

Remicks pledge \$5 million for Saint Mary's Rochester expansion ...

the board in 2004. Jack previously served on the board from 1999 to 2004. The Remicks established Cascade Meadow in 2011 and transferred ownership to Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in 2015.

"The Remicks have always shared Saint Mary's mission to make education accessible to students," said Brother William Mann, president of Saint Mary's. "We are most grateful for their continued partnership and progressive vision. Through our Rochester presence, we will build a pipeline of educational opportunities for students enrolling in programs at our many locations—in Rochester, Winona, Minneapolis, and online."

Alumni athlete steps up to the plate to help baseball team

As the snow melts, and the grass turns green, 2008 graduate Kevin Black's mind naturally turns to baseball.

As a four-year Cardinal baseball player, Black said he made many great memories out on the ball field.

"Baseball—Saint Mary's in general but baseball in particular—gave me the opportunity to have a close group of friends almost immediately upon arriving at campus," he said. "And they're friends I still stay in touch with to this day."

When a former teammate, now Cardinal men's baseball coach Nick Winecke '07, approached Black about a timely financial need for the program, Black stepped up to the plate to help purchase a new net for the batting cage.

Knowing exactly where the money was going to be applied was an extra incentive. "When you can create specificity to where your gift is going, I think that's a little more meaningful, although the general fund is also useful," he said.

"It was very easy to donate knowing all the things that Nick is doing for the program and what being in baseball did for me all four years," Black said. "It's because of people donating to the program that I was allowed to have the opportunities that I had. Paying it back is the least I can do."

An accounting and economics major, Black spent three years working for a public accounting firm before moving over to Saint Jude Medical (now Abbott Laboratories) to work in corporate finance six years ago.



Early architectural design concept

"This building addition and collaboration with Mayo Clinic should put Cascade Meadow and Saint Mary's on the map in Rochester," Jack Remick said. "I'm pleased to see how Saint Mary's is developing programming at Cascade Meadow to fully utilize the facility and build this valuable collaboration."

To read more about the collaborative effort with Mayo Clinic for a physician assistant program, visit smumn.edu/physicianassistant.

The timing was right for him to begin a giving legacy.

"I think the sooner you can start giving back, even \$20 a year or \$20 a month, the earlier the better," he said. "It's like preparing for retirement. Clearly you need to be in financial position to do so. A number of people are fighting their way out of debt and it doesn't allow them to give back as soon as they would like. Right now I'm in a financial spot where I can begin to give back."

Kevin's father Jeffrey Black '77 and brother Stephen Black '06 are also Saint Mary's alumni. "I know my dad's been giving to Saint Mary's for a number of years," Kevin said. "He set precedence. He taught me that when people leave a lasting memory or legacy, you give back. As a student, my dad was fortunate to be able to take advantage of financial aid and scholarships. It was the result of people donating that he was even able to attend Saint Mary's."

Jeffrey Black was also a baseball player. "We try to get in a couple of games when we can," Kevin said. "I do miss it. When I watch those guys play, I wish I was playing right along with them. I'd give anything to be outside at noon in the middle of the week. I text Nick all the time and say, 'Enjoy what you're doing. You're living my dream.'"

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