This year she

will be teaching sophomore American History.

## MARCUS PREWITT



Marcus Prewitt joins us as the new Dean of Students and most recently served as the Dean of Student Life & Management at ICAN SCHOOLS. He has demonstrated a commitment to working with youth through his 20 years of experience working in Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago, and Southern Illinois with juvenile offender programs and in elementary, high school, and postsecondary settings.

While working for Chicago Public Schools he had the unique experience of working as a high school Guidance Counselor, Restorative Justice Counselor and Dean of Students. In these roles, he inspired and prepared students to excel in their educational and career goals while collaborating with faculty, staff, parents, and community stakeholders on multiple projects.

Marcus has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Communication from McKendree University where he played NAIA Division II basketball. He and his wife, Dr. Kia-Rai Prewitt, are originally from Chicago and have two children, Brandon and Kimaya. He is an avid sports fan and his favorite sports team is the Chicago Cubs!

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## JESS SULLIVAN



Jess is a 2011 graduate of the University of Dayton. Go Flyers! She is currently working on her Master's at Cleveland State University in Curriculum and Instruction. In her free time, she is a freelance photographer who does mostly portraits and landscapes. Jess loves to travel and went to both the east coast (Boston), west coast (San Francisco) and upper Michigan all within about a month

this summer. Her hobbies other than photography are playing sand volleyball and crafting. She has two beautiful nieces, ages 5 and 2, and a godson who is 1. Jess is excited to be teaching sophomore Geometry this year.

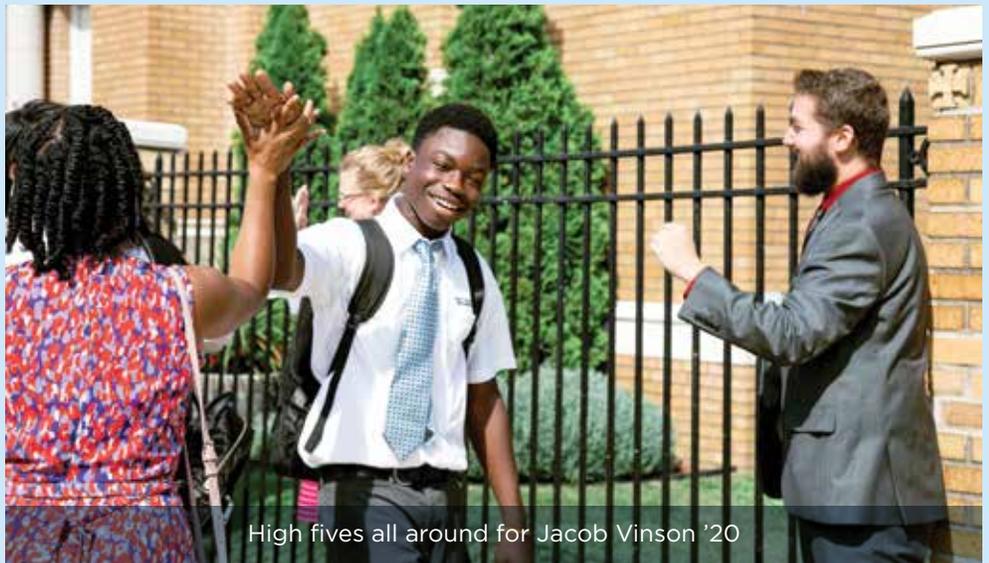
# BEGINNING OUR 14TH YEAR

The Class of 2021 arrived on campus in early August for Welcome Week, an orientation program designed to build community and make the transition to high school as smooth as possible. Freshman students spent the week practicing networking, learning about our patron saint and the corporate work study program, and getting to know teachers and fellow classmates.



English Teacher Emily Tennant gives Je'maiya Germany '21 a St. Martin de Porres medallion

The next week, we commissioned all new students, staff, and board members during our annual Mass of the Holy Spirit. Reflecting on her experience, Brianna Berning '21 said, "What I liked about the Mass of the Holy Spirit was how loving and welcoming people were. I also liked how we were welcomed into the school by everyone - not just by the staff, but by the students as well!"



High fives all around for Jacob Vinson '20



Brianna Berning '21 and Willnaya Ward '21 get to know each other during Welcome Week



Ebony Beverly '20 and Ann Davis



Isaac Williamson '21 learned all about networking at Welcome Week



Gabriel Rosa '21 with Welcome Week leaders Mariah Thompson '14 and Joi'e White '18



The Class of 2021



Tavon Little '21 engaged with Cleveland professionals during a speed networking session



Desiree Berry '21 and Madelyn Middleton '21 work together during a problem solving session at Welcome Week

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

# Malik Seaton

*In his Spiritual Exercises, Saint Ignatius tells us that all the things in this world are also created because of God's love and they become a context of gifts. In everyday life, then, we must hold ourselves in balance. If we abuse any of these gifts of creation, or on the contrary, take them as the center of our lives, we break our relationship with God and hinder our growth as loving persons. For everything has the potential of calling forth in us a more loving response to our life forever with God. In short: Everything is a Gift.*

If you spend ten minutes with Malik, a senior, it is obvious that he has been given many gifts – whether it's leading others in Student Senate, playing the role of Hannibal in *The Curious Savage*, practicing his latest solo in the Gospel Choir, talking about race with the school community as a member of the "Let's Talk About Race" club, or serving a hot meal at St. Philip Neri Center. It's also obvious that he holds himself in balance and takes good care of his gifts.

According to Mary Carney, the Director of Student Life, "Malik is one of the most reliable students. One of the best things about Malik is that he shows up! He may be balancing commitments to other clubs, work, school work, or even when he is not feeling 100%, he still shows up! When there are special events outside of the school day, Malik not only takes initiative to volunteer to participate, but he also brings others with him, a true display of leadership!"

Malik arrived on Saint Martin's campus as a freshman in 2014. He had previously shadowed Saint Martin and decided to attend after receiving some encouragement from his mom and dad. When asked if he was attracted by the Corporate Work Study component of Saint Martin, Malik said with a laugh, "It didn't attract me initially. In fact, I didn't even remember CWSP until two weeks before I started school. But it is one of the things I am grateful for at Saint



Malik Seaton '18 and Mekdes Shiferaw '19 attended "Getting Real About Race" hosted by NPR's Michel Martin last fall.

Martin. It's not every day that you can get into a program that is applicable to your own life. I was recently looking for a job and when people saw my resume, I was offered jobs all over the city." Malik is currently assigned to Metro Health for his Corporate Work Study position.

One of the best parts of Saint Martin in Malik's eyes is that students are able to develop a strong faith in God. And he said the community is willing to take on certain issues and not be afraid to talk about them. Students are given the resources to be a helpful part of the community, both on and off campus. He also appreciates that the teachers really care about the students. Since coming to Saint Martin, he feels that he has an education that truly benefits him and his future.

When asked about his favorite extracurricular activity, Malik simply could not choose. He has been involved in the Drama Club since his sophomore year. According to the director of many Saint Martin productions, Vickey McBride, "He has been a dedicated and reliable cast member who works hard; always willing to accept any role, big or small and help with behind-the-scenes tasks." Vickey has also watched him explore his talents in the Gospel Choir since his sophomore year. "He has grown enormously as a musician. He has continued to come to after-school choir practices and make extra appointments with me to learn solos and do exercises that will improve his range and voice. Now he wants to learn to play the violin!"

Malik regularly participates in service opportunities offered by Campus Ministry. He has volunteered with the St. Philip Neri Hot Meal Ministry, Moriah House Breakfast Ministry, and Jesuit Day of Service and also participated in several service immersion experiences including the spring break trip to Bethlehem Farm in 2016 and the Cleveland Immersion experience in 2017.

As a part of the "Let's Talk About Race" club, he meets with other



Dr. Eddie S. Glaude, Gwen Howard, Quinica Garrett '19, Diamond Allen '18, and Malik Seaton '18 at the City Club of Cleveland. Dr. Glaude spoke about the value gap and racial inequality.

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students twice a month to read articles, watch documentaries, and discuss issues of race in our school and in the wider community. Malik is a regular attendee to these meetings and is open about sharing his experiences and impressions about race relations in this country. Ms. McBride said, "He is perceptive and insightful. He listens respectfully to the stories that others have to share." Ms. Carney added, "Malik is not afraid to take risks. He is willing to raise the opposite side of an argument, even when it might not be the most popular opinion."

Malik is hopeful about his future but has not yet decided what he wants to study next year in college. He is still in the application process but says he is leaning toward the field of psychology and possibly working with children. Malik is confident in his future and grateful to Saint Martin for giving him the resources to succeed in college.

Since his first days on campus, Malik has recognized his many gifts and nurtured them. Ms. McBride said, "Malik is a student who has taken advantage of so much of what Saint Martin has to offer. The Saint Martin high school experience is not a typical one, which I think is a struggle for some students to come to grips with, but it is a uniquely full and satisfying experience for students who are excited to put themselves out there and try new things. Malik is that kind of student. He has a confidence that enables him to step up and help shape things when a lot of other students would choose instead to step down. This is very true of his involvement in the fine arts at Saint Martin. Drama Club and Choir are developing programs that have flourished thanks to the consistent dedication of students like Malik." We think Saint Ignatius would agree that Malik has been a good steward of the gifts God has given him.

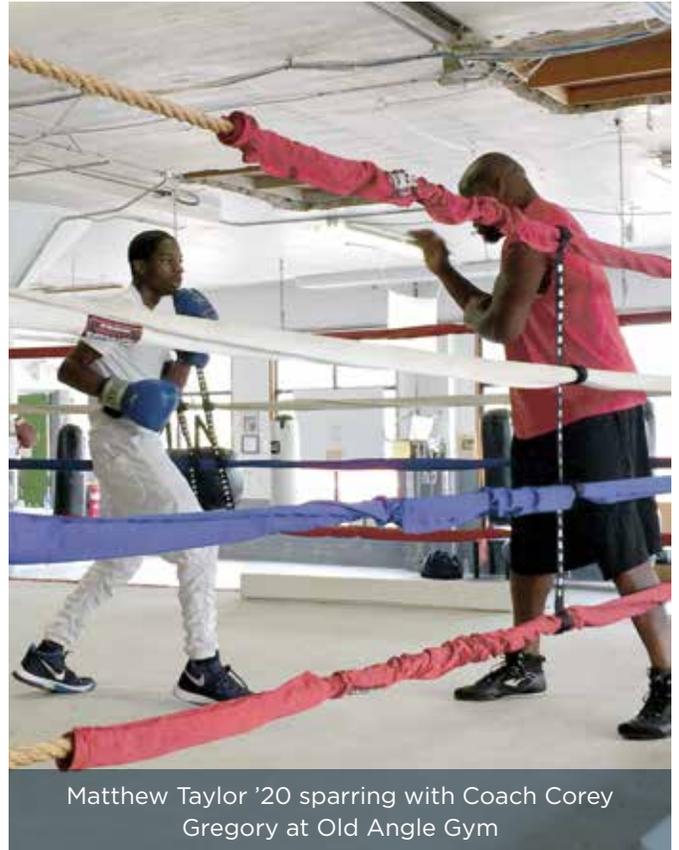
# What Makes You Wonder?

We celebrated our second annual Wonder Day (a condensed version of Wonder Week, which we first introduced in 2010) on September 1, the last day before our Corporate Work Study Program began for the year.

Because of CWSP, it is a rare occasion when all of our students are on site and available to participate in a joint activity, which is one of the reasons why Wonder Day is so special to us. The only other occasion when the entire student body comes together in the same place at the same time is at the Mass of the Holy Spirit. On the first day of September, all students as well as faculty and staff members were invited to participate in a day of activities meant to inspire wonder, contemplation, further engagement and reflection. It was also meant to be FUN! On a daily basis we strive to broaden our students' horizons academically and professionally. Wonder Day is a chance for us to invite our students to expand their horizons socially and experientially.



Students met the WKYC team and watched a live broadcast



Matthew Taylor '20 sparring with Coach Corey Gregory at Old Angle Gym



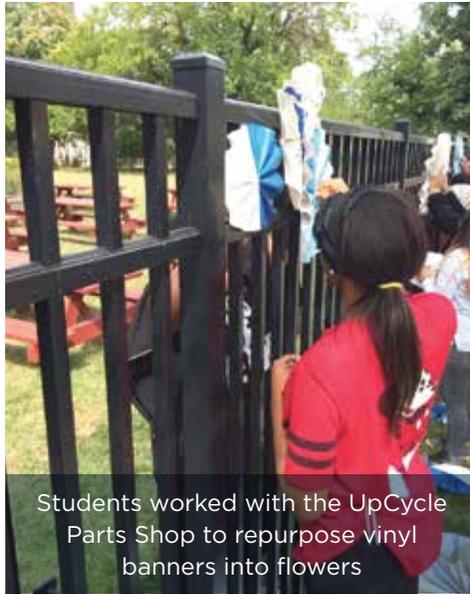
Students explored all that downtown Cleveland has to offer



DiMarco Hubbard '19 at Soulcraft Woodshop and Skidmark Garage



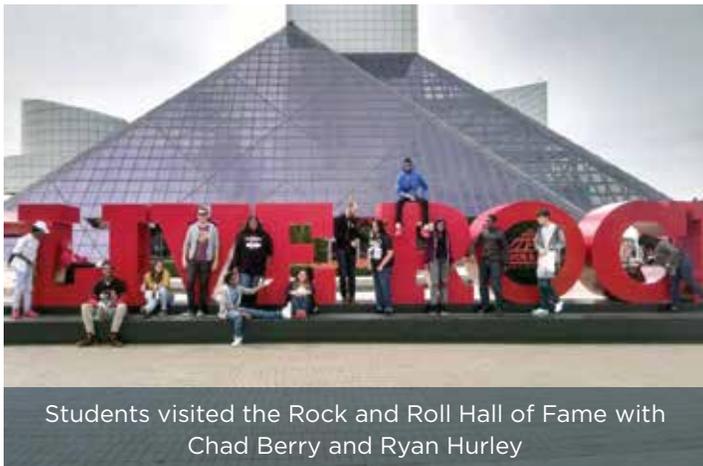
Fannie McLoyd '18 spent the day painting with Art Teacher Brandi McCormick



Students worked with the UpCycle Parts Shop to repurpose vinyl banners into flowers



Students had a blast "zorbing" at Edgewater Park



Students visited the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with Chad Berry and Ryan Hurley



Kaila Taylor '20 tried slacklining with Vickey McBride



Sydney Calhoun '19 went paddleboarding at Portage Lakes

Nearly thirty group experiences were available to students and staff to discover, including: paddle boarding, rowing, zoo and museum visits, nature exploration, mini-golfing and bowling, dancing and skating, zorbing, slack lining, community service and more. Students had the chance to investigate the nearby St. Clair/Superior Neighborhood and learn about Skidmark Garage and Soulcraft Woodshop in the Hamilton building, work with UpCycle Parts Shop, as well as introduce themselves to martial arts at US Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy.

Junior Josh Rose reflected on his rowing experience, saying, "The highlight was getting out on the water and rowing as a group. We had to be

able to work together truly in order to be able to stay afloat and to be able to row. It really built teamwork and trust skills." Junior Destinee Willis was excited about her experience at the recording studio at the Boys & Girls Club. Destinee said, "I bonded really well with the new freshmen and the sophomores. We had a really good time making music together. We laughed, shared stories, and I even gave them some advice for high school." Sophomore Kimar Reed tried his luck at roller skating. He said, "I learned that I can dance on skates! I haven't been skating in FOREVER!!! The highlight of my experience is that I went skating and it brought back my childhood memories." Freshman Russel Krofta, new to Saint Martin and the Wonder

Day experience, spent the day paddle boarding in Portage Lake. "We had a lot of fun together, especially since we were all new to paddle boarding. We helped each other learn how to not fall in the water, although Carlos did anyways. We messed around with each other and had a ton of fun. I learned that I am very good at paddle boarding. I was one of the first to be able to stand without falling in. I like that the community takes great care in preserving their lake," he said. And senior Marie Hernandez-Garcia tested her creativity at UpCycle Parts Shop. Her experience at the local arts organization summed up her day and Wonder Day for everyone: "I learned that it is very simple to make everyday things beautiful."

## FALL SPORTS RECAP

### CROSS COUNTRY

The team came in 2nd place at the Lawrence School Pursuit of the Pride Invitational in early September and placed 3rd in the Lake Effect Conference championship. In his first year running, Sophomore William Michael had the fastest time of the season at 19:26. The following students received 2nd Team All Conference recognition: Emareion Trotter '19, William Mikel '20 and Princesse Thompson '20. Director of Student Life Mary Carney commended Senior Diamond Allen for displaying exemplary sportsmanship when, after finishing her race at the conference championship, she stayed to cheer on a fellow athlete from a different school.

### VOLLEYBALL

The Varsity team went 16-6 in the regular season and placed 2nd in the Lake Effect Conference championship, losing to Andrews Osborne in the final game. The team won the Third Annual Cristo Rey Tri-Match, defeating Detroit Cristo Rey and DePaul Cristo Rey High School. Junior Kamarri Hall served a complete game against Northeast Ohio College Prep. The following students received conference recognition: 1st Team All Conference for Kamarri Hall '19 and Hadass Player '18. Head Coach Caitlin Flikkema received LEC Coach of the Year for the second year in a row.

### SOCCER

The team went 4-9-2 this season, losing in the first round of the Lake Effect Conference Playoffs in penalty kicks. The team's 6 seniors who have played since their freshman year will be greatly missed next season! The following players received all conference recognition: 1st Team All Conference to Ivan Tello '18 and 2nd Team All Conference to Franklin Gallardo '18.



# Celebrating Engaged Citizens



Breaney Clemons



Kiara Morris

Seniors Breaney Clemons and Kiara Morris testified in front of the House Finance Committee in March 2017 to advocate for equal funding for Cleveland students who qualify for educational vouchers. Many Saint Martin students are voucher recipients and the young women urged the finance committee to increase the amount of the Cleveland Scholarship Program to match that of the EdChoice program. During their testimony, the young women shared how their Saint Martin education centers around social justice, saying, "We are inspired to recognize opportunities to support our communities through action, government involvement and advocacy." Governor Kasich signed HB 48 over the summer and the Class of 2018 celebrated this accomplishment that resulted in increased funding for Saint Martin by watching their eloquent speeches and sharing cupcakes during their lunch period.



## STUDENT SENATE

The purpose of a high school student senate is to provide an opportunity for students to express their concerns, learn about school matters that directly affect them, and have their needs and suggestions heard. Each year, the student body elects new officers and class senators who they believe will represent them fairly and serve as their voice in the school.

Recently, the Student Senate met and prepared a list of goals for the 2017-18 school year. These goals include increasing the student voice when planning school events and creating policies by having executive members participate in regular staff meetings. They also hope to implement "Town Hall" style meetings with school administrators and grade levels, thus developing a stronger relationship within and between grade levels.

### THE 2017-18 SAINT MARTIN STUDENT SENATE

#### EXECUTIVE:



**President**  
Enrique Freeman  
Class of 2018



**Vice President**  
Genesis Gonzalez  
Class of 2018



**Secretary**  
Malik Seaton  
Class of 2018



**Treasurer**  
Terese McElrath  
Class of 2018

#### CLASS SENATORS:

##### Senior Class Senators:

- Joi'e White
- Yasmin Ponce
- Josh Ruminski

##### Junior Class Senators:

- Richard Dante Hampton
- Kolleen Oliver
- Josh Rose
- Shaniya Isaac

##### Sophomore Class Senators:

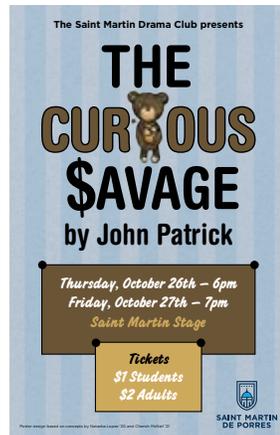
- Jimmy Garmback
- Kimar Reed
- Brandon Hill
- Mikayla Latimer

# THE CURIOUS SAVAGE



The Saint Martin Drama Club performed *The Curious Savage* for their fall production. This 1950s comedy focuses on an elderly widow, Mrs. Savage, played by senior Terese McElrath, whose husband has left her \$10 million. Her intention is to give the fortune away to people who wish to pursue their “foolish dreams,” but her spoiled stepchildren have a different idea. To keep Mrs. Savage from wasting their family’s fortune and destroying their legacy, her stepchildren have her committed to a sanatorium called “The Cloisters.” While living at the institution, Mrs. Savage finds herself surrounded by kind and gentle residents and discovers what true family is. *The Curious Savage* is a light-hearted comedy that contrasts the kindness and loyalty of the patients with the greed and hostility of Mrs. Savage’s wealthy and influential children.

*The Curious Savage* featured a cast of 12 and a dedicated backstage crew, including students from all four grade levels. Directed by Julia Fisher and Vickey McBride, *Savage* is the first comedy the Saint Martin Drama Club has performed in recent years. According to director Julia Fisher, “The students were excited to play with physical humor and perform a light-hearted story.”



# ONIX: Corporate Work Study Partner

*Work better together. Anytime. Anywhere.* This is the philosophy behind the Cleveland-based company known as Onix. And isn't it true that no matter what we seek to accomplish in life that we are always better when we work together? Aren't two minds always better than one? Don't many hands make work light?



Adrianna '21 attended the company's SyZyGy event

and Google Chrome Enterprise Deployment, offered to their customers to help them solve problems and gain a competitive edge in the IT world. Technology is ruling the workplace no matter what industry one chooses, and as competition increases for jobs, strong IT skills will provide our students and graduates a competitive advantage as they enter the workforce.

Adrianna Anderson, a freshman at Saint Martin, who is both new to the Corporate Work Study Program and high school in general is a member of the Onix team. For her, the opportunity at Onix gives her a chance to work with computers which she enjoys very much and finds interesting. Adrianna said working with Excel and Dropbox, among other programs, is one of her favorite things about going to work each week. She shared that her supervisors have already allowed her to shadow in the marketing department and sit in on other department meetings. She is spending time in various areas of the company to determine the best fit for her interests and her talents. Adrianna feels fortunate to be working together with the wonderful staff and said, "I like working at Onix. I was worried it would be quick-paced and there would be no patience for mistakes. It's not that way at all." Onix, Adrianna and Saint Martin working better together. Today. In Cleveland.

Onix, a technology products and services provider located in Lakewood, Ohio, has followed this philosophy since they opened their doors in 1992. For over a quarter of a century, they have collaborated with and assisted many types of companies from corporate and educational entities to federal, state and local markets by enhancing their operational efficiency, improving their collaboration capabilities and inspiring innovation in their respective industries. Onix believes the key to their success is their ability to help discover and evaluate their customers' frustrations in

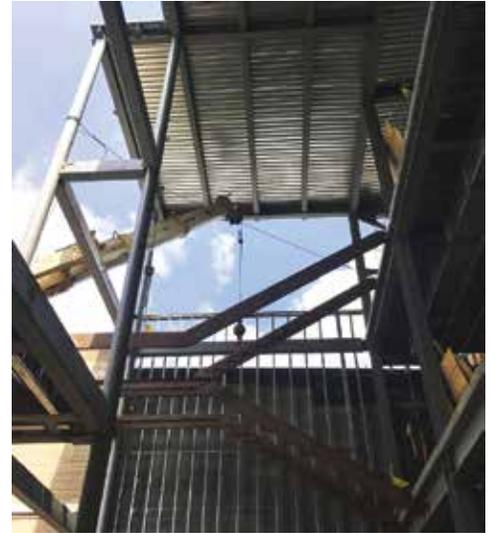
order to provide them with the perfect technology solutions to help move their business ahead.

At Saint Martin, we are fortunate that Onix is a firm believer in collaboration and lives their belief that we all work better together - anytime, anywhere. As a new partner to our Corporate Work Study Program, Onix is providing four deserving students with an opportunity to work weekly with their talented staff to gain an understanding of the portfolio of world class products, like Custom App development



# A Vision Taking Shape

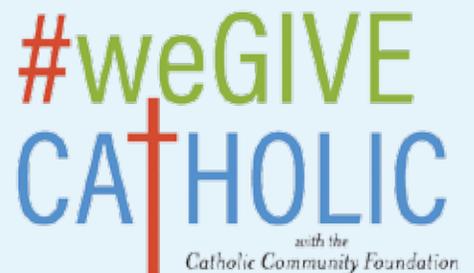
Construction is progressing on the corner of St. Clair and Norwood! Now that the building's exterior and utility work are nearly complete, crews are focusing on the interior. Windows have been installed, stairs have been finished, and drywall is going up! Upon seeing the building's transformation, students, faculty, and staff are even more excited about the 21st century learning that will take place in our new home.



## Giving Tuesday

To celebrate the great community of Catholics in Northeast Ohio, the Catholic Community Foundation is hosting its second annual #WeGiveCatholic campaign on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, also known as "Giving Tuesday."

Saint Martin is thrilled take part in this exciting campaign again this year! Consider making a donation on that day by going to [www.wegivecatholic.org](http://www.wegivecatholic.org), searching for "Saint Martin de Porres High School," and clicking "Donate."



## ALUMNI UPDATES

### HASAAN NILES '09

Associate's Degree  
Cuyahoga Community College

### JAZMINE BLUE '10

Bachelor's Degree  
Baldwin Wallace University

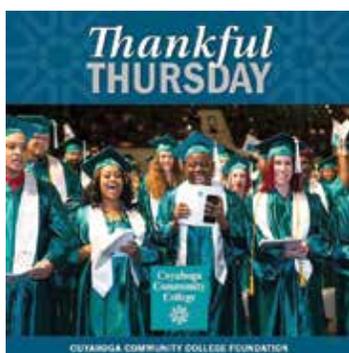
### SATIN ROSS '10

Bachelor's Degree  
Bryant & Stratton College

### AARON COOPER '12

Bachelor's Degree  
Cleveland State University

### CACHE BENNETT '13



Associate's Degree  
Cuyahoga Community College

### DARNESHA GALES '13

Bachelor's Degree  
Bowling Green State University

### CASSANDRA LANDRES '13



Bachelor's Degree  
Bowling Green State University

### CARMEN CALLAHAN '14

Associate's Degree  
Cuyahoga Community College

### ALEAHA ROBINSON '14



Bachelor's Degree  
Hiram College

### KESHONNA HALL '13



We're excited to welcome back Keshonna Hall '13, who will be working with staff in our counseling department as part of her Master's Degree Program in Social Science Administration at Case Western Reserve University. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Notre Dame College.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

# Jovante Johnson '11



Jovante Johnson graduated from Saint Martin in 2011 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Kent State University in 2016. Somewhere around his sophomore year, Jovante had a yearning to join the military. "I have always been thinking about it. My family has a long line of people in the Air Force. So I decided to do it but knew I had to graduate from Kent first."

College graduation is a goal all Saint Martin students are strongly encouraged to achieve and Jovante knew it. "Saint Martin prepared me for Kent. It definitely gave me an advantage and provided me with top tier writing skills. I was given an A1 education from Saint Martin and it gave me a lot of opportunities at Kent State."

After graduation from Kent, Jovante joined the U.S. Air Force. He went on to graduate from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio, Texas. He completed an intensive, eight-and-a-half-week program that included basic war skills, military discipline, physical fitness, drill and ceremonies, and Air Force core values. Jovante is now an Airman First Class and will be taking his officer exam next year.

Currently, Jovante is stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland and studying to be a photojournalist at Technical Training School. Jovante is enjoying his studies and looks forward to graduating in December of 2017. His daily classes address everything from how to focus a camera to studying Alert Photography, a technique where you learn how to react and respond to an emergency situation. In addition to his photography skills, Jovante is brushing up on his writing aptitude. Writing for the military is very specific and requires a very specific style. But he's not worried. His Saint Martin teachers provided him with a stellar English background and always pushed him to his limits to keep him on the right track. "I simply wouldn't be in the position I am if I didn't go to Saint Martin."

Jovante will be heading to his first duty station in Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany after graduation in December. He will be tasked with working with his commander detailing stories around and off base. He will be responsible for writing about various topics such as visits from distinguished guests from other bases and change of command ceremonies. If all goes as planned, Jovante and his new wife could be in Germany for 3-4 years. They will be lucky to have him. Thank you for your service, Jovante!



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### NOVEMBER 12

Open House

### DECEMBER 14

Christmas Family Night  
and Concert

### MARCH 1

Junior Ring Ceremony

### MAY 12

Birthday Bash

### MAY 17

Junior Class Artwalk

### MAY 31

Baccalaureate Mass

### JUNE 3

Commencement

Saint Martin proudly partners with the Cleveland Foodbank to distribute fresh produce to our neighbors on the third Saturday of each month.

We invite you to spend a Saturday morning with us!



For more information about these events, call 216-881-1689

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