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Bringing Alumni Back, Brick by Brick

Tamya Common

Ann Williams, an Environmental Protection Specialist and an alumna from the Class of 1973, has purchased a brick from our Green Dreams project to pay tribute to her brother.

As an alumna of Saint Angela, she still has Saint Angela values and remembers her time here very fondly. She even feels her time attending the school influenced her and helped her career goals. She explains, "Saint Angela taught me inner strength, without that I would not be working for NASA now."

Ann also has some great memories in Saint Angela. For example, she remembers, "During one of the family events we had in the gym, I remember our class performing songs such as "Harrigan," one of our favorite Irish songs by George Cohan. One time at the event they were having a drawing and they let students pull the winning tickets. The time I got to pull the ticket, the winning ticket was my dad's!"

Ms. Williams also remembers the people who shaped her St. Angela experience, such as a favorite teacher, Sister Ellen Katherine, who always believed in her. "I had some learning difficulties but she always went out of her way to help me or get me the help I needed. She was a true example of God's love for me."

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Thank you, Sr. Maryellen!



Sister Maryellen provides support from the beginning of each school year (left) to the end (right).

Celebrating a lifetime of dedication to education

Danaysha Wilks

Sr. Maryellen Callahan is an admirable role model to students in Saint Angela. As President of St. Angela, she inspires us and guides us to do good things in our lives.

She shows people how to look at the good in life and appreciate things for what they are. Joidann Watson, an 8th grader, says that Sr. Maryellen has always told her to seize the moment and give respect even if it isn't returned. Ms. B, the kindergarten aide, said that she has learned from Sr. Maryellen to listen to students and to look at both sides of the problem. Donte Ray, an 8th grader, says that Sr. Maryellen has always told him to look towards the future and not the past.

Sr. Maryellen counsels us in times of need. She always calls us to her office and checks

up on us to see how we are doing. Joidann Watson says that whenever she she needs guidance she can go to Sr. Maryellen because she trusts her. Mrs. Pak, the O'Rourke Prep reading teacher, says that she has known Sr. Maryellen for 10 years and there's never a week when she doesn't stop by her office for advice on school and life. She appreciates the advice that tomorrow is always a new day, meaning that you will always have a fresh start the next day no matter how your day goes.

Sr. Maryellen is always humble and has a good spirit. She is here at 7 o'clock in the morning and has a bright smile on her face.

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Alderman Excited About Green Space

Alani Watson and Tamyia Common

Chicago Alderman Chris Taliaferro recently paid a visit to Saint Angela School. During his tour he visited classes and discussed the new green space that will be opening June 2nd.

Alderman Taliaferro thinks that the green space will be a great edition to the neighborhood. He explained, "The green space will be a great opportunity for the community. The students will be able to go out and enjoy the space but it also beautifies the community."

He believes that any school should have an outdoor area because "recreation outdoors

keeps us healthy but also encourages us to be able to simply enjoy it. That gives us a good peace of mind."

Mr. Taliaferro says the field will have a great impact on the students at Saint Angela and looks forward to seeing the students go out and have a place to enjoy. He reminds us how fortunate we are, since a lot schools don't have green spaces. When it comes to recreation they must play on hard top surfaces which can be dangerous.

He hopes to see the field used for many different things such as sports, team activities,

an outside study area, or an outside lunch area where students can have a picnic at school.

We look forward to seeing Alderman Taliaferro again on June 2nd!



St. Angela Press reporters Alani Watson and Tamyia Common greet Alderman Taliaferro.

Landing on a New Leaf

Keeara Peterson and Kyra Hayes

On Friday, May 4th Mr. Carlos Guevara went to Ms. Blazer's 3rd grade class to teach them about the butterfly garden that they

will be planting with him. Mr. Guevara is a neighbor of the school who knows how to create butterfly gardens.



Neighbor Carlos Guevara speaks with Ms. Blazer's third grade class.

He first started by showing the class some of the types of plants that will be in the garden and how they grow. He plans to have lots of plants to attract butterflies.

"I like the choice your school made to put a garden space there. It gives you more freedom. The garden will attract bees and butterflies. I will be coming by to check up on the plants and to plant some more," Mr. Guevara stated.

Mr. Guevara instructed the 3rd grade students on the steps of beginning the garden. The class will plant milkweed seeds in milk cartons. Later, they will install the plants into the ground on June 2, 2018. Soon the St. Angela community will have their own garden to adore.

Brick by Brick, cont'd.

Even though Ann has good memories of the past she still supports and wishes the best for the future. She showed this as she contributed

to our Green Dreams project. This didn't only help us, but it also helped her and her family pay tribute to her brother. She says

"It is a way to honor his memory and a way for people to remember him for decades to come."

Planting Memories

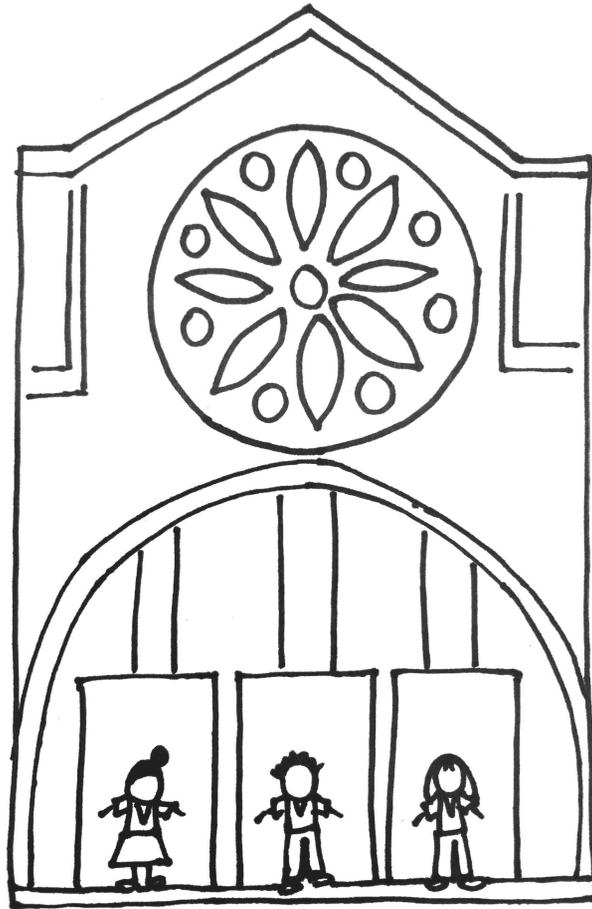
Kyra Hayes

Recently at St. Angela School, we have been working on our garden to memorialize the people who have changed St. Angela. Each brick that is placed in our garden represents memories of St. Angela's church and school. The bricks honor St. Angela students, teachers, alumni, parishioners, and neighbors.

Two alumni, Dan Jordan and Tom Gull, began placing bricks in the garden this spring. The two placed the 159 bricks that were donated recently. Other bricks will be placed in spots memorializing Patrick Mahoney, Sr. Maryellen, Sr. Mary Finnegan, Mary Kay O'Rourke and Friends of St. Angela Parish.

For these alumni, Saint Angela wasn't only a place for learning; it was a place for family. Dan Jordan's father, Jack Jordan, worked at St. Angela as a coach. Mr. Jordan also attended Saint Angela as a scholar. He played basketball in grades 4 through 8, and his 8th grade team won the conference finals and was the only team that beat the faculty on Faculty Night. While not playing, Mr. Jordan was helped clean up, worked scorebooks during games, and refereed. After a couple of years, he took his dad's spot as coach. Outside of basketball and school was church. Mr. Jordan

was an alter boy when he was young. He also meet his wife at the church. Overall, Mr. Jordan felt he was lucky. Lucky for what?



Well, he grew up with nuns, a lot of friends, and a strong community. He grew up with St. Angela.

Dan Jordan wasn't the only one with memories of St. Angela. Tom Gull attended St. Angela for 8 years. While Mr. Jordan was on the court playing basketball, Mr. Gull was in class getting candy from Sr. Mary Alfred for passing a spelling test. He was being a person for others and made clay shoes for 1st graders for St. Nicholas Day. In addition to school there was family and church. Tom volunteered as an organist for about two years at the church. Not only did his mother and father marry at St. Angela, so did his five sisters. Funeral masses for his father, brothers, and grandfather were held at the church. Tom basically spent his whole life at St. Angela!

Saint Angela has touched and helped so many people. From families spending every hour there to the bricks helping shape the future for current students, Saint Angela is a big community and it is up to us to help this community grow.

I hope that one day I can donate a brick showing future students what a great school St. Angela is!

Thank You, continued

She always says good morning to the students as she walks through the school. She always asks people how they are doing during their day. She runs a school store for students and, even though we look at it like we are just buying school supplies, she uses this as a way to see students and greet them.

She encourages students to do their best and wants the best for students. She always tells students how good they are at the work they do and encourages them to keep working hard towards their goal. Donte Ray says that

she has always led him in the right direction with his grades. A graduate of 2017, Yvonne Wynne, says that Sr. Maryellen has always told her to set her goal high and to always be positive.

In all, Sr. Maryellen has made a positive impact on our school in various ways. Our school would never be the same without her. We appreciate all that she has done and want to congratulate her on 25 years of service to St. Angela School!



Recent Graduates Reunite for a Game

Alani Watson

On May 16, 2018, Saint Angela held its third annual young alumni game. Not only did recent graduates come to the game, but some of Saint Angela's staff and current students attended as well. Alumni that came to the game included members of the Classes of 2013 through 2017.

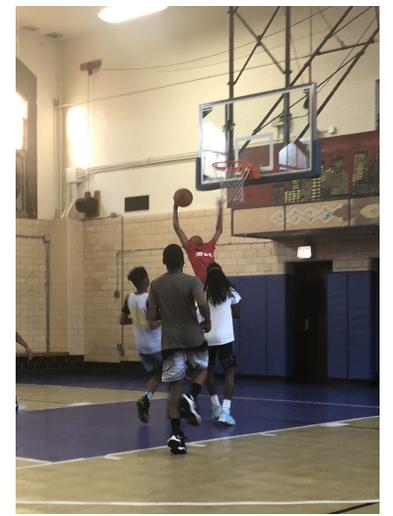
The alumni weren't the only ones participating in the game. 8th graders Armani Smith and Alonte Johnson played alongside

them. The game was a chance for the two boys to get a feel for what high school basketball is going to be like.

The athletes definitely came ready to play. Sophomore Zylan Harris actually dunked in the second half of the game. Zylan wasn't the only one who dunked that night; Korrey Shelton and Bryce Seaton also made a few attempts. Freshman Dorien Little made 7 three-point shots.

Four new members were also inducted into Saint Angela's Hall of Fame. 8th grader Joidann Watson, high school freshmen Dorien Little and Imani Gonnigan, and high school senior Jaida Ashley were all inducted.

It was a great night and we hope to see more alumni come back in the future.



During halftime of the competitive game, Joidann Watson, Imani Gonnigan, Jaida Ashley, and Dorien Little were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Green Dreams

The St. Angela community dreams about our new green space

I'm excited to see the final product since all that has been there for so long is the unused Church.
Gabby Ingram, 7th Grade

There's more space to play tag, hide-and-seek, and Johnny Come Across.
Skylar Clark, 1st Grade

I'm looking forward to doing science experiments outside.
Davee Edwards, 5th Grade

I could create an annual picnic day.
Arnestina Jackson, St. Joseph Services

I can't wait to have more space for soccer and other activities.
Matthew Henderson, 7th Grade

I am excited about the butterfly garden that is to come, as well as the plans for the outdoor gym equipment!
Ms. Ruden, O'Rourke Prep Teacher

We get to play with our friends.
Teleah Lee and Nannia Hazzard, 1st Grade

I want the younger students to have as much fun as possible and enjoy being a kid on this field.
Danaysha Wilks, 8th Grade

I'm excited to lay under the sun and have a moment to chill.
Kierra Pitts, 7th Grade



Mrs. Watson competes in the annual staff v. students day on our new field.