

# The Hawk Newsletter Summer 2021

Dear St. Albans Friends and Families,

We just wrapped a truly one-of-a-kind school year, and celebrated a new class of amazing graduates. Congratulations Class of 2021!

Our entire school community is taking a collective breath and feeling gratitude for a safe and successful year of fulltime, in-person



instruction for our students. Despite many changes to the usual year, we adapted quickly and our students flourished being with their friends and teachers.

I'd like to acknowledge our amazing teachers and staff for their extraordinary efforts this year to ensure our students had the most robust learning experiences possible!

Please enjoy some highlights from the year along with recent alumni news! We miss you all and hope to see you very soon.

*Mrs. Laura Bernauer* Head of School

# St. Albans Alumni Corner

## Hannah Michalko (Silva) '09

Alumnus Hannah Michalko, MD, was recently awarded the Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Award as top female medical student of her graduating class at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

She received her MD with distinction in Community Health, along with several other community service awards for her work with children with Downs Syndrome.

"I am so grateful for the education and

community support I have received throughout my journey to become a doctor, starting back in 1999 with Pre-K at St. Albans. I am delighted to be returning to California to begin my residency training in Pediatrics at Stanford."



## Two St. Albans '17 Alumni Named Valedictorians:



### Shreya Reddy

St. Albans alumnus Shreya Reddy was named this year's valedictorian at Granite Bay High School. She will be pursuing a degree in pre-med and was accepted at elite colleges and universities. We join the GBHS community in applauding Shreya's tremendous and well earned achievement.



## Donovan Jasper

Donovan Jasper achieved two remarkable achievements this spring: being was named a 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholar, as well as valedictorian of his

graduating class at Jesuit High School. Jasper is one of only 161 outstanding American high school seniors in the nation to be named a Presidential Scholar and demonstrate the level of outstanding academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, service, and contribution to school and community required.

# Hawk Walk 2021

It isn't all studies all the time at St. Albans. Each year our students have the special treat of participating in the Hawk Walk! Typically it means running through bubbles in support of our school - but this year Mrs. Nancy Shiro made a fun obstacle

course around the entire campus and students enjoyed hanging with their Friends!



## Meet our New Reading Specialist

## Mrs. Katie Lall

At the beginning of this school year, we welcomed Mrs. Katie Lall as our new Reading Specialist at St. Albans. She brings a wealth of interesting experience and travels, including directing a school at an orphanage in rural Central India for three years after college. She and her husband moved back to her hometown of Granite Bay last year with their two small daughters, and she is loving the process of connecting with students and learning about them. "I'm not just interested in their academics but in getting to know them as a person."



Katie received her Bachelors in Elementary Education from William Jessup University and her Masters in Education from Hope International University. Mrs. Lall works with 1st through 4th grades and shares, "Now that we are nearing the end of the year, it brings me joy to see the growth and progress that students have achieved over the last few months." She also loves to see students "getting it" - engaging in meaningful conversations, critically thinking about passages, sounding out difficult words and being excited about reading. "It truly makes my heart happy!" She also says: "St. Albans feels like home."

## Please vote for St. Albans - Best Private School

## **Style Magazine Reader's Choice**

St. Albans has been voted the best private school in Roseville, Granite Bay & Rocklin for TEN YEARS!

Please help us do it again! This type of recognition attracts new families to our great school, and helps build an even stronger community.



Vote for St. Albans

## Photos from around Campus



2020/21 Spelling Bee Champ Connor Doherty



Students used Augmented Reality technology to bring drawings to life



Fastest Fingers in Computers Class: Katie Koo 82 wpm



When in doubt - learn to bang on drums all day!



Kindergarten smiling eyes



Cozy reading in the library

## Lights, Sound, Action & New Signage

## Thank you POP Donors, Classes of 2020 and 2021

#### LIGHTS, SOUND, ACTION UPDATE!

The last time we gathered together as a community was in February 2020 at the successful Pleasures of the Palate fundraiser. Generous parents helped raise funding for new lighting and sound equipment in the Taber Center, which was installed this spring. The equipment will ensure that HAPPYLAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

every student will be seen and heard once they are back onstage! Thanks to a generous

anonymous matching donor, two urgently needed classroom sets of Chromebooks were also purchased. We literally cannot wait to have our performers back in lights!

#### NEW DIGITAL SIGN FROM TWO GRADUATING CLASSES

Each year, students and families of graduating classes make a contribution to campus to memorialize their time at St. Albans. This year, the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021 combined their efforts and purchased a wonderful digital sign which is hung on Taber Center and will help keep everyone informed of the latest happenings and upcoming events for years to come! Thank you all for this thoughtful and useful gift.

# Lend your support - and keep in touch!

Now more than ever, we would like to hear from you and our extended St. Albans family!

You can update your contact information and share details about your accomplishments at the link below or contact: Brandy Kolmer, Development Director, at BrandyK@stalbans.org.

If you would like to support St. Albans students, please make your Annual Fund gift by using our <u>secure giving link.</u>

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Sending all sorts of love from St. Albans to you and your families!

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