Class of 2010 lives the Prep
‘Graduate at Graduation Profile’

The accomplishments of the class of 2010 are plentiful. The Profile of the Graduate at Graduation is used to help prepare the young men to be active participants in the church and the local community in service of others. Here is a sampling of the achievements of the class of 2010 as they learned to live the values of the profile: Open to Growth, Academically Competent, Loving, Religious and Committed to Doing Justice. Open to Growth - Thai-Son Vu was awarded the Sullivan Award for his leadership, fellowship, and scholarship. The band scored their 24th straight Superior District Music honor. Academically Competent - Prep was represented this year by these National Merit Finalists: William Coover, Nicholas Davis, Thomas Gilgenast, Nicholas Jesse, Christopher Molini, Mitchell Nohner, Andrew North, William Phelps, Nicklaus Schwaller, Wyatt Troia, and Thai-Son Vu. Commended students are Gregory Beaufait, Daniel Christensen, Jonathan Olson, Samuel Tvrtdik, Lucas Vetter, and Christian Warneke. Over 130 seniors earned scholarships totaling more than 15 million dollars. Nick Davis and Thomas Gilgenast were selected as Academic All Staters by the Omaha World Herald. Religious - the optional Prep senior retreat and exhibiting high attendance at Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Many seniors helped lead Junior Encounter and the Freshman Retreat experiences. Mike Pitner and J.D. Squire led the Freshman Retreat group leaders. The Campus Ministry Advisory Board presented Josh Gredys Award, and Adam Kaftan, the Jeronimo Nadal, S.J. its highest honors for service to the religious dimension of Prep. Loving - To help freshmen adjust to their new school setting, over 100 seniors assumed roles as Big Brothers. Matt Franco, Tim Gregg, and Seph Lang served as chairs of this organization. Jack Clauff, Will Coover, Brian Delaney, Sean Everson, Evan Healey, Charlie Krolikowski, Paul Schulte, and Stephen Sudyka were committee members. Committed to Doing Justice - Thanks to Operation Others, more than 1600 families were fed at Christmas time. Operation Others has been in existence for 41 years and was led by senior core group members Glenn Jarrett, Gage Rensch, Max Salerno, and Wyatt Troia. The class of 2010 is a class that will be remembered for setting high standards in all areas of the school.
Wyatt Troia selected as Presidential Scholar

Wyatt Troia has been chosen as United States Presidential Scholar. The United States Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating seniors. In 1979, the program was expanded to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. Tom Haindfield will accompany Wyatt on the trip to Washington, D.C.

Juniors compete in National History Day

Each year more than half a million students participate in National History Day (NHD). Students choose a historical topic related to the annual theme, and then conduct primary and secondary research.

During Spring Break, members of Mrs. Kim Meyer's U.S. History classes had the opportunity to compete on the local level. Results are: 1st Place Website Design: Guillermo Godfrey and Sam Jaksich, "Flying Into History", 3rd Place Documentary: John Danze, Will Higgins, and Cale Leahy, "The Electric Guitar", 3rd Place Group Performance: Chuma Nnawulezi and Ose Okoruwa, "The Spoken Word".

These students will move on to Nebraska's NHD contest. As a winner at the state contest, they are eligible to attend the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest at the University of Maryland in June. This is where the best National History Day projects from across the United States, American Samoa, Guam, International Schools and Department of Defense Schools in Europe all meet and compete.

Science

Competitors bring home the gold

More than 80 schools from 42 states have been named "Best in State" winners in the JETS TEAMS engineering competition for 2010. This year, they tackled one of the world's most pressing problems - the global water shortage, highlighted recently by the Haiti earthquake. One team in each level, 9/10 grades and 11/12 grades, from all participating states received this top honor as they participated in this one-day, two part team-based event that promotes critical job-readiness skills of collaboration and critical problem-solving. Creighton Prep was named as the 9/10 "Best in State" winner for Nebraska and placed Seventh in the United States in Division 2, selective schools. Taft School (CT) of Division 2 was the overall National Champion.

Themed, "Water, Water Everywhere," the competition demonstrated to the more than 10,000 participating students around the country how engineers in various disciplines, including environmental engineers, civil engineers, and mechanical engineers are involved in the protection and delivery of the world's water supply. "We want to congratulate our "Best in State" winners. TEAMS, like all of JETS' programs, is designed to show today's students just how important engineers in the various disciplines are to solving society's problems," said Peter Carrato, Bechtel Corporation Fellow and Immediate Past President of the Board of Directors of JETS. "While this year's theme of water was selected last year, it couldn't have been more relevant to the students, given the news they have watched from Haiti as people struggle to find clean, drinkable water." Each year, JETS, through its TEAMS competition, provides students in grades nine through 12 with the opportunity to make real-world connections between math and science to engineering by solving actual engineering scenarios.
Davis, Gilgenast win World Herald all state honors

Nick Davis and Thomas Gilgenast have been chosen as members of the Omaha World Herald Metro All Academic team. The judges considered the nominations of 1045 remarkable students whose credentials were stellar: 10 perfect test scores (eight with a 36 on ACT and two with 2400 on the SAT) and 95 National Merit Finalists. Beyond the academic achievements, the judges weighed classroom performance, involvement in co-curricular activities and academic competitions.

Greg Beaufait, John Burks, Dylan Carter, Daniel Christensen, William Coover, Alex Galbraith, Aaron Gilman, Tim Gregg, Kevin Hahn, Travis Hedlund, Nicholas Jesse, Adam Kaftan, Charlie Krolikowski, Layton Lamsam, Luke Maher, Frank Mezzacappa, Chris Molini, Mitch Nohner, Andrew North, Jon Olson, William Phelps, Adam Plofchan, Parker Raburn, Andrew Raney, Gage Rensch, Michael Rogers, Max Salerno, Philip Scherer, Nicklaus Schwaller, Evan Shockley, Scott Slezak, Nickolas Steinauer, Stephen Sudyka, Colin Sullivan, Wyatt Troia, Sam Tvrndik, Lucas Vetter, Thai-Son Vu, Christian Warneke, and Sebastian West were chosen as honorable mention team members.

Teachers to travel this summer

Theology teacher, Mattie Germer will be attending a seminar in July in Egypt. The name of the seminar is "A Chat on the Nile." The 33 day seminar is designed to help participants gain knowledge and tools to better teach about Egypt and the role Egypt plays in the Arab world.

Jim Krueger from the English Department will be attending a seminar at Swarthmore College. He will be studying Arabic culture through a Humanities Grant entitled, "The Arabic Novel in Translation."

New NHS Inductees

On March 21, 2010, 86 students were initiated into the Henry Sullivan, S.J. Chapter of the National Honor Society. Seniors were Dylan Carter, Nicholas Revers, J. D. Squire, Sebastian West. Juniors were Joseph Arkfeld, Michael Barstow, Alexander Bernhart, Christopher Bernhart, James Boeck, Daniel Bost, John Boulay, Grant Bowen, Patrick Brookhouser, Paul Brosnihan, Art Cai, Matthew Carmody, John Danze, Paul Davey, Seth Davis, William DeRoos, Benjamin Dethlefs, Brandon Donahoe, Chase Dudzinski, Paul Floersch, Edward Flood, Nathan Foje, Patrick Glenn, Guillermo Godfrey, Jonathan Graf, Robert Griffith, Brandon Guthrie, Alexander Haddad, Jonathan Hall, Stephen Hansen, Ryan Hemsley, William Higgins, Matthew Hoover, John Jacobi, Anton Jadowski, Cole Johnson, Jacob Kaplan, Joseph Kelly, Scott Kenny, Ryan King, Kyle Kubat.

Others include Zethan Lehrman, Jeffmin Lin, Joseph Lindsay, Grant Lubeck, Anthony MacBride, Steven Mann, Alejandro Marichal, Joseph Marinkovich, Quentin Marquez, Robert McCarthy, Edward McGonigal, Matthew McLeay, Michael Morrison, Robert Muelleman, Joseph Mulhall, Andrew Munger, Matthew Nelson, Benjamin Novotny, Timothy O'Connor, Derek Petrich, Patrick Powell, Stephen Price, James Richardson, Thomas Schleisman, Paul Sobczyk, Kevin Steiner, Andrew Taylor, William Thedinger, Daniel Thibodeau, Corey Thiele, Adam Tippery, Jackson Toner, Joseph Weaver, Dane Weinert, Thomas Wells, Patrick Wieczorek, Andre Wilt, Jacob Wingate, Eric Winkler, Matthew Wise and Nicholas Yeutter.

Did you know....

Kanne House was awarded the House Cup at the Champions Assembly on May 4. Fr. Bob Tillman, S.J. is the leader of the Kanne House and he is assisted by faculty Dave Lawler, Jim Krueger, Pam Maxwell, Ron Suprenant, Jonas Luedtke, Katie Hermanek, Mike Shrives, and Lynn Groff.
NSAA pegs six Prep athletes as Academic All Staters

Nick Davis (basketball), Stephen Sudyka (basketball), Michael Rogers (swimming), Andre Wilt (swimming), Mitch Harrill (wrestling), and Jon Hall (wrestling), have been selected by the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) as 2009-2010 Academic All Staters.

The prestigious award recognizes student activities participants for their academic prowess along with being a difference maker in their NSAA activity. Honorees must attain a 93% cumulative grade point average on a 100% scale.

Mission week activities raise awareness, money

The annual Mission Week was held April 7-11 to raise funds for a local, national and international non profit group. The core team was comprised of seniors: Phil Scherer and Sean Paul; juniors: Jackson Toner and Dom Lincoln, sophomores: Taylor Kratochvil and John Powers, freshmen: John Krone and Seamus Sullivan.

They coordinated a multitude of activities before, during, and after school involving different organizations at Prep to raise awareness and funding for Sr. Helen Prejean (Ignatian Heritage Week speaker), The Jesuit Relief Services towards relief efforts in Haiti, and Fr. Jim Strzok, S.J. towards famine and drought relief in Kenya. Mission Week is a student run program that is replicated from other Jesuit high schools in the JSEA Network which raise money and awareness for local, national, and international organizations. The core team challenged students and adults to donate to Mission Week what they would normally spend during a weekend. Through acts of charity we hope to tip the scales of justice.

San Ignacio De Loyola Chapter adds 18 to rolls

On April 11, 18 students were inducted into the San Ignacio De Loyola Chapter of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish National Honor Society). They were honored for their excellence and proficiency in reading, writing, oral language and language use and structure of the Spanish language.

The event began with a Mass in the Skinner Chapel. Much of the Mass was spoken in Spanish by Fr. Tom Merkel, S.J. and members of the induction class. The induction ceremony was performed by Spanish teacher Mrs. Nellie Bernier, Mark Haynes, Foreign Language Department Chair and Daniel Christensen, Master of Ceremonies. Dylan Carter, William Coover, Nicholas Davis, Alex Ferrer, Garrett Gilmore, Nicholas Jesse, Adam Kaftan, Frank Mezzacappa, Sean Paul, Maxwell Salerno, Nicklaus Schwallar, Eric Synowicki, Kevin Treinen, Lucas Vetter, Thai-Son Vu, William Thedinger, Christian Warneke, and Nicholas Yeutter are the new members of the Spanish Honor Society.

The guest speaker was Charo Rangel, employee of the Omaha Public Schools for 25 years. She began her career as a bilingual secretary and has worked her way up the career ladder. Charo has been given many opportunities because of her ability to speak two languages. She currently is the voice for the two OPS Spanish Radio Programs: Enfoque en las Escuelas Publicas de Omaha for the past 7 years, for KePadre & Radio Lobo, taught English/Spanish as a 1st Grade Dual Language Teacher at Gomez Heritage Elementary School and is currently an administrator.

Have a Safe Summer
Artists awarded numerous medals

Creighton Prep Art students had another outstanding year in area and regional art competitions. Prep artists won 10 awards at the Nebraska State Visual Arts Competition.

This replaces the old Scholastic Arts Awards and is the equivalent of an All-State art competition. Award winners for this competition were: John Paul Joyce (2 awards), Joe Kavan, Z. Dean Lehrman, Michael Madsen, Nick Mitzlaff, Chris Molini, Stephen Sudyka, and Vince Van Dyke.

At the Bellevue University Senior Metro Juried Competition seven Prep students were selected to the exhibition. Bernie Alvine, Alec Carstens and Stephen Sudyka won first, second and third place respectively in print making. Glen Jarrett won an Honor Award for drawing and Alex McKeever, Adam Plofchan and Chris Molini were also juried into the Metro show.

Twelve Prep Artists won 13 awards at the Southwest Iowa Eastern Nebraska Juried Art Competition at Iowa Western Community College. They were: Bernie Alvine, Will Crane, Ross Finocchiaro (gold), Glen Jarrett, John Paul Joyce, Connor Jurgensen, Joe Kavan (2), Z. Dean Lehrman, Michael Madsen, Alex McKeever (gold), Nick Mitzlaff and Gage Rensch.

Colin Searl won first place in the Congressional Art Caucus Competition in the 15-18 age bracket for his drawing of the Bob Kerry Bridge. Ross Finocchiaro won a "best of show" award at the Iowa Western C.C. Southwest Iowa / Nebraska Competition and Bob Willits won a "teacher appreciation" award at the same competition.

Ten invited to attend American Association of Teachers of German reception

The Executive Council of the American Association of Teachers of German released the results of the German National Exam. Prep students Zachariah Gober, Joseph Kelly, Patrick Brookhouser, Joseph Arkfeld, Jackson Toner, Greg Smith, Christian Andresen, Evan Kenkel and Matthew Buser ranked above the 70th percentile. This group of scholars has been invited by the Nebraska Association of Teachers of German to attend the 2010 awards reception on May 1 at the University of Nebraska Omaha.

Lifters win state title

On March 6, at Omaha South High School, Prep won another State title bringing home the Nebraska Power Lifting Championship trophy. Under Dan Barton, the lifters have been involved in the activity for two years.

Along with the team championship, individual state titles were awarded to Curtis Pelster, Jimmy Grasso, Joe Kizer, and Robbie Jensen. Other Prep lifters placing at state were Aaron Carpenter, Jamon Hampton, Doug Tsoka, Mike Phelan, and Evan Kenkel. Joe Kizer was awarded the outstanding lifter of the meet breaking state records in the squat, (600 lbs.); dead lift (600 lbs.); and total weight (1525 lbs.). Aaron Carpenter broke the state record in the dead lift (430 lbs.).

Franco, Steffensmeier win top male athletes awards

Seniors Matt Franco and Caleb Steffensmeier have been chosen by the Greater Omaha Sports Committee as the top male athletes in basketball and swimming. Matt, Caleb, their parents and school representatives attended an awards banquet on April 13 at the Regency Marriott Hotel.
Students attend Teach-in on environmental issues

The Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN) works hard to animate the Ignatian family in its works for justice. In March, 220 people participated in the Ignatian Family Teach-In on Environmental Justice. It marked the first time Jesuit universities and high schools collaborated nationally to address ecological concerns and share best practices of sustainability.

Members of the Prep community who attended were Paul Brosnihan, Chris Garabrandt, Harrison Johnson, Sean Kelly, Paul Sobczyk and faculty moderators, T.J. Fyfe and Kathy O'Keefe. Next November, Georgetown University ISN's fall Teach-In will include expanded time for breakout sessions, regional or affinity group meetings, and networking for best practices on social justice issues, immersion programs, advocacy, etc. The Teach-In will include the annual Ignatian family liturgy and mark the 21st anniversary of the Salvadoran martyrs and all victims of the School of the Americas.

The Ignatian Leadership Institute scheduled for January/February 2011 is a new program that will replace the Spring Teach-In. The purpose is to train aspiring leaders from the fall IFTI who have demonstrated interest in going further with their social justice work. Skills addressed will include methods for community organizing/advocacy, networking on campus, organizing meetings and researching issues. It is anticipated that 2-3 students from each Jesuit high school and university will take part.

The Ignatian Family Action is scheduled for April 2011. This program will include a week of social action/service where the Ignatian family takes action on issues chosen by the local community, institution, or parish. ISN will build a sense of solidarity by publicizing activities and facilitating resources for these actions.

Computer class takes on Virtual Team Challenge

As part of the curriculum in Computer Science I, Mrs. Melanie Nuffer has enrolled her students in the Deloitte-Touche Virtual Team Challenge for High School Students.

The Virtual Team Challenge allows participants a taste of the different aspects of working as an employee of a fictional professional services firm. Every participant will fulfill one of several roles on a simulated professional services team and compete against other teams to clean up an oil spill in the river of New City.

At the conclusion of the Challenge, Deloitte will be making a real-world donation to the United Way on behalf of winning teams in each of eight participating cities nationwide, so you can really make a difference for people less fortunate than you are! Students are learning "Business Smarts" by learning to collaborate. Deloitte has created Business Smarts:101 and Business Smarts: 201 to provide teachers and students with an overview of what it's like to be in the business world, stressing the importance of working in teams, and lending insight into the role of professional services firms in the business world.

Mr. Clark writes for science journal

Science teacher, Mike Clark has written an article for the Science Navigator, a newsletter for science educators teaching Pre-K to High School.

His topic is "Differentiating Chemistry Class" through the ability to modify supplementary material and utilizing unique laboratory exercises.
Prep team to attend JSEA Colloquium

In June Creighton Prep will send a team of educators to the Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA) Colloquium at Santa Clara University. T.J. Fyfe (Science), Jim Leise (Mathematics), Matthew Mahaffey (English), Pam Maxwell (Foreign Language), Fr. Tom Merkel, S.J. (Administration), Kim Meyer (Social Studies), John Naatz (Administration), Kathy O’Keefe (Theology), Chris Searl (Administration), and Andy Simon (Cura Personalis Program).

The JSEA triennial Colloquium on Ignatian Education is a national meeting of teachers, administrators, and trustees from JSEA member schools in the United States as well as JSEA associate member schools in Canada, Belize and Jamaica. Colloquium 2010 is the sixth JSEA Colloquium. Colloquium 1995, Foundations for the Future, the inaugural colloquium, was held at Loyola College in Baltimore. Colloquium 1998, The Challenge of the Magis: Given What We Have Done What "More" Can We Do? was held at Seattle University. The 2001 Colloquium held at Loyola Marymount University centered on the theme: Call of the Kingdom for Ignatian Leaders. The 2004 Colloquium was held at John Carroll University in Cleveland with the theme 2020 Visioning for Cura Apostlica of Jesuit Schools. Xavier University in Cincinnati was the site of the last event in 2007 highlighting Ignatian Ways of Proceeding as the theme.

The five-day conference is rich in opportunities for conversations across roles and departments regarding the goals and the vision of Jesuit education for the future. The program format creates occasions for participants to share experiences and insights both during regular sessions and in less formal social settings.

The Colloquium is a practical staff development program that engages participants in reflecting on the significance and practical implications of Ignatian spirituality and pedagogy for teaching and learning in Jesuit schools. Participants are encouraged to develop strategies for making the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm an integral dimension of their teaching, counseling, coaching, moderating and other professional interventions on behalf of students. The Ignatian Educators Fair, a regular feature of the Colloquium, is an interchange among practitioners about ways of transmitting the ideals of Ignatian spirituality, pedagogy and leadership to their students.

The ultimate goal of JSEA Colloquia is to assist Jesuit schools in their efforts to educate students to be men and women with and for others - persons of intellectual competence, moral integrity and religious conviction.

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NSAA selects seven as academic all-staters

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German, Latin Spanish students score well on National Language Exams

Foreign Language students scored extremely well on their national tests, according to Department chair, Mr. Mark Haynes. The following students scored at the 80th percentile or higher in the nation on their respective language exam.

Seniors awarded Magis medals

The Jesuit tradition calls for the pursuit of excellence for the purpose of more fully becoming "people for others." When Jesuits identify this pursuit of excellence, they use the word “Magis”, the Latin word meaning literally, "more". The point of the word Magis is to dramatize the Ignatian attitude that one can always do more to serve others and God.

The 51 winners were John Martin Burks, Daniel Aaron Christensen, Jack Tighe Clauff, William David Coover, Kevin D Dalrymple, Nicholas Austin Davis, Joseph Vincent D'Elia, Jacob Stuart Denker, Sean Thomas Everson, Matthew Wayne Franco, Joseph Sebastian Garnett, Thomas Gregory Gilgenast, Nicholas John Gohr, Joshua Patrick Gredys, Timothy Patrick Gregg, Benjamin Paul Harmon, Travis Victor Hedlund, Glen Patrick Jarrett, and Nicholas John Jesse.
