



## ST. GEORGE'S INDEPENDENT SCHOOL NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS 2009-2010

### ACADEMICS

SGIS had 13 students recognized as Academic All-Stars by *The Commercial Appeal*, more than any other school in the Mid-south.

SGIS was approved for membership to the Cum Laude Society, an organization which recognizes students for their superior academic achievement in secondary schools. Membership required an examination of the graduation requirements, curriculum, and college acceptances/matriculations, as well as a two-day visit from the regional director of the Cum Laude Society. The Class of 2011 will be the first senior class eligible for induction into this society.

Three seniors were recognized as National Merit Finalists.

Three seniors received letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Three students placed in the top three spots in competitions at the Engineering Open House at the University of Memphis, earning \$350 for the engineering program.

Two tenth grade female students placed third overall in the Christian Brothers University Engineering competition with the entry of their propellant-run car.

Four students earned honorable mention awards in a translation contest sponsored by the Classical Association of the Middle West and South.

A senior won the National Latin Exam scholarship, one of only 21 recipients from the U.S.

Four lower school teams competed in the Destination Imagination competition in February, and two advanced to the state tournament in Nashville.

A freshman, inspired by an eighth grade history lesson, published a work of fiction entitled *Taken Away*. A senior published a semi-autobiographical work titled *Again, Please* as part of her senior independent study project.

### COMMUNITY

A senior is the Memphis winner of the 2010 Princeton Prize in Race Relations, an award given by Princeton University that recognizes and encourages young people who have made efforts to improve racial harmony.

In partnership with the Institute for Global Ethics, St. George's hosted the Institute's national conference on ethical literacy in June.

Twenty-one juniors were selected as inaugural members of the school's Institute for Citizenship, an intensive academic

and co-curricular program that will launch in fall 2010. A challenge grant from the prestigious E.E. Ford Foundation of Portland, ME has provided seed money for the program; interested donors are invited to help with the match. A senior was selected for the BRIDGES Leadership Board.

Students from the Germantown campus "Green Team" earned the Mayor's Award of Excellence for their entry in the Waste in Place Contest. Their entry, titled "A Greener Memphis," was a replica of downtown Memphis made entirely of recycled materials.

Germantown campus students received a \$500 prize for the largest donation of used books to the Friends of the Germantown Community Library.

SGIS received a \$1,000 scholarship from Lifeblood after exceeding its yearly goal of blood donations. The faculty and staff chose a senior to receive the scholarship based on her community service efforts.

### FINE ARTS

St. George's drama students produced and performed *Moon Over Buffalo* October 29-30, *The Ugly Duckling* January 28-29, and *A Mid-Summer Night's Dream* April 22-24

Seven students attended the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League district tournament in February. Five earned trophies and three qualified for the state tournament: one placing first in Impromptu Speaking, another placing second in Solo Acting, and another placing third in TV Broadcasting.

A sophomore earned a second place trophy for Solo Acting at the St. Mary's forensics tournament in October. He also placed fourth in Solo Acting and fifth in Prose at the White Station tournament. A junior finished first in Humorous Interpretation at the White Station forensics tournament. Of the four middle school tournaments attended, seven students won trophies or placed. The SGIS middle school team received the third place sweepstakes trophy in the forensics tournament at St. Francis.

Two students earned places in the All-West Senior Honor Choir. One senior also qualified for the All-State Honor Choir and represented West Tennessee in the All-State Men's Choir. Two seventh graders earned places in the All-West Tennessee Junior High Honor Choir.

The upper school advanced chorus was rated superior in concert and sight-reading at the West Tennessee Senior High Choral Festival and earned a sweepstakes trophy.

Two juniors performed in the All-West Tennessee Concert Band. One also made the All-State Concert Band.



Two sophomores were chosen to participate in the University of Memphis Honor Band event.

Students from the Memphis campus participated in a live performance on WKNO with Opera Memphis' production of *Hansel and Gretel*. Their participation was a result of the director being impressed with their choral abilities during a visit to campus.

A junior was elected to the Executive Board for the 2011 Tennessee Thespian Conference.

SGIS was nominated and chosen to attend the American High School Theatre Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Selected students will travel to the U.K. in August 2011. The festival runs in conjunction with the world-renowned Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the world's largest performing arts festival, which takes place each August in Edinburgh.

Art work by four students was selected out of 2,000 entries to be displayed at the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art for the Mid-south Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition.

A senior placed second in the English Speaking Union of Memphis' 18th annual Shakespeare Competition.

#### **ATHLETICS**

*Memphis Sport Magazine* recently ranked St. George's #1 in the greater Memphis area in its overall athletic program.

TSSAA Division II-A state championship winners for this past academic year include the SGIS girls soccer and boys basketball teams.

A senior captured the individual golf medalist title for the state for the third straight year, the first high school athlete to do so since 1962.

The girls lacrosse team won the Tennessee Girls Lacrosse Association state championship title.

The varsity wrestling team earned the TSSAA state invitational championship title.

A senior swimmer took first place in the 100 yard backstroke at the Tennessee State High School Swim and Dive Championship in Nashville. He swam to a new state record in the time of 48:00. He also placed second in the 200 meter freestyle.

A junior swimmer placed second in the men's diving competition at the Tennessee State High School Swim and Dive Championship in Nashville.

A St. George's diver was named by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association to its All-American list.

A senior swimmer was selected for the 2009-2010 National Youth Team and attended two world cups in Europe as part of Team U.S.A. in November.

A senior placed sixth in the American Saddlebreds World Competition in Kentucky.

Middle School: The middle school cheer team took first place at the Southeastern Cheer Championships. The middle school girls gold soccer team was named the Shelby League Champion. The seventh grade girls and boys basketball teams won Shelby League Championships.

Thirty-seven students were named to *The Commercial Appeal's* Best of the Preps program with four students listed as finalists. At the annual Best of the Preps awards ceremony, St. George's students were finalists in all four of the most prestigious categories and three students were honored as overall Best of Preps winners for the 2009-2010 school year in the categories of Swimming, Boys Golf, and Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.

College signings: One swimmer signed with the University of Arizona, one golfer signed with University of Missouri, and one basketball player signed with University of Maryville.

SGIS hosted its first track and field invitational after the long-awaited completion of the track at Ferguson Field. St. George's girls finished first and St. George's boys finished second, giving the school a first place finish overall.

Three students were named to the Tennessee High School Soccer Coaches Association All-State Team. Two students were named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State Team in soccer. A senior was named to the National Football College Hall of Fame.

#### **GENERAL**

A team of five students claimed the elementary level state championship title in chess while the St. George's primary team took sixth place. A second grader took first place in the primary division of the Tennessee State Scholastic Individual Chess Tournament; this same second grader placed eighth at the grade level national championship and placed first in the Mid-south grade level championship.

Two faculty members traveled with Polar Bears International to Churchill, Manitoba to webcast from the Tundra about polar bear research and climate change. A junior joined 15 high school students from around the globe for PBI's Leadership Camp.

An English teacher was invited to attend the Klingenstein Center for Independent School Leadership at Columbia University during summer 2010.

***St. George's students are so outstanding that we can't possibly list every accomplishment on just two pages. Continue to check our students stars and athletic pages on the SGIS website for more stellar achievements!***