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Upcoming Alumni Gatherings

Mark your calendars now for these opportunities for MIS alumni to gather to renew friendships, kindle memories, and join together in fellowship at Mary Immaculate:

- Alumni Mass on Sun. Jan. 29 at 10:30
- The MIS Heart of Gold Auction on Sat. Feb. 11

MIS Heart of Gold Auction to Benefit Science Lab

Each year, the MIS Parents/Teachers Club sponsors the MIS Heart of Gold Auction and Dinner to help fund the programs and activities at the school that are not covered by tuition, such as the Music, Arts and Athletic Programs.

This year's Heart of Gold Auction is set for Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the InterContinental Hotel in Addison. All monies from this auction in excess of our budgeted operational needs will go towards the renovation of our current Art Room (which was once the cry room for the old church sanctuary) into a dual purpose Science Lab and Art Room. In recognition of this, our theme "Learn, Love, Lead." shows support of our students as they grow in their knowledge and faith in a loving and caring environment.

Alumni are encouraged to grab their Valentine sweethearts and join us for this Valentine weekend event. In addition to the 4 course meal, you'll enjoy singing and dancing to the music of Texas-based rock band Hwy-31. The talents of Steve Mueller, Joe Mansir and Tim Beamguard, core members of the band Tin Pony, are now joined by Bassist Ty Anderson and Vocalist Chris Reynolds to form this intoxicating high energy band. Check out their website at www.highway-31.com to see a song list or go our auction Facebook page for more details about the band.

For those who cannot attend, the online auction begins Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 8am and will conclude Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 10pm. Beginning today you are able to register to bid or check on your previous login information. Just go to the auction website at <http://www.misauction.org/> and click Online Auction. To preview the items that will be available click on Auction Catalog locate on the auction homepage. The item categories that state "online only" will be the items sold online. These will include all gift certificates.

Pricing is \$75 per person and reservations can be made by credit card online at www.misauction.org. If you are unable to attend the auction, please consider sponsoring a teacher/staff member. Donations for teacher/staff sponsorship can be accepted online.

To attend the auction or for more information regarding the event, please contact the school office at 972-243-7105 or visit our auction website at www.misauction.org.

Check out a few of the Live Auction Packages you can bid on at the Heart of Gold Auction:

- Tailgate party and 4 game tickets with a parking pass to the 2012 Dallas Cowboys Thanksgiving Day game. No worries, we have included a Thanksgiving meal for after the game.
- Who doesn't love Elton John? Do not miss the opportunity to see him live in concert on April 14, 2012 at Caesar's Palace in none other than the city of lights – Las Vegas with 3 of your friends!
- Have you been wanting to go to Disney World? We have almost everything you need – park passes, hotel and car rental. Just pick your dates!



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Alumni Nominated for Emmys

Stephanie Hockridge, MIS Class of '97, was nominated for three Emmy Awards in the 2011 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Mid-America Chapter for Weekend Newscast, Historical/Cultural News Story, and Education News Story.

Now a weekend anchor and reporter for ABC15 News in Phoenix, Stephanie entered the broadcast field when she was a student as a radio reporter in the Jefferson City, Missouri Statehouse Bureau. She first hit the television airwaves in Columbia, Missouri where she anchored the weekend newscasts and reported for KOMU News. While there, one of her reports prompted a popular children's multi-vitamin company to retest its product until it met FDA standards.

Stephanie also spent time working in the London Bureau for CBS News. After she graduated from the renowned University of Missouri School of Journalism, Stephanie was hired as an anchor and executive producer in Charlottesville, Virginia, where she was voted "Favorite Newscaster" by viewers and honored by the Virginia Association of Broadcasters for her work. Three years later, she continued her role as an anchor and reporter in Kansas City, MO.

Born and raised in Dallas, Stephanie attended Ursuline Academy after graduating from MIS. Stephanie resides now in Phoenix with her golf obsessed husband, Ryan, and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Henry.

Below: Stephanie interviewing Katie Couric.



The MIS Messenger had the opportunity to touch base with Stephanie on her work in broadcasting.

What led you into journalism? Was there a pivotal point in your life that influenced your decision to move in that direction?

I think many experiences throughout my life have lead me to a career in broadcast journalism. I recognized the excitement of public speaking while reading from the lectern during Friday mass. I learned poise and stage presence while dancing on the MIS Highsteppers Drill Team.

I discovered self-confidence and self-awareness while performing on stage at both Mary Immaculate and Ursuline. I experienced disappointment when I ran for "Judge" at Enterprise City.. and lost. I identified my love of writing from the numerous, academic assignments at school. So, when it came time

to choose a career path, this one just fit perfectly and I couldn't be happier with my decision.

Tell us a little about the stories you worked on that were nominated for Emmys. Do you have a favorite and why?

I submitted two stories and one newscast for Emmy consideration and I was very excited when all three were nominated.

The first story was about the future of smart phone technology and the “shocking” things your phone will be capable of doing months, even years from now. I loved the story because, essentially, my photographer and I had to create the video from scratch since I was writing about things that don't exist. So, we put our heads together and came up with a very visually-appealing story.

The second story that was nominated featured an 11-year-old (!) who was starting his first semester of college at Pittsburg State University in Kansas. He was clearly brilliant, but also such a sweetheart. We interviewed him days before his first day of school and then caught back up with him at the end of his first semester. Turns out, he was a straight-A student and the story was fantastic.

My third Emmy nomination was for a newscast I anchored. I didn't win, but it really is an incredible honor to be nominated. There's always next year.

What influence has your Catholic education had on your career?

My catholic education has certainly influenced my career. Many times I pray, “God, please help me finish this story for the 10pm newscast!”

All joking aside, as a journalist, you end up talking to people on the worst day of their entire lives: their child was killed or their husband convicted of murder. It can be difficult to find the right thing to say. But, keep in mind, it's my job to make them feel comfortable enough to open up to me and share their raw emotions. Oftentimes, religion is seamlessly brought into the conversation. We talk about how their loved one is in a better place or how God will help them get through this difficult time.



Stephanie goes live on election night.

Can you share a little know story about yourself that your old MIS classmates might be particularly interested in knowing?

I was on the anchor desk the night news broke of Osama bin Laden's death. We were in the middle of our Sunday, 9:00pm newscast when all of the sudden I hear the producer in my ear piece say, “Uhhhh.....” and then silence. I turned to my co-anchor and said, “Well, that doesn't sound good. Get ready for complete chaos.”

The producer then tells us, “The News Director just called and the President is addressing the nation at 9:45 but we don't know the topic.” I responded, “WE don't know the topic? Or the topic hasn't been announced? There's a huge difference.” I immediately got onto the Associated Press wires and realized the White House wasn't releasing the subject of the address... so I knew this was going to be a HUGE deal. Twitter started blowing up with conspiracy theories, but nothing had been confirmed, so I couldn't say anything on-air.

Finally, FOX News confirmed Osama bin Laden was dead. So, I broke the news both on the air and on the station's Facebook page. That story will likely be the biggest story I'll cover during my entire career — it felt impactful and put into perspective the significance of my position in our community.

Click here to 'Like' Stephanie on her Facebook page.

Scholarships Available for MIS Alumni

Catholic eighth graders and graduating high school seniors within the Diocese of Dallas are eligible to apply for a Spirit of Love Scholarship...\$500 for the younger students and \$2,500 for the older students.

These scholarships, established through the Rebekah Leah Rivera Foundation in memory of MIS alumna Rebekah Rivera '97, support the development of young Catholic leaders who are working to make the world a more fitting place for all to live.

16 scholarships totaling \$28,000 have been provided since 2005 to deserving young Catholics. The foundation expanded their scholarships this past year to include two Diocesan Spirit of Love Scholarships and plans to raise money to award \$1,000,000 in scholarships by 2013, including scholarships outside of the current communities.

To be eligible for a Spirit of Love Scholarship, a student must be a member of Mary Immaculate Catholic Church or must be graduating from Mary Immaculate School, Ursuline Academy or Jesuit.

To be eligible for Diocesan Spirit of Love Scholarships, a student must be a member of a parish in the Diocese of Dallas and be nominated for the award.

Students are **not** required to attend a Catholic High School. For both types of scholarships, the student must offer proof of community service, provide a written essay, and present at least one recommendation letter before the March 4, 2012 deadline. For full details and the application form, please visit www.rebekahleahrivera.org.



“Community service is a very good activity to be involved in. Not only does it help a person out, but also provides a good feeling within. However, it is not about what we are supposed to feel but instead, how we affect the person we are serving. One of the long lasting effects we can make on one person is through community service and providing joy for that person. Spending time with a person provides a personal sense to the matter meaning that person feels that they have someone in their life willing to be with them.”

— Brian Grant, MIS '07
2011 Spirit of Love Recipient



“As I was searching on Google for volunteer opportunities in the Dallas area, I came across the Princess Alexa Foundation. With my name also being Alexa, I immediately became interested in the foundation. Being a part of the Princess Alexa Foundation has taught me to appreciate the life God has given me and the gift He has blessed me with. This experience has helped me realize that my purpose in life is helping others.”

— Alexa Almaguer '11
2011 Spirit of Love Recipient



“A few years ago, my mom and I chose to become volunteers at Operation Kindness (OK). My service at OK taught me that one person can make a significant difference. I made an important difference in the lives of cats that I worked with at OK, and the cats in turn made a difference in the lives of the people who adopted them.”

— Madeleine Spicer '11
2011 Spirit of Love Recipient

Looking for Classmates

Andy Reddick '65 is organizing a reunion for MIS Class of 1965 for this summer. He is looking for contact information on missing classmates James Alexander, Peggy Bell, Carol Echenfelder, Mark Muzolf, David Nari, Richard Rollins. Please contact Andy at 817-268-0220 if you have any information on these individuals.

Dallas Bishop Kevin Farrell calls upon the Catholic community to participate in a survey regarding Catholic education. Whether or not you have school-aged children, the Bishop urges everyone to participate in the survey. The Bishop's Strategic Planning Committee was appointed in early 2011 to review the effectiveness of the Diocesan schools and make recommendations that will chart the course for the future. The Committee will study the survey results together with all the data collected during its research. Please take this short, anonymous survey by going to www.cathdal.org and click on the survey icon. If a computer survey isn't possible for you, please call 214-379-3159 to arrange to take the survey via telephone. The survey is open for participation as early as January 28th and closes on February 13th.

Stephanie Wilson Koch '99 and her husband Terry welcomed their second beautiful baby boy, Reagan Wilson Koch, to the world this past December.



Michael Zang '84 is shown here with his eldest daughter, Abby, who graduates from MIS this May. In the center is Thelma Glasgow, who taught both dad and daughter during their years at MIS. Michael lives in Carrollton, Texas with his wife, Trish, and their four MIS Mustangs: Abby '12, Nick '15, Rachel '17 and Andrew '19.



Troy Eason '98 was married this past December in San Antonio to Samantha Ann Pitman from San Antonio. The newlyweds are shown here with his parents and sister, Amy '99. The couple will live in San Antonio.

Congratulations to our alumni pictured at left who recently earned their Eagle Scout rank as members of Troop 713:



Thomas Williams '08

Thomas led crews in building four trash receptacles out of stone for his Eagle Project. The City of Farmers Branch's Bird Sanctuary required the receptacles to match their park benches.

Ryan Mehl '09

For his Eagle Project, Ryan led a group of scouts and volunteers in revitalizing an enclosed 35' x 32' courtyard at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish. They removed old vegetation and installed brick paver walkways, rose bushes and ground covers. In addition, they cleaned, replaced and concealed utilities to the center structure. The result is now an area to meditate and pray in a pleasant setting

Parker Martinez '09

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish was the recipient of the hard work from Parker's Eagle Project. He led crews in Parker led a group of scouts in painting parking lot stripes, fire lanes, and handicap parking spots. He also led the clean-up the trash around the trash dumpster and built a three-sided wooden fence around the dumpster. This project benefitted the over 800 parishioners of OLPH by providing traffic safety, a sanitary environment, and an overall more appealing area



Tanner Coffin '08 was honored as the Right Guard Defensive Player of the Week in October 2011. As part of this recognition, Tanner (jersey number 16 for Jesuit HS in Dallas) was featured on Fox Sports Southwest Football.



Former MIS Highstepper co-captains **Catherine Moxley '09** and **Murphey Nixon '09** are now rival drill team members. Catherine is a Jr. Lieutenant officer for Lewisville HS Farmerettes, while Murphey is a Jr Lieutenant officer for



Sam Truxal '11, Christian Taylor '11, Fletcher Kerr '11 and **Liam Koch '11** (not pictured) were recommended by teachers and coaches then selected as part of a 40 member Freshman Initiative Team for Jesuit Dallas. Over the next four years, these class leaders will be asked to represent their class in many ways, including leadership meetings and class activities.

MIS Class Notes

Our list of class reps is growing, and we'd love to add you to our list! As class rep, you serve as an ambassador for your class by promoting the involvement and fostering a spirit of loyalty and pride in MIS among your classmates. Responsibilities of the class rep are to advise the MIS Alumni Association of class gatherings and provide the association with updated address information on your classmates. For more information or to become a class rep, please contact **Lisa Gonzales Leos '91** at leosinc@hotmail.com.

GRAD CLASS	CLASS REP	CLASS REP EMAIL	FACEBOOK GROUP NAME	GRAD CLASS	CLASS REP	CLASS REP EMAIL	FACEBOOK GROUP NAME
1959				1983			
1960				1984			
1961				1985			
1962				1986			
1963	Priscilla Morantes Mahaffey	priscillamahaffey@sbcglobal.net		1987			
1964	Fred McCurley, Andy Reddick	fmcurlley@flash.net; andy@andyreddick.com		1988	Suzy Rossol Matheson	srossol@hotmail.com	MIS Class of 88
1965				1989			
1966				1990	Lisa Chmiola Burns	lisac77@yahoo.com	MIS Class of 1990 Reunion
1967				1991	Lisa Gonzales Leos	leosinc@hotmail.com	MIS Class of 91
1968	Lib Grimmett/ Connie Black Taylor Bratton	libgrimmett@hotmail.com		1992			
1969				1993	Sally Hill Derrick	sally.derrick@gmail.com	MIS Class of 93
1970	Lois Zacha (Burt)	lezacha@aol.com			Liz Mahaffey	MahaffeyE@cfbisd.edu	
1971				1994			
1972				1995			
1973	Doug Kile/ James McGinn	dkile@techlightusa.com		1996			
1974				1997			
1975	Joe Meza	jmeza2002@msn.com		1998	Beth Beste		Mary Immaculate School Class of 1998
1976	Linda Eifert Lee	lindaclaudette@verizon.net		1999	Stephanie Wilson Koch	se506@aol.com	MIS Class of 99 Reunion
1977				2000			
1978				2001	Sara Fine	sfine@webershandwick.com	
1979	Rosemary Schmitz Martinez	rmartinez@mischool.org	Mary Immaculate School Class of 1979 - Farmers Branch	2002			
1980				2003			
1981	Kristin Heath Florence	kflorence@sbcglobal.net	Mary Immaculate School (MIS) Class of 1981	2004			
1982	Mary DelValle Fregia	fregiafam5@gmail.com	Mary Immaculate School - Farmers Branch, TX - Class of 1982	2005			
				2006			
				2007			
				2008			
				2009	Parker Martinez	parkermartinez@hotmail.com	Mary Immaculate (MIS) Class of 2009
				2010			
				2011			

2011-12 Campaign Helps New Science Lab

The MIS Annual Giving Campaign (previously known as Vision) is our yearly drive to cover the gap between tuition and the actual cost to educate a student for the year. The gap is filled by proceeds from the Annual Giving Campaign, the MIS Endowment, parish subsidies, SCRIP, Magazine Sales and the PTC Heart of Gold Auction.

Contributions to the campaign will help attract and retain talented teachers, reduce the amount of tuition increases for next year, expand services and programs for our students, and provide funds needed for school enhancements and operational costs of the school. This year, all monies in excess of our budgeted operational needs will go towards the renovation of our current Art Room (which was once the cry room for the old church sanctuary) into a dual purpose Science Lab and Art Room.

MIS has a strong science program, and the new lab will ensure that our facilities and equipment match the caliber of our program. Currently, science lab work takes place in the homeroom classrooms. Work space and equipment storage restrictions limit the types of lab work that can take place. Equipment is antiquated and must be shared. Initial needs analysis indicated that a redesign of space is necessary to



make room for safety equipment and storage. The purchase of digital microscopes and sensors will also be part of the project description.

Renovation of the Art Room to accommodate the science lab will allow teachers to create a “culture of science” that stimulates curiosity and scientific inquiry. Students will be able to think and work like scientists, with facilities that allow them to set up and analyze complex experiments.

The total project will cost between \$200,000 and \$250,000 to complete. MIS is applying for grants from several foundations, and additional funds solicitation has begun in hopes of fulfilling the balance of the funds needed to begin the project. As of this publication, \$10,000 from St. Ann Catholic Parish plus \$50,000 from the PTC Auction has been committed. An additional \$70,000 has also been received from grants and individuals.

Fundraising throughout this year, including funds raised through the MIS Annual Giving Campaign will also contribute to the new Science Lab. Renovation of the existing facilities will begin June 2012 if fund raising and grant writing proves successful.

Top: MIS 6th graders watching lab experiment in their homeroom classroom. Bottom: MIS 8th graders painting monochromatic self-portraits in the current Art Room.



Where are they now?

In the very first season of football at MIS, the 1972 Varsity team won their way into the Gopher Bowl...a tremendous undertaking for a first year! We'd love to hear from some of the players, coaches and parents from that team...update us on what you are doing now, and tell us any memories you have of that exciting year of football! Send your comments to rmartinez@mischool.org and we'll post it in our July alumni newsletter.



THE MUSTANGS of Mary Immaculate School will face St. Luke's at 7:30 p.m. today in the Grand Prairie Gopher Bowl for the class AA Dallas Parochial Football League City Championship. The Mustangs won their way into the playoffs with a powerful offense, that has scored 148 points, and a defense that has allowed only 13. The defense hasn't given up a point in their last 21 quarters. The team includes: (front row l to r) R. Barlian, C. Jolin, K. Bergeman, S. Heath, S. Gutierrez, J. Fargue and D.

Queen. (second row) J. Schwartzback, M. Mason, A. Jovanic, S. Johnson, M. Dubacko, G. Marinas, J. Casiope. (third row) T. Thomas, S. Hanson, M. Jaramila, H. Phillips, D. Chavez, E. Valente, T. Hanson. (fourth row) Head Coach Pat Carter, assistant line coach Tom Nelson, R. Cook, G. Barline, J. McGinn, J. McHugh. Back coach Tom Harris and line coach Phil Wable. This is the first season for Mary Immaculate to offer football.





1972 MUSTANGS

NO.	NAME	POS.	GRADE	WEIGHT
11	Kicky Bartlett	QB	8	86
12	Chris Jolin	QB	8	110
21	Hugh Bergeman	DB	7	76
23	Steve Heath	DB	8	90
25	Steve Gutierrez	DB	8	106
27	Jeff Fargue	DB	7	98
29	David Queen	DB	8	85
30	John Schwartzback	DB	7	92
32	Kicky Kach	DB/E	8	118
34	Ken Shuler	DB/LB	8	118
35	Tim Johnson	DB	8	130
36	Mike Kalish	DB	7	129
44	Mark Dubacko	FB/LB	8	145
45	Tony Katocki	T	7	162
62	Garry Marinas	T	8	176
63	Jaeger Casiope	C/G	8	130
64	Tim Thomas	T/G	8	120
65	Leslie Maccon	G	7	99
67	Whitell Jaramila	C/G	7	200
68	Harold Phillips	T	6	100
71	David Chavez	G	6	86
74	Ken Valente	E	6	90
85	David Colley	E	6	90
86	J. E. Cook	E/C	7	109
87	Guy Borling	E	8	8
88	Em McGinn	E	8	95
89	Jim McHugh	E	8	95

1972 RESULTS

M.I.S.	OPP.	Score
6	St. Pius	7
* 7	St. Bernard	1
* 25	St. Philip	0
27	Holy Family	0
* 13	I. Conception	0
32	John XXIII	0
38	St. Paul the Apostle	0

*League Games



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